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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
RGA CAPITAL TRUST III
RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

(Exact name of registrants as specified in their respective charters)

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DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. _____

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If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

RGA to be issuable by RGA upon settlement of the warrants, purchase contracts or units of RGA.

- (6) Subject to note (1) above, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate amount and number of warrants, representing rights to purchase debt securities or common stock or preferred stock registered hereunder.
- (7) Each purchase contract of the registrant obligates the registrant to sell, and the holder thereof to purchase, an indeterminate number of debt securities, shares of common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares or warrants of RGA or Preferred Securities of an RGA Trust.
- (8) Each Unit consists of any combination of two or more of the securities being registered hereby.
- (9) Includes the rights of holders of the Preferred Securities under the Guarantees of Preferred Securities and back-up undertakings, consisting of obligations of RGA to provide certain indemnities in respect of, and pay and be responsible for, certain expenses, costs, liabilities and debts of, as applicable, the RGA Trusts as set forth in the indenture and any applicable supplemental indentures thereto and the debt securities issued to the RGA Trusts, in each case as further described in the registration statement. No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees or any back-up undertakings.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(A), MAY DETERMINE.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IT IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 25, 2003

PROSPECTUS

\$800,000,000

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock,
Purchase Contracts, Warrants and Units

RGA CAPITAL TRUST III
RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

Preferred Securities Fully, Irrevocably and Unconditionally Guaranteed
on a Subordinated Basis as described in this Document by
Reinsurance Group Of America, Incorporated

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV may offer up to \$800,000,000 of the securities listed above, including units consisting of any two or more of such securities, from time to time.

When RGA, RGA Capital Trust III or RGA Capital Trust IV decides to sell a particular series of securities, we will prepare a prospectus supplement describing those securities. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

INVESTING IN THESE SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE RISK FACTORS BEGINNING ON PAGE 5 OF THIS PROSPECTUS.

RGA, RGA Capital Trust III or RGA Capital Trust IV may offer securities through underwriting syndicates managed or co-managed by one or more underwriters, or directly to purchasers. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering. For general information about the distribution of securities, please see "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus.

RGA's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGA." We have not yet determined whether any of the other securities that may be offered by this prospectus will be listed on any exchange, or included in any inter-dealer quotation system or over-the-counter market. If we decide to seek the listing or inclusion of any such securities upon issuance, the prospectus supplement relating to those securities will disclose the exchange, quotation system or market on or in which the securities will be listed or included.

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 _____, 2003

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, which we refer to as the "RGA trusts," filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the "SEC," utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we may, from time to time, sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total amount of \$800,000,000 or the equivalent of this amount in foreign currencies or foreign currency units.

You should rely only on the information provided in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, or any supplement to this prospectus, is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of these documents.

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RGA is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As a result, RGA files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Because our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGA," those

materials can also be inspected and copied at the offices of that organization. Here are ways you can review and obtain copies of this information:

WHAT IS AVAILABLE WHERE TO
GET IT - -----

----- Paper copies of
information.....
SEC's Public Reference Room
Judiciary Plaza Building 450
Fifth Street, N.W., Room
1024 Washington, D.C. 20549
The New York Stock Exchange
20 Broad Street New York,
New York 10005 On-line
information, free of
charge..... SEC's Internet
website at
<http://www.sec.gov>
Information about the SEC's
Public Reference

Rooms.....
Call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-
0330

We and the RGA trusts have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 that registers the distribution of these securities. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits and schedules, contains additional relevant information about us and the securities. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit certain information included in the registration statement from this prospectus. You can get a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the sources listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, <http://www.rgare.com>, under "Investor Relations -- SEC filings". Information contained in our Internet website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by other information that is included in or incorporated by reference into this document.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (File No. 1-11848). These documents contain important information about us.

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2003.
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed June 2, 2003 and August 25, 2003.
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated April 6, 1993, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-A/A dated April 27, 1993, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We incorporate by reference any additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (other than those made pursuant to Item 9 or Item 12 of Form 8-K or other information "furnished" to the SEC) between August 25, 2003, the date we first filed the registration statement to which this prospectus relates, and the termination of the offering of the securities. These documents may include periodic reports, like Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as Proxy Statements. Any material that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and replace the information previously filed with the SEC.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC on its website (<http://www.sec.gov>). You can also obtain these documents from us, without charge (other than

exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference), by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in securities offered by this prospectus involves certain risks. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, or financial condition and could result in a loss of your investment.

ADVERSE MORTALITY OR MORBIDITY EXPERIENCE MAY NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE.

Our reinsurance contracts expose us to mortality risk, which is the risk that the level of death claims may differ from that which we assumed in pricing our life and annuity reinsurance contracts. Some of our reinsurance contracts expose us to morbidity risk, which is the risk that an insured person will become critically ill. We expect mortality and morbidity risk to fluctuate somewhat from period to period, but believe they should remain fairly constant over the long term. Mortality or morbidity experience that is less favorable than the mortality or morbidity rates that we used in pricing a reinsurance agreement will negatively affect our net income. Furthermore, even if the total benefits paid over the life of the contract do not exceed the expected amount, unexpected increases in the incidence of deaths or illness can cause us to pay more benefits in a given reporting period than expected, adversely affecting profitability in any particular quarter or year.

WE ARE CONTROLLED BY METLIFE, INC., AND THE INTERESTS OF METLIFE, INC. MAY DIFFER FROM THE INTERESTS OF RGA AND ITS SECURITYHOLDERS.

MetLife, Inc., which we refer to as "MetLife," beneficially owned approximately 58.7% of our outstanding common stock, as of June 30, 2003, and several individuals employed by MetLife hold seats on our board of directors. MetLife has the power, because of the voting power of the shares of common stock beneficially held by it, to elect our board of directors, and to substantially influence business combination transactions. For financial reporting purposes, MetLife will include its share of our net income or loss in its consolidated financial statements. Our board of directors, including members who are also employed by or affiliated with MetLife, may consider not only the short-term and long-term impact of operating decisions on us, but also the impact of such decisions on MetLife and its affiliates.

OUR ABILITY TO PAY PRINCIPAL, INTEREST AND/OR DIVIDENDS ON SECURITIES IS LIMITED.

We are a holding company, with our principal assets consisting of the stock of our insurance company subsidiaries. Our ability to pay principal and interest on any debt securities or dividends on any preferred or common stock depends in part on the ability of our insurance company subsidiaries, our principal sources of cash flow, to declare and distribute dividends. Regulatory restrictions may limit these payments. Our insurance company subsidiaries are subject to various statutory and regulatory restrictions, applicable to insurance companies generally, that limit the amount of cash dividends, loans and advances that those subsidiaries may pay to us. We indirectly own our principal operating subsidiary, RGA Reinsurance Company, which we refer to as "RGA Reinsurance," through Reinsurance Company of Missouri, Incorporated, which we refer to as "RCM." Both RCM and RGA Reinsurance are organized under Missouri insurance law, which permits the payment of dividends or distributions which, together with dividends or distributions paid during the preceding twelve months, do not exceed the greater of:

- 10% of statutory capital and surplus as of the preceding December 31; or
- statutory net gain from operations for the preceding calendar year.

Any proposed dividend in excess of this amount is considered an "extraordinary dividend" and may not be paid until it has been approved, or a 30-day waiting period has passed during which it has not been disapproved, by the Missouri Director of Insurance. RCM's allowable dividend without prior approval for 2003 is approximately \$64.0 million pursuant to this calculation. RGA Reinsurance's allowable dividend without prior approval for 2003 is approximately \$63.4 million pursuant to this calculation. Dividends may be paid only to the extent the insurer has unassigned surplus, as opposed to contributed surplus. As of December 31, 2002, which is the current determination date for regulatory purposes, RCM and RGA Reinsurance had unassigned surplus of approximately \$28.9 million and \$67.8 million, respectively. Because RCM is our direct subsidiary

and RGA Reinsurance is a subsidiary of RCM, any dividends paid by RGA Reinsurance would be paid to RCM. Our ability to make payments on debt securities or to pay dividends on capital stock will depend on the ability of RCM to pay dividends to us. As a result, without prior approval of the Missouri Director of Insurance, we may only receive the allowable dividend for RCM, even if the allowable dividend which could be paid to RCM by RGA Reinsurance were a higher amount.

In contrast to Missouri law, the Model Insurance Holding Company Act of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which we refer to as the "NAIC," defines an "extraordinary dividend" as a dividend or distribution which, together with dividends or distributions paid during the preceding twelve months, exceeds the lesser of the two amounts described above. We are unable to predict when or in what form Missouri will enact a new measure for extraordinary dividends, and we cannot assure you that more stringent restrictions will not be adopted from time to time in other jurisdictions in which our insurance subsidiaries are domiciled, which could, under certain circumstances, significantly reduce dividends or other amounts payable to us by our subsidiaries unless they obtain approval from insurance regulatory authorities.

RGA Life Reinsurance Company of Canada, which we refer to as "RGA Canada," and which is our second largest operating subsidiary, is limited in its ability to pay dividends by the Canadian Minimum Continuing Capital and Surplus Requirements. As of December 31, 2002, the maximum amount available for dividends from RGA Canada was \$33.4 million. RGA Reinsurance Company (Barbados) Ltd., which we refer to as "RGA Barbados," and RGA Americas Reinsurance Company, Ltd., which we refer to as "RGA Americas," do not have material restrictions on their ability to pay dividends out of retained earnings.

In the event of the insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding-up of one of our insurance subsidiaries, all creditors of that subsidiary would be entitled to payment in full out of the assets of such subsidiary before we, as shareholder, would be entitled to any payment. Our subsidiaries would have to pay their direct creditors in full before our creditors, including holders of any offered securities, could receive any payment from the assets of such subsidiaries.

A DOWNGRADE IN THE RATINGS OF OUR INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES OR METLIFE OR ITS AFFILIATES COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO COMPETE.

Ratings are an important factor in our competitive position. Rating organizations periodically review the financial performance and condition of insurers, including our insurance subsidiaries. These ratings are based on an insurance company's ability to pay its obligations and are not directed toward the protection of investors. Rating organizations assign ratings based upon several factors. While most of the factors considered relate to the rated company, some of the factors relate to general economic conditions and circumstances outside the rated company's control.

RGA Reinsurance maintains financial strength ratings from A.M. Best Company, Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Corporate Ratings Services, Inc. A.M. Best Company, Inc. has assigned RGA Reinsurance and RGA Canada financial strength ratings of "A+" (Superior). Moody's has assigned RGA Reinsurance a financial strength rating of "A1." Standard & Poor's has assigned RGA Reinsurance and RGA Canada financial strength ratings of "AA-". Any downgrade in the ratings of our insurance subsidiaries could adversely affect their ability to sell products, retain existing business, and compete for attractive acquisition opportunities.

Securities ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organization. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities, and each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. We believe that the rating agencies consider the ratings of a parent company when assigning a rating to a subsidiary of that company. The ability of our subsidiaries to write reinsurance partially depends on their financial condition and is influenced by their ratings. In addition, a downgrade in the rating or outlook of RGA, among other factors, could adversely affect our ability to contribute capital to our subsidiaries for the purpose of facilitating their operations. Accordingly, we believe a ratings downgrade of MetLife or RGA, or of its or our affiliates, could have a negative impact on our ability to conduct business.

WE COULD BE FORCED TO SELL INVESTMENTS AT A LOSS TO COVER POLICYHOLDER WITHDRAWALS, RECAPTURES OF REINSURANCE TREATIES OR OTHER EVENTS.

Some of the products offered by our insurance company customers allow policyholders and contractholders to withdraw their funds under defined circumstances. Our insurance subsidiaries manage their liabilities and configure their investment portfolios so as to provide and maintain sufficient liquidity to support anticipated withdrawal demands and contract benefits and maturities under reinsurance treaties with these customers. While our insurance subsidiaries own a significant amount of liquid assets, a portion of their assets are relatively illiquid. Unanticipated withdrawal or surrender activity could, under some circumstances, require our insurance subsidiaries to dispose of assets on unfavorable terms, which could have an adverse effect on us. Reinsurance agreements may provide for recapture rights on the part of our insurance company customers. Recapture rights permit these customers to reassume all or a portion of the risk formerly ceded to us after an agreed upon time, usually 10 years, subject to various conditions. Recapture of business previously ceded does not affect premiums ceded prior to the recapture, but may result in immediate payments to our insurance company customers and a charge for unrecoverable deferred acquisition costs. Under some circumstances, payments to our insurance company customers could require our insurance subsidiaries to dispose of assets on unfavorable terms.

OUR INSURANCE SUBSIDIARIES ARE HIGHLY REGULATED, AND CHANGES IN THESE REGULATIONS COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS.

Our insurance subsidiaries are subject to government regulation in each of the jurisdictions in which they are licensed or authorized to do business. Governmental agencies have broad administrative power to regulate many aspects of the insurance business, which may include premium rates, marketing practices, advertising, policy forms, and capital adequacy. These agencies are concerned primarily with the protection of policyholders rather than shareholders or holders of debt securities. Moreover, insurance laws and regulations, among other things, establish minimum capital requirements and limit the amount of dividends, tax distributions, and other payments our insurance subsidiaries can make without prior regulatory approval, and impose restrictions on the amount and type of investments we may hold. The State of Missouri also regulates RGA as an insurance holding company.

Recently, insurance regulators have increased their scrutiny of the insurance regulatory framework in the United States and some state legislatures have considered or enacted laws that alter, and in many cases increase, state authority to regulate insurance holding companies. In light of recent legislative developments, the NAIC and state insurance regulators have begun re-examining existing laws and regulations, specifically focusing on insurance company investments and solvency issues, guidelines imposing minimum capital requirements based on business levels and asset mix, interpretations of existing laws, the development of new laws, the implementation of nonstatutory guidelines, and the definition of extraordinary dividends. We cannot predict the effect that any NAIC recommendations or proposed or future legislation or rule making in the United States or elsewhere may have on our financial condition or operations.

IF OUR RISK MANAGEMENT OR INVESTMENT STRATEGY IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, WE COULD SUFFER UNEXPECTED LOSSES.

Risk management and the success of our investment strategy are crucial to the success of our business. In particular, to the extent believed necessary, we structure our investments to match our anticipated liabilities under reinsurance treaties. If our calculations with respect to these reinsurance liabilities are incorrect, or if we improperly structure our investments to match such liabilities, we could be forced to liquidate investments prior to maturity at a significant loss.

Our investment guidelines also permit us to invest up to 5% of our investment portfolio in below-investment grade fixed income securities. While any investment carries some risk, the risks associated with lower-rated securities are greater than the risks associated with investment grade securities. The risk of loss of principal or interest through default is greater because lower-rated securities are usually unsecured and are often subordinated to an issuer's other obligations. Additionally, the issuers of these securities frequently have high debt levels and are thus more sensitive to difficult economic conditions, individual corporate develop-

ments and rising interest rates which could impair an issuer's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on such lower-rated securities. As a result, the market price of these securities may be quite volatile, and the risk of loss is greater.

The success of any investment activity is affected by general economic conditions, which may adversely affect the markets for interest-rate-sensitive securities and equity securities, including the level and volatility of interest rates and the extent and timing of investor participation in such markets. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity in the markets in which we directly or indirectly hold positions could adversely affect us.

TAX LAW CHANGES OR A PROLONGED ECONOMIC DOWNTURN COULD REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR SOME INSURANCE PRODUCTS, WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS.

Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, income tax payable by policyholders on investment earnings is deferred during the accumulation period of some life insurance and annuity products. To the extent that the Internal Revenue Code is revised to reduce the tax-deferred status of life insurance and annuity products, or to increase the tax-deferred status of competing products, all life insurance companies would be adversely affected with respect to their ability to sell such products, and, depending on grandfathering provisions, by the surrenders of existing annuity contracts and life insurance policies. In addition, life insurance products are often used to fund estate tax obligations. Congress has adopted legislation to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the estate tax. Under this legislation, our life insurance company customers will face reduced demand for some of their life insurance products, which in turn could negatively affect our reinsurance business. We cannot predict what future tax initiatives may be proposed and enacted which could affect us.

In addition, a general economic downturn or a downturn in the equity and other capital markets could adversely affect the market for many annuity and life insurance products. Because we obtain substantially all of our revenues through reinsurance arrangements that cover a portfolio of life insurance products, as well as annuities, our business would be harmed if the market for annuities or life insurance were adversely affected. In addition, the market for annuity reinsurance products is currently not well developed, and we cannot assure you that such market will develop in the future.

WE ARE EXPOSED TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK.

We have foreign currency risk on business conducted and investments in foreign currencies to the extent that the exchange rates of the foreign currencies are subject to adverse change over time. Approximately 33% of our premiums, 28% of our income from continuing operations before income taxes, and 31% of our fixed maturity securities available for sale were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar as of June 30, 2003. Fluctuations in exchange rates can negatively or positively impact premiums and earnings. We hold fixed-maturity investments denominated in foreign currencies as a natural hedge against liabilities based in those currencies. We generally do not hedge the foreign currency exposure associated with our net investments in foreign subsidiaries due to the long-term nature of these investments. We cannot predict whether exchange rate fluctuations will significantly harm our operations or financial results in the future.

INTEREST-RATE FLUCTUATIONS COULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE INCOME WE DERIVE FROM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE INTEREST RATES WE EARN ON OUR INVESTMENTS AND INTEREST WE PAY UNDER OUR REINSURANCE CONTRACTS.

Significant changes in interest rates expose reinsurance companies to the risk of not earning income or experiencing losses based on the difference between the interest rates earned on investments and the credited interest rates paid on outstanding reinsurance contracts.

Both rising and declining interest rates can negatively affect the income we derive from these interest rate spreads. During periods of falling interest rates, our investment earnings will be lower because interest earnings on some of our fixed maturity securities will likely have declined in parallel with market interest rates. Additionally, new investments in fixed maturity securities will likely bear lower interest rates. We may not be able to fully offset the decline in investment earnings with lower crediting rates on our reinsurance contracts that have cash values. During periods of rising interest rates, we may be contractually obligated to increase the crediting rates on our reinsurance contracts that have cash values. However, we may not have the ability to

immediately acquire investments with interest rates sufficient to offset the increased crediting rates on our reinsurance contracts. While we develop and maintain asset/liability management programs and procedures designed to reduce the volatility of our income when interest rates are rising or falling, we cannot assure you that changes in interest rates will not affect our interest rate spreads.

Changes in interest rates may also affect our business in other ways. Lower interest rates may result in lower sales of certain insurance and investment products of our customers, which would reduce the demand for our reinsurance of these products.

WE OPERATE IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY, WHICH COULD LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO GAIN OR MAINTAIN OUR POSITION IN THE INDUSTRY.

The reinsurance industry is highly competitive, and we encounter significant competition in all lines of business from other reinsurance companies, as well as competition from other providers of financial services. Our competitors vary by geographic market. We believe our primary competitors are Employers Reinsurance Company, ING Re, Munich American Reinsurance Company, Swiss Re Life of America, and Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Aegon, N.V. Many of our competitors have greater financial resources than we do. Our ability to compete depends on, among other things, our ability to maintain strong financial strength ratings from rating agencies, pricing and other terms and conditions of reinsurance agreements, and our reputation, service, and experience in the types of business that we underwrite. However, competition from other reinsurers could adversely affect our competitive position.

Our target market is large life insurers. We compete based on the strength of our underwriting operations, insights on mortality trends based on our large book of business, and responsive service. We believe our quick response time to client requests for individual underwriting quotes and our underwriting expertise are important elements to our strategy and lead to other business opportunities with our clients. We are currently transplanting our strategy in North America to other international locations and expect to support our North American clients as they expand internationally. Our business will be adversely affected if we are unable to maintain these competitive advantages or if our international strategy is not successful.

WE DEPEND ON THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHERS, AND THEIR FAILURE TO PERFORM IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER WOULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT US.

In the normal course of business, we seek to limit our exposure to losses from our reinsurance contracts by ceding a portion of the reinsurance to other insurance enterprises or reinsurers. We cannot assure you that these insurance enterprises or reinsurers will be able to fulfill their obligations to us. We are also subject to the risk that our clients will be unable to fulfill their obligations to us under our reinsurance agreements with them.

We use the services of third-party investment managers to manage a majority of our investment portfolio. We rely on these investment managers to provide investment advice and execute investment transactions that are within our investment policy guidelines. Poor performance on the part of our outside investment managers could have an adverse effect on our financial performance.

For some reinsurance agreements, the ceding company withholds and legally owns and manages assets equal to the net statutory reserves, and we reflect these assets as funds withheld at interest on our balance sheet. In the event that a ceding company were to become insolvent, we would need to assert a claim on the assets supporting our reserve liabilities. We attempt to mitigate our risk of loss by offsetting amounts for claims or allowances that we owe the ceding company with amounts that the ceding company owes to us. We are subject to the investment performance on the withheld assets, although we do not directly control them. To mitigate some of this risk, we help to set, and monitor compliance with, the investment guidelines followed by these ceding companies. However, to the extent that such investment guidelines are not appropriate, or are not adhered to by the ceding companies, our risk of loss could increase, which could materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

As with all financial services companies, our ability to conduct business depends on consumer confidence in the industry and our financial strength. Actions of competitors, and financial difficulties of other companies in the industry, could undermine consumer confidence and harm our reputation.

INADEQUATE RISK ANALYSIS AND UNDERWRITING MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR FINANCIAL RESULTS.

We have developed risk analysis and underwriting guidelines, policies, and procedures with the objective of controlling the quality of the business as well as the pricing of the risk we are assuming. Among other things, these processes rely heavily on our own underwriting and information provided to us from, and underwriting by, our insurance company customers, our analysis of mortality trends and the rate at which policies for which we are at risk lapse, and our understanding of medical impairments and their impact on mortality. To the extent these processes are inadequate or are based on inadequate information, the premiums we receive for the risks we assume may not be sufficient to cover our claims.

THE THREAT OF TERRORIST ATTACKS AND RELATED EVENTS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The terrorist attacks on the United States and the threat of future attacks may have a continuing negative impact on our business. We cannot assure you that there will not be further terrorist attacks against the United States or United States businesses. Political and economic instability in some regions of the world may also result and could negatively impact our business. RGA believes its reinsurance programs, including its catastrophe coverage, are sufficient to reasonably limit its net losses for individual life claims relating to potential future terrorist attacks. However, the consequences of further terrorist attacks and armed conflicts are unpredictable, and we may not be able to foresee events that could have an adverse effect on our business.

OUR OBLIGATIONS TO PAY CLAIMS, INCLUDING SETTLEMENTS OR AWARDS, ON CLOSED OR DISCONTINUED LINES OF BUSINESS MAY EXCEED THE RESERVES WE HAVE ESTABLISHED TO COVER SUCH CLAIMS AND MAY REQUIRE US TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL RESERVES, WHICH WOULD REDUCE OUR NET INCOME.

In 1994, we entered the reinsurance market for the privatized pension program in Argentina, which we refer to as the "AFJP business." Although we ceased renewal of AFJP business treaties and no longer write AFJP business, we must continue to pay claims that develop during the run-off of the remaining treaties. Benefits paid to claimants under the AFJP business are indexed to the returns of the underlying pension funds. Because of higher than expected claim levels, in the fourth quarter of 2001, we established \$35 million in additional reserves for the AFJP business. If the amount of claims resulting from this closed line of business exceeds our current estimates, we may establish additional reserves.

As of December 31, 1998, we formally reported our accident and health division as a discontinued operation. The accident and health operation was placed into run-off, and all treaties were terminated at the earliest possible date. The nature of the underlying risks is such that the claims may take years to reach the reinsurers involved. Accordingly, we expect to pay claims out of existing reserves over a number of years as the level of business diminishes. We are a party to a number of disputes relating to the accident and health operation, some of which are currently in arbitration or may be subject to arbitration in the future. We have established reserves for some of these treaties based upon our estimates of the expected claims, including settlement or arbitration outcomes. In a number of cases, however, we are unable to determine our potential liability, if any, because of insufficient claims information. If the amount of claims, including awards or settlements, resulting from this discontinued line of business exceeds our current reserves, we may establish additional reserves.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains or incorporates by reference a number of forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 relating to, among others:

- projections of our earnings, revenues, income or loss, or capital expenditures;
- our plans for future operations and financing needs or plans; and
- assumptions relating to the foregoing.

The words "intend," "expect," "project," "estimate," "predict," "anticipate," "should," "believe" and other similar expressions also are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. Future events and actual results, performance and achievements could differ materially from those set forth in, contemplated by or underlying the forward-looking statements.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or forecasts contained in the forward-looking statements include, among others:

- adverse changes in mortality, morbidity and claims experience;
- risks related to our being controlled by MetLife;
- the effect of our status as a holding company and regulatory restrictions on our ability to pay principal of and interest on our debt obligations;
- changes in the financial strength and credit ratings of RGA and our subsidiaries or those of MetLife or its subsidiaries, and the effect of such changes on our future results of operations and financial condition;
- market or economic conditions that adversely affect our ability to make timely sales of investment securities in response to policyholder withdrawals, recaptures of reinsurance treaties or other events;
- regulatory action that may be taken by State Departments of Insurance with respect to MetLife or us or its or our subsidiaries;
- risks inherent in our risk management and investment strategy, including changes in investment portfolio yields or values due to interest rate or credit quality changes;
- the effect of changes in tax laws or a prolonged economic downturn in the demand for our insurance products;
- fluctuations in U.S. or foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates or securities and real estate markets;
- competitive factors and competitors' responses to our initiatives;
- our dependence on third parties, including those insurance companies and reinsurers to which we cede some reinsurance, third-party investment managers and others;
- inadequate risk analysis and underwriting;
- the adequacy of resources relating to settlements, awards and discontinued lines of business;
- general economic conditions affecting the demand for insurance and reinsurance in our current and planned markets;
- the stability of governments and economies in the markets in which we operate;
- adverse litigation or arbitration results;
- the success of our clients;

- successful execution of our entry into new markets;
- successful development and introduction of new product and distribution opportunities;
- changes in laws, regulations and accounting standards applicable to us, our subsidiaries or our business; and
- other risks and uncertainties described under the caption "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated.

You should not place undue reliance on those statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. We may not update these forward-looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future, unless we are obligated under the federal securities laws to update and disclose material developments related to previously disclosed information. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

INFORMATION ABOUT RGA

We are an insurance holding company that was formed on December 31, 1992. Through our operating subsidiaries, we are primarily engaged in life reinsurance in North America and select international locations. In addition, we provide reinsurance of non-traditional business including asset-intensive products and financial reinsurance. Through a predecessor, we have been engaged in the business of life reinsurance since 1973. As of June 30, 2003, we had approximately \$10.3 billion in consolidated assets.

Reinsurance is an arrangement under which an insurance company, the "reinsurer," agrees to indemnify another insurance company, the "ceding company," for all or a portion of the insurance risks underwritten by the ceding company. Reinsurance is designed to:

- reduce the net liability on individual risks, thereby enabling the ceding company to increase the volume of business it can underwrite, as well as increase the maximum risk it can underwrite on a single life or risk;
- stabilize operating result by leveling fluctuations in the ceding company's loss experience;
- assist the ceding company to meet applicable regulatory requirements; and
- enhance the ceding company's financial strength and surplus position.

We are a holding company, the principal assets of which consist of the common stock of our principal operating subsidiaries, RGA Reinsurance and RGA Canada, as well as investments in several other subsidiaries.

We have four main operational segments segregated primarily by geographic region: United States, Canada, Other International, and Corporate and Other. Our United States operations provide traditional life reinsurance and asset-intensive and financial reinsurance to domestic clients. Asset-intensive products include reinsurance of corporate-owned life insurance and reinsurance of annuities. Our Canada operations provide insurers with traditional reinsurance as well as assistance with capital management activity. Other International primarily consists of reinsurance business from Asia Pacific (including Australia), Europe and South Africa.

On January 6, 2000, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company acquired 100% of GenAmerica Financial Corporation (our predecessor parent), including its beneficial ownership of RGA shares (which was approximately 48% at December 31, 1999). This acquisition, together with a direct investment in RGA, made MetLife our majority shareholder, with beneficial ownership of approximately 58.7% of all outstanding shares as of June 30, 2003.

Our executive office is located at 1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039, and its telephone number is (636) 736-7000.

In this prospectus, "we," "us," "our," the "Company" and "RGA" refer to Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we and the RGA trusts may offer. Each time we or either of the RGA trusts sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. We will file each prospectus supplement with the SEC. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or supplement information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE RGA TRUSTS

Each of the RGA trusts is a statutory trust formed under Delaware law. Each RGA trust exists for the exclusive purposes of:

- issuing and selling its preferred securities and common securities;
- using the proceeds from the sale of its preferred securities and common securities to acquire RGA's junior subordinated debt securities; and
- engaging in only those other activities that are related to those purposes.

All of the common securities of each trust will be directly or indirectly owned by RGA. The common securities will rank equally, and payments will be made proportionally, with the preferred securities. However, if an event of default under the amended and restated trust agreement of the respective RGA trust has occurred and is continuing, the cash distributions and liquidation, redemption and other amounts payable on the common securities will be subordinated to the preferred securities in right of payment. We will directly or indirectly acquire common securities in an amount equal to at least 3% of the total capital of each RGA trust. The preferred securities will represent the remaining 97% of such trusts' capital.

RGA will guarantee the preferred securities of each RGA trust as described later in this prospectus.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each RGA trust has a term of up to 55 years but may terminate earlier, as provided in its amended and restated trust agreement. Each RGA trust's business and affairs will be conducted by the trustees appointed by us. According to the amended and restated trust agreement of each RGA trust, as the holder of all of the common securities of an RGA trust, we can increase or decrease the number of trustees of each trust, subject to the requirement under Delaware law that there be a trustee in the State of Delaware and to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The amended and restated trust agreement will set forth the duties and obligations of the trustees. A majority of the trustees of each RGA trust will be employees or officers of or persons who are affiliated with RGA, whom we refer to as "administrative trustees."

One trustee of each RGA trust will be an institution, which we refer to as the "property trustee," that is not affiliated with RGA and has a minimum amount of combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000, which will act as property trustee and as indenture trustee for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, under the terms of the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the property trustee will maintain exclusive control of a segregated, non-interest bearing "payment account" established with The Bank of New York to hold all payments made on the junior subordinated debt securities for the benefit of the holders of the trust securities of each RGA trust. In addition, unless the property trustee maintains a principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law, one trustee of each RGA trust will be an institution having a principal place of business in, or a natural person resident of, the State of Delaware, which we refer to as the "Delaware trustee." As the direct or indirect holder of all of the common securities, RGA will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace any of, or increase or reduce the

number of, the trustees of each RGA trust, except that if an event of default under the junior subordinated indenture has occurred and is continuing, only the holders of preferred securities may remove the Delaware trustee or the property trustee. RGA will pay all fees and expenses related to the RGA trust and the offering of the preferred securities and the common securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the property trustee for each RGA trust will be The Bank of New York. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Delaware trustee for each RGA trust will be The Bank of New York (Delaware), an affiliate of The Bank of New York, and its address in the state of Delaware is White Clay Center, Route 273, Newark, Delaware 19771. The principal place of business of each RGA trust is c/o Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, 1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039, telephone (636) 736-7000.

The RGA trusts will not have separate financial statements. The statements would not be material to holders of the preferred securities because the trusts will not have any independent operations. Each of the trusts exists solely for the reasons provided in the amended and restated trust agreement and summarized above. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, RGA will pay all fees and expenses related to each RGA trust and the offering of its preferred securities, including the fees and expenses of the trustee.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, the proceeds from the sale by any RGA trust of any preferred securities, together with any capital contributed in respect of common securities, will be loaned to RGA in exchange for RGA's junior subordinated debt securities. Unless otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement, we will use borrowings from the RGA trusts, and the net proceeds from the sale of any other securities offered by RGA, for general corporate purposes. Such general corporate purposes may include, but are not limited to, repayments of our indebtedness or the indebtedness of our subsidiaries. Pending such use, the proceeds may be invested temporarily in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities or similar assets. The prospectus supplement relating to an offering will contain a more detailed description of the use of proceeds of any specific offering of securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND
RATIO OF COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS TO EARNINGS

The following table sets forth RGA's ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to fixed charges, including interest credited under reinsurance contracts, for the periods indicated. For purposes of computing the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of net earnings from continuing operations adjusted for the provision for income taxes, minority interest and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest and discount on all indebtedness, distribution requirements of wholly-owned subsidiary trust preferred securities and one-third of annual rentals, which we believe is a reasonable approximation of the interest factor of such rentals. We have not paid a preference security dividend for any of the periods presented, and accordingly have not separately shown the ratio of combined fixed charges and preference dividends to earnings for these periods.

SIX MONTHS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, ENDED --						

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES OF RGA

The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth the material terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may apply to the debt securities so offered will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities. The debt securities will be either our senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities, or our junior subordinated debt securities issued in connection with the issuance by an RGA trust of its trust preferred securities.

THE INDENTURES

The senior debt securities will be issued in one or more series under a Senior Indenture, dated as of December 19, 2001, between us and The Bank of New York, as trustee. The subordinated debt securities will be issued in one or more series under a subordinated indenture, to be entered into by us with a financial institution as trustee. The junior subordinated debt securities will be issued in one or more series under a Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of December 18, 2001, between us and The Bank of New York, as trustee. The statements herein relating to the debt securities and the indentures are summaries and are subject to the detailed provisions of the applicable indenture. Each of the indentures will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The description of the indentures set forth below assumes that we have entered into the indentures. We will execute the senior indenture or the subordinated indenture, as applicable, when and if we issue senior or subordinated debt securities. We will execute the junior subordinated indenture when and if we issue junior subordinated debt securities in connection with the issuance by an RGA trust of its preferred securities. See "Description of Preferred Securities of the RGA Trusts" below. The descriptions below do not restate the indentures and do not contain all the information you may find useful. We urge you to read the indentures because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as a holder of our debt securities. If you would like to read the indentures, they are on file with the SEC, as described under "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms in an indenture, those sections and definitions are incorporated by reference.

GENERAL

The indentures do not limit the aggregate amount of debt securities which we may issue. We may issue debt securities under the indentures up to the aggregate principal amount authorized by our board of directors from time to time. Except as may be described in a prospectus supplement, the indentures will not limit the amount of other secured or unsecured debt that we may incur or issue.

The debt securities will be our unsecured general obligations. The senior debt securities will rank with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the subordinated debt securities will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the extent and in the manner set forth in the subordinated indenture to all our present and future senior indebtedness. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the junior subordinated debt securities that we may issue to one of the RGA trusts will be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the extent and in the manner set forth in the junior subordinated indenture to all our present and future indebtedness, including any senior and subordinated debt securities issued under the senior or subordinated indenture. See "-- Subordination under the Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture." The indentures will provide that the debt securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. We may authorize the issuance and provide for the terms of a series of debt securities pursuant to a supplemental indenture.

We are a holding company. As a result, we may rely primarily on dividends or other payments from our operating subsidiaries to pay principal and interest on our outstanding debt obligations, and to make dividend distributions on our capital stock. The principal source of funds for these operating subsidiaries comes from their current operations. We can also utilize investment securities maintained in our portfolio for these payments.

Applicable insurance regulatory and other legal restrictions limit the amount of dividends and other payments our subsidiaries can make to us. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to guarantee or otherwise pay amounts due under the debt securities. Therefore, the debt securities will be effectively subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities and commitments of our subsidiaries, including claims under reinsurance contracts, debt obligations and other liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business. As of June 30, 2003, we had a carrying value of approximately \$339.4 million of senior unsecured indebtedness that would rank equally with any senior debt securities, and our subsidiaries had approximately \$8.5 billion of outstanding liabilities, including \$37.6 million of outstanding indebtedness, that effectively would be senior to our senior debt securities. At this time, we also had a carrying value of approximately \$158.2 million of junior subordinated indebtedness that we had issued to RGA Capital Trust I in connection with its issuance of our Trust PIERS(R) units in December 2001, which would rank equally with any other junior subordinated debt that we might issue, but which is subordinated and junior in right of payment to our senior and subordinated debt securities. We will disclose material changes to these amounts in any prospectus supplement relating to an offering of our debt securities. In the event of a default on any debt securities, the holders of the debt securities will have no right to proceed against the assets of any insurance subsidiary. If the subsidiary were to be liquidated, the liquidation would be conducted under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction. Our right to receive distributions of assets in any liquidation of a subsidiary would be subordinated to the claims of the subsidiary's creditors, except to the extent any claims of ours as a creditor would be recognized. Any recognized claims of ours would be subordinated to any prior security interest held by any other creditors of the subsidiary and obligations of the subsidiary that are senior to those owing to us.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of debt securities will describe specific terms of the debt securities offered thereby, including, where applicable:

- (1) the specific designation of such debt securities;
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of such debt securities;
- (3) the date or dates on which the principal of and premium, if any, on such debt securities will mature or the method of determining such date or dates;
- (4) the rate or rates, which may be fixed, variable or zero, at which such debt securities will bear interest, if any, or the method of calculating such rate or rates;
- (5) the date or dates from which interest, if any, will accrue or the method by which such date or dates will be determined;
- (6) the date or dates on which interest, if any, will be payable and the record date or dates therefor and whether we may elect to extend or defer such interest payment dates;
- (7) the place or places where principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option;
- (8) our obligation, if any, to redeem or purchase such debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or upon the happening of a specified event and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which, such debt securities will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligations;
- (9) the denominations in which such debt securities are authorized to be issued;
- (10) the currency or currency unit for which such debt securities may be purchased or in which debt securities may be denominated or the currency or currencies, including currency unit or units, in which principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on such debt securities will be payable and whether we or the holders of any such debt securities may elect to receive payments in respect of such debt securities in a currency or currency unit other than that in which such debt securities are stated to be payable;
- (11) if the amount of payments of principal of and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on such debt securities may be determined with reference to an index based on a currency or currencies other than that

in which such debt securities are stated to be payable, the manner in which such amount shall be determined;

(12) if the amount of payments of principal of and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on such debt securities may be determined with reference to changes in the prices of particular securities or commodities or otherwise by application of a formula, the manner in which such amount shall be determined;

(13) if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of such debt securities which will be payable upon declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of such securities or the method by which such portion shall be determined;

(14) the person to whom any interest on any such debt security shall be payable if other than the person in whose name such debt security is registered on the applicable record date;

(15) any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any term of subordination, event of default or covenant of RGA specified in the indenture with respect to such debt securities;

(16) the application, if any, of such means of defeasance as may be specified for such debt securities;

(17) the terms, if any, upon which the holders may convert or exchange such debt securities into or for our common or preferred stock or other securities or property;

(18) in the case of the subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities, provisions relating to any modification of the subordination provisions described elsewhere in this prospectus; and

(19) whether the provisions relating to extension or deferral of interest payment dates described in this prospectus will apply to the debt securities;

(20) any other special terms pertaining to such debt securities. (Section 3.1 of each indenture).

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not be listed on any securities exchange.

None of our shareholders, officers or directors, past, present or future, will have any personal liability in respect of our obligations under the indenture or the debt securities on account of that status. (Section 1.14 of each indenture).

FORM AND DENOMINATIONS

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form, without coupons, and will be denominated in U.S. dollars issued only in denominations of U.S. \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. (Section 3.2 of each indenture).

GLOBAL DEBT SECURITIES

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement for a particular series of debt securities, each series of debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in global form that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. Global securities will be registered in the name of the depositary, which will be the sole direct holder of the global securities. Any person wishing to own a debt security must do so indirectly through an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that, in turn, has an account with the depositary.

Special Investor Considerations for Global Securities. Our obligations with respect to the debt securities, as well as the obligations of each trustee, run only to persons who are registered holders of debt securities. For example, once we make payment to the registered holder, we have no further responsibility for that payment even if the recipient is legally required to pass the payment along to an individual investor but fails to do so. As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the

account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to transfers of debt securities.

An investor should be aware that when debt securities are issued in the form of global securities:

- the investor cannot have debt securities registered in his or her own name;
- the investor cannot receive physical certificates for his or her debt securities;
- the investor must look to his or her bank or brokerage firm for payments on the debt securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the debt securities;
- the investor may not be able to sell interests in the debt securities to some insurance or other institutions that are required by law to hold the physical certificates of debt that they own;
- the depository's policies will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to the investor's interest in the global security; and
- the depository will usually require that interests in a global security be purchased or sold within its system using same-day funds.

Neither we nor the trustees have any responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in the global security, and neither we nor the trustees supervise the depository in any way.

Special Situations When the Global Security Will Be Terminated. In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate, and interests in the global security will be exchanged for physical certificates representing debt securities. After that exchange, the investor may choose whether to hold debt securities directly or indirectly through an account at the investor's bank or brokerage firm. In that event, investors must consult their banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in debt securities transferred to their own names so that they may become direct holders.

The special situations where a global security is terminated are:

- when the depository notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depository, unless a replacement is named;
- when an event of default on the debt securities has occurred and has not been cured; or
- when and if we decide to terminate a global security. (Section 3.4 of each indenture).

A prospectus supplement may list situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to a particular series of debt securities. When a global security terminates, the depository, and not us or one of the trustees, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT SECURITIES

Debt securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount and may bear no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. Important federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to any such debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

INDEXED SECURITIES

If the amount of payments of principal of, and premium, if any, or any interest on, debt securities of any series is determined with reference to any type of index or formula or changes in prices of particular securities or commodities, the federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such index or formula and securities or commodities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

If the principal of, and premium, if any, or any interest on, debt securities of any series are payable in a foreign or composite currency, the restrictions, elections, federal income tax consequences, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such currency will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

OPTIONAL REDEMPTION, PREPAYMENT OR CONVERSION IN CERTAIN EVENTS

The prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities which provides for the optional redemption, prepayment or conversion of such debt securities on the occurrence of certain events, such as a change of control of RGA, will provide:

(1) a discussion of the effects that such provisions may have in deterring certain mergers, tender offers or other takeover attempts, as well as any possible adverse effect on the market price of RGA's securities or the ability to obtain additional financing in the future;

(2) a statement that RGA will comply with any applicable provisions of the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any other applicable securities laws in connection with any optional redemption, prepayment or conversion provisions and any related offers by RGA, including, if such debt securities are convertible, Rule 13e-4;

(3) a disclosure as to whether the securities will be subject to any sinking fund or similar provision, and a description of any such provision;

(4) a disclosure of any cross-defaults in other indebtedness which may result as a consequence of the occurrence of certain events so that the payments on such debt securities would be effectively subordinated;

(5) a disclosure of the effect of any failure to repurchase under the applicable indenture, including in the event of a change of control of RGA;

(6) a disclosure of any risk that sufficient funds may not be available at the time of any event resulting in a repurchase obligation; and

(7) a discussion of any definition of "change of control" contained in the applicable indenture.

PAYMENT

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payments in respect of the debt securities will be made in the designated currency at the office or agency of RGA maintained for that purpose as RGA may designate from time to time, except that, at the option of RGA, interest payments, if any, on debt securities in registered form may be made by checks mailed to the holders of debt securities entitled thereto at their registered addresses. (Section 3.7 of each indenture).

PAYMENT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO REGISTERED DEBT SECURITIES

Unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, payment of any installment of interest on debt securities in registered form will be made to the person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest. (Section 3.7 of each indenture).

TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities in registered form will be transferable or exchangeable at the agency of RGA maintained for such purpose as designated by RGA from time to time. Debt securities may be transferred or exchanged without service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge imposed in connection with such transfer or exchange. (Section 3.5 of each indenture).

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, SALE OF ASSETS AND OTHER TRANSFERS

We may not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into, whether or not we are the surviving corporation, or sell, assign, convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless:

- the surviving corporation or other person is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or one of the 50 states, any U.S. territory or the District of Columbia, and assumes the obligation to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on all the debt securities and coupons, if any, and to perform or observe all covenants of each indenture; and
- immediately after the transaction, there is no event of default under each indenture. (Section 10.1 of each indenture).

Upon the consolidation, merger or sale, the successor corporation formed by the consolidation, or into which we are merged or to which the sale is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for us under each indenture. (Section 10.2 of each indenture).

Unless a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities provides otherwise, the indenture and the terms of the debt securities will not contain any covenants designed to afford holders of any debt securities protection in a highly leveraged or other transaction involving us, whether or not resulting in a change of control, which may adversely affect holders of the debt securities.

OPTION TO EXTEND INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will have the right, as long as no event of default under the applicable series of debt securities has occurred and is continuing, at any time and from time to time during the term of the series of debt securities to defer the payment of interest on one or more series of debt securities for the number of consecutive interest payment periods specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, subject to the terms, conditions and covenants, if any, specified in the prospectus supplement, provided that no extension period may extend beyond the stated maturity of the debt securities. Material United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to these debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, at the end of the extension period, we will pay all interest then accrued and unpaid together with interest on accrued and unpaid interest compounded semiannually at the rate specified for the debt securities to the extent permitted by applicable law. However, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, during the extension period neither we nor any of our subsidiaries may:

- declare or pay dividends on, make distributions regarding, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of our capital stock, other than:

(1) purchases of our capital stock in connection with any employee or agent benefit plans or the satisfaction of our obligations under any contract or security outstanding on the date of the event requiring us to purchase capital stock,

(2) in connection with the reclassifications of any class or series of our capital stock, or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for or into another class or series of our capital stock,

(3) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of our capital stock in connection with the conversion or exchange provisions of that capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged,

(4) dividends or distributions in our capital stock, or rights to acquire capital stock, or repurchases or redemptions of capital stock solely from the issuance or exchange of capital stock, or

(5) any non-cash dividends declared in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan by us;

- make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by us that rank equally with or junior to the debt securities;
- make any guarantee payments regarding the foregoing, other than payments under our guarantee of the preferred securities of any RGA trust; or
- redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the junior subordinated debt securities or any preferred securities of an RGA trust.

Prior to the termination of any extension period, as long as no event of default under the applicable indenture has occurred and is continuing, we may further defer payments of interest, subject to the above limitations set forth in this section, by extending the interest payment period; provided, however, that, the extension period, including all previous and further extensions, may not extend beyond the maturity of the debt securities.

Upon the termination of any extension period and the payment of all amounts then due, we may commence a new extension period, subject to the terms set forth in this section. No interest during an extension period, except at the end of the extension period, will be due and payable, but we may prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest accrued during an extension period. We do not currently intend to exercise our right to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period on the debt securities. In the case of our junior subordinated debt securities, if the property trustee is the sole holder of such debt securities, we will give the administrative trustees and the property trustee notice of our selection of an extension period two business days before the earlier of (1) the next succeeding date on which distributions on the preferred securities are payable or (2) the date the administrative trustees are required to give notice to the New York Stock Exchange, or other applicable self-regulatory organization, or to holders of the preferred securities of the record or payment date of the distribution, but in any event, at least one business day before such record date. The administrative trustees will give notice of our selection of the extension period to the holders of the preferred securities. If the property trustee is not the sole holder of such debt securities, or in the case of the senior and subordinated debt securities, we will give the holders of these debt securities notice of our selection of an extension period at least two business days before the earlier of (1) the next succeeding interest payment date or (2) the date upon which we are required to give notice to the New York Stock Exchange, or other applicable self-regulatory organization, or to holders of such debt securities of the record or payment date of the related interest payment. (Article XVII of the senior indenture; Article XVIII of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

MODIFICATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE INDENTURES

Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders. Without the consent of any holders, we and the trustee may enter into one or supplemental indentures for certain purposes, including:

(1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to our rights and the assumption by such successor of our covenants contained in each indenture;

(2) to add to our covenants for the benefit of all or any series of debt securities, or to surrender any of our rights or powers;

(3) to add any additional events of default;

(4) to add or change any provisions to permit or facilitate the issuance of debt securities of any series in uncertificated or bearer form;

(5) to change or eliminate any provisions, as long as any such change or elimination is effective only when there are no outstanding debt securities of any series created before the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of the provisions being changed or eliminated;

(6) to provide security for or guarantee of the debt securities;

(7) to supplement any of the provisions to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities in accordance with such indenture as long as such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities in any material respect;

(8) to establish the form or terms of debt securities in accordance with each indenture;

(9) to provide for the acceptance of the appointment of a successor trustee for any series of debt securities or to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under the indenture by more than one trustee;

(10) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision of any indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision, to eliminate any conflict with the Trust Indenture Act or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such indenture which are not inconsistent with any provision of the indenture, as long as the additional provisions do not adversely affect the interests of the holders in any material respect; or

(11) in the case of the subordinated and the junior subordinated indentures, to modify the subordination provisions thereof, except in a manner which would be adverse to the holders of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities of any series then outstanding. (Section 11.1 of each such indenture).

Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders. If we receive the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected, we may enter into supplemental indentures with the trustee for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of each indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the holders under the indenture of such debt securities and coupons, if any. As long as any of the preferred securities of an RGA trust remain outstanding, no modification of the related junior subordinated indenture may be made that requires the consent of the holders of the related junior subordinated debt securities, no termination of the related junior subordinated indenture may occur, and no waiver of any event of default under the related junior subordinated indenture may be effective, without the prior consent of the holders of a majority of the aggregate liquidation amount of the preferred securities of such RGA trust.

However, unless we receive the consent of all of the affected holders, we may not enter into supplemental indentures that would, with respect to the debt securities of such holders:

(1) conflict with the required provisions of the Trust Indenture Act;

(2) except as described in any prospectus supplement:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest, if any, on, any debt security,
- reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof; provided, however, that a requirement to offer to repurchase debt securities will not be deemed a redemption for this purpose,
- change the stated maturity of or reduce the amount of any payment to be made with respect to any coupon,
- change the currency or currencies in which the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on such debt security is denominated or payable,
- reduce the amount of the principal of a discount security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, any payment under any sinking fund or analogous provisions for any debt security,
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity thereof, or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date,

- limit our obligation to maintain a paying agency outside the United States for payment on bearer securities, or
- adversely affect the right to convert any debt security into shares of our common stock if so provided;

(3) reduce the requirement for majority approval of supplemental indentures, or for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of either indenture or certain defaults; or

(4) modify any provisions of either indenture relating to waiver of past defaults with respect to that series, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of such indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holders of each such debt security of each series affected thereby. (Section 11.2 of each indenture).

It is not necessary for holders of the debt securities to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it is sufficient if the holders approve the substance thereof. (Section 11.2 of each indenture).

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the indenture to which it relates with respect to one or more particular series of debt securities and coupons, if any, or which modifies the rights of the holders of debt securities or any coupons of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, will be deemed not to affect the rights under such indenture of the holders of debt securities and coupons, if any, of any other series. (Section 11.2 of each indenture).

SUBORDINATION UNDER THE SUBORDINATED INDENTURE AND THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED INDENTURE

In the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures, RGA has covenanted and agreed that any subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities issued thereunder are subordinated and junior in right of payment to all present and future senior indebtedness to the extent provided in the subordinated indenture. (Section 17.1 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures). Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures define the term "senior indebtedness" with respect to each respective series of subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities, to mean the principal, premium, if any, and interest on:

- all indebtedness of RGA, whether outstanding on the date of the issuance of subordinated debt securities or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, which is for money borrowed, or which is evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any business, properties or assets, including securities;
- any indebtedness of others of the kinds described in the preceding clause for the payment of which RGA is responsible or liable as guarantor or otherwise; and
- amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, deferrals and refundings of any such indebtedness.

In the case of the junior subordinated indenture, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, senior indebtedness also includes all subordinated debt securities issued under the subordinated indenture. The senior indebtedness will continue to be senior indebtedness and entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of the senior indebtedness or extension or renewal of the senior indebtedness. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, senior indebtedness will not include (A) indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for services obtained in the ordinary course of business and (B) any indebtedness which by its terms is expressly made pari passu, or equal in rank and payment, with or subordinated to the applicable debt securities. (Section 17.2 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, no direct or indirect payment, in cash, property or securities, by set-off or otherwise, shall be made or agreed to be made on account of the

subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities or interest thereon or in respect of any repayment, redemption, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of subordinated debt securities, if:

- RGA defaults in the payment of any principal, or premium, if any, or interest on any senior indebtedness, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or declaration or otherwise; or
- an event of default occurs with respect to any senior indebtedness permitting the holders to accelerate the maturity and written notice of such event of default, requesting that payments on subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities cease, is given to RGA by the holders of senior indebtedness,

unless and until such default in payment or event of default has been cured or waived or ceases to exist. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the foregoing limitations will also apply to payments in respect of the junior subordinated debt securities in the case of an event of default under the subordinated indebtedness (Section 17.4 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, all present and future senior indebtedness, which shall include subordinated indebtedness in the case of our junior subordinated debt securities, including, without limitation, interest accruing after the commencement of any proceeding described below, assignment or marshaling of assets, shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made by RGA on account of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities in the event of:

- any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, composition or other similar proceeding relating to RGA, its creditors or its property;
- any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding-up of RGA, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings;
- any assignment by RGA for the benefit of creditors; or
- any other marshaling of the assets of RGA.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in any such event, payments or distributions which would otherwise be made on subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities will generally be paid to the holders of senior indebtedness, or their representatives, in accordance with the priorities existing among these creditors at that time until the senior indebtedness is paid in full. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, if the payments or distributions on subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities are in the form of RGA's securities or those of any other corporation under a plan of reorganization or readjustment and are subordinated to outstanding senior indebtedness and to any securities issued with respect to such senior indebtedness under a plan of reorganization or readjustment, they will be made to the holders of the subordinated debt securities and then, if any amounts remain, to the holders of the junior subordinated debt securities. (Section 17.3 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures). No present or future holder of any senior indebtedness will be prejudiced in the right to enforce the subordination of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities by any act or failure to act on the part of RGA. (Section 17.9 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

Senior indebtedness will only be deemed to have been paid in full if the holders of such indebtedness have received cash, securities or other property which is equal to the amount of the outstanding senior indebtedness. After payment in full of all present and future senior indebtedness, holders of subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of any holders of senior indebtedness to receive any further payments or distributions that are applicable to the senior indebtedness until all the subordinated debt securities are paid in full. In matters between holders of subordinated debt securities and any other type of RGA's creditors, any payments or distributions that would otherwise be paid to holders of senior debt securities and that are made to holders of subordinated debt securities because of this subrogation will be deemed a payment by RGA on account of senior indebtedness and not on account of subordinated debt securities. (Section 17.7 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

Subordinated indebtedness will only be deemed to have been paid in full if the holders of such indebtedness have received cash, securities or other property which is equal to the amount of the outstanding subordinated indebtedness. After payment in full of all present and future subordinated indebtedness, holders of junior subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of any holders of subordinated indebtedness to receive any further payments or distributions that are applicable to the subordinated indebtedness until all the junior subordinated debt securities are paid in full. In matters between holders of junior subordinated debt securities and any other type of RGA's creditors, any payments or distributions that would otherwise be paid to holders of subordinated debt securities and that are made to holders of junior subordinated debt securities because of this subrogation will be deemed a payment by RGA on account of subordinated indebtedness and not on account of junior subordinated debt securities. (Section 17.7 of the junior subordinated indenture).

The subordinated and junior subordinated indentures provide that the foregoing subordination provisions may be changed, except in a manner which would be adverse to the holders of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities of any series then outstanding. (Sections 11.1 and 11.2 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures). The prospectus supplement relating to such subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities would describe any such change.

If this prospectus is being delivered in connection with the offering of a series of subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities, the accompanying prospectus supplement or information incorporated by reference will set forth the approximate amount of indebtedness senior to such subordinated or junior subordinated indebtedness outstanding as of a recent date. The subordinated and junior subordinated indentures place no limitation on the amount of additional senior indebtedness that may be incurred by RGA. RGA expects from time to time to incur additional indebtedness constituting senior indebtedness. At June 30, 2003, RGA had a carrying value of approximately \$377.0 million of long-term indebtedness, including approximately \$37.6 million of outstanding long-term indebtedness of our subsidiaries. The indebtedness of our subsidiaries would effectively rank senior to all of RGA's senior, subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities. The remaining \$339.4 million of our outstanding long-term indebtedness would rank equally with the senior debt securities and prior in right of payment to the subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities. At June 30, 2003, RGA had a carrying value of approximately \$158.2 million of debt which would rank equal to or junior in right of payment to the subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An event of default with respect to any series of debt securities issued under each of the indentures means:

- default for 30 days in the payment of any interest upon any debt security or any payment with respect to the coupons, if any, of such series when it becomes due and payable, except where we have properly deferred the interest, if applicable;
- default in the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, on, any debt security of such series when due;
- default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment when due by the terms of a debt security of such series;
- default for 90 days after we receive notice as provided in the applicable indenture in the performance of any covenant or breach of any warranty in the indenture governing that series;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership, or, with respect to the junior subordinated debt securities, the dissolution of the RGA trust; or
- any other events which we specify for that series, which will be indicated in the prospectus supplement for that series. (Section 5.1 of each indenture).

Within 90 days after a default in respect of any series of debt securities, the trustee, or property trustee, if applicable, must give to the holders of such series notice of all uncured and unwaived defaults by us known to

it. However, except in the case of default in payment, the trustee may withhold such notice if it determines that such withholding is in the interest of such holders. (Section 6.2 of each indenture).

If an event of default occurs in respect of any outstanding series of debt securities, the trustee of the senior or subordinated indentures, the property trustee under the junior subordinated indenture or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal amount, or, if the debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of those securities, of all of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately by written notice thereof to us, and to the trustee or property trustee, if applicable, if given by the holders of the debt securities. However, with respect to any debt securities issued under the subordinated or junior subordinated indenture, the payment of principal and interest on such debt securities shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XVII of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures. In addition, at any time after such a declaration of acceleration but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of that series may, subject to specified conditions, rescind and annul such acceleration if all events of default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal, or premium, if any, or interest on debt securities of such series have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture. (Section 5.2 of each indenture).

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, may waive any past default and its consequences, except that they may not waive an uncured default in payment or a default which cannot be waived without the consent of the holders of all outstanding securities of that series. (Section 5.13 of each indenture).

Within four months after the close of each fiscal year, we must file with the trustee a statement, signed by specified officers, stating whether or not such officers have knowledge of any default under the indenture and, if so, specifying each such default and the nature and status of each such default. (Section 12.2 of each indenture).

Subject to provisions in the applicable indenture relating to its duties in case of default, the trustee, or property trustee, if applicable, is not required to take action at the request of any holders of debt securities, unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. (Section 6.3 of each indenture).

Subject to such indemnification requirements and other limitations set forth in the applicable indenture, if any event of default has occurred, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting proceedings for remedies available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, in respect of such series. (Section 5.12 of each indenture).

DEFEASANCE; SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Legal or Covenant Defeasance. Each indenture provides that we may be discharged from our obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series, as described below. These provisions will apply to any registered securities that are denominated and payable only in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will describe any defeasance provisions that apply to other types of debt securities. (Section 15.1 of each indenture).

At our option, we may choose either one of the following alternatives:

- We may elect to be discharged from any and all of our obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series, except for, among other things, certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of such series, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of such series, and to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions relating to the treatment of funds held by the trustee for defeasance. We refer to this as "legal defeasance."

- Alternatively, we may omit to comply with the covenants described under the heading "-- Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance, Sale of Assets and Other Transfers" and any additional covenants which may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, and any omission to comply with those covenants will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the debt securities of that series. We refer to this as "covenant defeasance."

In either case, we will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. Government Obligations that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge each installment of principal, including any mandatory sinking fund payments, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities.

This discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel or Internal Revenue Service ruling to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the defeasance. (Section 15.2 of each indenture).

In addition, with respect to the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures, in order to be discharged, no event or condition shall exist that, pursuant to certain provisions described under "-- Subordination under the Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture" above, would prevent us from making payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities and coupons at the date of the irrevocable deposit referred to above. (Section 15.2 of the subordinated and junior subordinated indentures).

Covenant Defeasance and Events of Default. In the event we exercise our option to effect covenant defeasance with respect to any series of debt securities and the debt securities of that series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and/or U.S. Government Obligations on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities which are (1) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (2) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and will also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that, except as required by law, such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt. (Section 15.2 of each indenture).

We may exercise our legal defeasance option even if we have already exercised our covenant defeasance option.

There may be additional provisions relating to defeasance which we will describe in the prospectus supplement. (Section 15.1 of each indenture).

CONVERSION OR EXCHANGE

Any series of the senior or subordinated debt securities may be convertible or exchangeable into common or preferred stock or other debt securities registered under the registration statement relating to this prospectus. The specific terms and conditions on which such debt securities may be so converted or exchanged

will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Those terms may include the conversion or exchange price, provisions for conversion or exchange, either mandatory, at the option of the holder, or at our option, whether we have an option to convert debt securities into cash, rather than common stock, and provisions under which the number of shares of common or preferred stock or other securities to be received by the holders of debt securities would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. (Section 16.1 of each indenture).

GOVERNING LAW

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York. (Section 1.11 of each indenture).

REGARDING THE TRUSTEE

We will designate the trustee under the senior and subordinated indentures in a prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Bank of New York will be the trustee under the junior subordinated indenture relating to the junior subordinated debt securities which may be offered to the RGA trusts. From time to time, we may enter into banking or other relationships with any of such trustees or their affiliates.

There may be more than one trustee under each indenture, each with respect to one or more series of debt securities. (Section 1.1 of each indenture). Any trustee may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and a successor trustee may be appointed to act with respect to such series. (Section 6.10 of each indenture).

If two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to different series of debt securities, each trustee will be a trustee of a trust under the indenture separate from the trust administered by any other such trustee. Except as otherwise indicated in this prospectus, any action to be taken by the trustee may be taken by each such trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is trustee under the indenture. (Section 6.1 of each indenture).

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK OF RGA

The following is a summary of the material terms of our capital stock and the provisions of our Second Restated Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. It also summarizes some relevant provisions of the Missouri General and Business Corporation Law, which we refer to as Missouri law. Since the terms of our articles of incorporation, and bylaws, and Missouri law, are more detailed than the general information provided below, you should only rely on the actual provisions of those documents and Missouri law. If you would like to read those documents, they are on file with the SEC, as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2.

GENERAL

Our authorized capital stock consists of 75,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

COMMON STOCK

All of our outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Subject to the prior rights of the holders of any shares of preferred stock which later may be issued and outstanding, holders of common stock are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by us out of legally available funds, and, if we liquidate, dissolve, or wind up RGA, to share ratably in all remaining assets after we pay liabilities. We are prohibited from paying dividends under our credit agreement unless, at the time of declaration and payment, a default would not exist under the agreement. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters presented to a vote of shareholders, including the election of directors. Holders of common stock have no cumulative voting rights or preemptive rights to purchase or

subscribe for any stock or other securities and there are no conversion rights or redemption or sinking fund provisions for the common stock.

We may issue additional shares of authorized common stock without shareholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange. At our annual meeting of shareholders on May 23, 2001, our shareholders, including MetLife, adopted a proposal authorizing our board of directors to approve, during the three years following the date of the shareholder meeting, any sales to MetLife or its affiliates of our equity securities, including our common stock or other securities convertible into or exercisable for our common stock, in which the number of shares will not exceed the number of shares that would enable MetLife to maintain its then current ownership percentage of our common stock. Any such sale would be on substantially the same terms as a sale to unaffiliated third parties. The shareholder approval was obtained to comply with applicable New York Stock Exchange rules regarding issuances of common equity to a substantial shareholder such as MetLife.

Mellon Investor Services LLC, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey is the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGA."

PREFERRED STOCK

Our articles of incorporation vests our board of directors with authority to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock from time to time in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as may be stated in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance of such stock adopted from time to time by the board of directors. Our board of directors is expressly authorized to fix or determine:

- the specific designation of the shares of the series;
- the consideration for which the shares of the series are to be issued;
- the rate and times at which, and the conditions under which, dividends will be payable on shares of that series, and the status of those dividends as cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date or dates from which dividends shall be cumulative;
- the price or prices, times, terms and conditions, if any, upon which the shares of the series may be redeemed;
- the rights, if any, which the holders of shares of the series have in the event of dissolution or upon distribution of our assets;
- from time to time, whether to include the additional shares of preferred stock which we are authorized to issue in the series;
- whether or not the shares of the series are convertible into or exchangeable for other securities of RGA, including shares of our common stock or shares of any other series of our preferred stock, the price or prices or the rate or rates at which conversion or exchange may be made, and the terms and conditions upon which the conversion or exchange right may be exercised;
- if a sinking fund will be provided for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series and, if so, to fix the terms and the amount or amounts of the sinking fund; and
- any other preferences and rights, privileges and restrictions applicable to the series as may be permitted by law.

All shares of the same series of preferred stock will be identical and of equal rank except as to the times from which cumulative dividends, if any, on those shares will be cumulative. The shares of different series may differ, including as to rank, as may be provided in our articles of incorporation, or as may be fixed by our board of directors as described above. We may from time to time amend our articles of incorporation to increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of preferred stock.

The material terms of any series of preferred stock being offered by us will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of preferred stock. If so indicated in the prospectus supplement and if permitted by the articles of incorporation and by law, the terms of any such series may differ from the terms set forth below. That prospectus supplement may not restate the amendment to our articles of incorporation or the board resolution that establishes a particular series of preferred stock in its entirety. We urge you to read that amendment or board resolution because it, and not the description in the prospectus supplement, will define your rights as a holder of preferred stock. The certificate of amendment to our articles of incorporation or board resolution will be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and with the SEC.

Dividend Rights. The preferred stock will be preferred as to payment of dividends over our common stock or any other stock ranking junior to the preferred stock as to dividends. Before any dividends or distributions on our common stock or stock of junior rank, other than dividends or distributions payable in common stock, are declared and set apart for payment or paid, the holders of shares of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive dividends when, as and if declared by our board of directors. We will pay those dividends either in cash, shares of common stock or preferred stock or otherwise, at the rate and on the date or dates indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. With respect to each series of preferred stock, the dividends on each share of that series will be cumulative from the date of issue of the share unless some other date is set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the series. Accruals of dividends will not bear interest. We are prohibited from paying dividends under our credit agreement unless, at the time of declaration and payment, a default would not exist under the agreement.

Rights upon Liquidation. The preferred stock will be preferred over common stock, or any other stock ranking junior to the preferred stock with respect to distribution of assets, as to our assets so that the holders of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to be paid, upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up and before any distribution is made to the holders of common stock or stock of junior rank, the amount set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. However, in this case the holders of preferred stock will not be entitled to any other or further payment. If upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up our net assets are insufficient to permit the payment in full of the respective amounts to which the holders of all outstanding preferred stock are entitled, our entire remaining net assets will be distributed among the holders of each series of preferred stock in an amount proportional to the full amounts to which the holders of each series are entitled.

Redemption. All shares of any series of preferred stock will be redeemable to the extent set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the series.

Conversion or Exchange. Shares of any series of preferred stock will be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock or preferred stock or other securities to the extent set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Preemptive Rights. No holder of shares of any series of preferred stock will have any preemptive or preferential rights to subscribe to or purchase shares of any class or series of stock, now or hereafter authorized, or any securities convertible into, or warrants or other evidences of optional rights to purchase or subscribe to, shares of any series, now or hereafter authorized.

Voting Rights. Except as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holders of preferred stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of preferred stock held by them on all matters properly presented to shareholders. Except as otherwise provided in the amendment to our articles of incorporation or the directors resolution that creates a specified class of preferred stock, the holders of common stock and the holders of all series of preferred stock will vote together as one class. In addition, currently under Missouri law, even if shares of a particular class or series of stock are not otherwise entitled to a vote on any matters submitted to the shareholders, amendments to the articles of incorporation which adversely affect those shares require a vote of the class or series of which such shares are a part, including amendments which would:

- increase or decrease the aggregate number or par value of authorized shares of the class or series;
- create a new class of shares having rights and preferences prior or superior to the shares of the class or series;

- increase the rights and preferences, or the number of authorized shares, of any class having rights and preferences prior to or superior to the rights of the class or series; or
- alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the shares of such class or series so as to affect such shares adversely.

Most of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries, and thus our ability to pay dividends on any series of preferred stock is dependent on their financial condition, results of operations, cash requirements and other related factors. Our subsidiaries are also subject to restrictions on dividends and other distributions contained under applicable insurance laws and related regulations.

Depending upon the rights of holders of the preferred stock, an issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect holders of common stock by delaying or preventing a change of control of RGA, making removal of the management of RGA difficult, or restricting the payment of dividends and other distributions to the holders of common stock. We presently have no intention to issue any shares of preferred stock.

As described under "Description of Depositary Shares of RGA," we may, at our option, elect to offer depositary shares evidenced by depositary receipts, each representing an interest, to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement for the particular series of the preferred stock, in a share of the particular series of the preferred stock issued and deposited with a preferred stock depositary. All shares of preferred stock offered by this prospectus, or issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of securities, will, when issued, be fully paid and non-assessable.

CERTAIN EFFECTS OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED STOCK

We may issue additional shares of common stock or preferred stock without shareholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange, for a variety of corporate purposes, including raising additional capital, corporate acquisitions, and employee benefit plans. The existence of unissued and unreserved common and preferred stock may enable us to issue shares to persons who are friendly to current management, which could discourage an attempt to obtain control of RGA through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest, or otherwise, and protect the continuity of management and possibly deprive you of opportunities to sell your shares at prices higher than the prevailing market prices. We could also use additional shares to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of RGA pursuant to the operation of the rights plan or otherwise. See also "-- Certain Charter and Bylaw Provisions" below.

SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK

Our board has authorized the issuance of 500,000 shares of preferred stock as Series A junior participating preferred stock in connection with its adoption of a shareholder rights plan that has expired. We designed the dividend, liquidation, voting and redemption features of the Series A preferred stock so that the value of one two hundred twenty fifth (1/225th) of a share of Series A preferred stock approximates the value of one share of common stock. Shares of Series A preferred stock could only be purchased, if at all, during the term of the rights agreement and are therefore no longer available for purchase. Each share of the Series A preferred stock:

- is nonredeemable and junior to all other series of preferred stock, unless otherwise provided in the terms of those series of preferred stock;
- will have a preferential dividend in an amount equal to the greater of \$1.00 and 225 times any dividend declared on each share of common stock;
- in the event of liquidation, will entitle its holder to (1) receive a preferred liquidation payment equal to \$100, plus the amount of any accrued and unpaid dividends, and (2) following payment of a specified amount to the holders of the common stock, to participate in any further distributions of the RGA's remaining assets;
- will have 225 votes, voting together with our common stock and any other capital stock with general voting rights; and

- in the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which shares of common stock are converted or exchanged, will be entitled to receive 225 times the amount and type of consideration received per share of common stock.

The rights of the Series A preferred stock as to dividends, liquidation and voting, and in the event of mergers and consolidations, are protected by customary antidilution provisions. No shares of the Series A preferred stock are outstanding, and we do not intend to issue any of these shares.

CERTAIN CHARTER AND BYLAW PROVISIONS

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws:

- provide for a classified board of directors;
- limit the right of shareholders to remove directors or change the size of the board of directors;
- limit the right of shareholders to fill vacancies on the board of directors;
- limit the right of shareholders to act by written consent and to call a special meeting of shareholders or propose other actions;
- require a higher percentage of shareholders than would otherwise be required to amend, alter, change, or repeal the provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws; and
- provide that the bylaws may be amended only by the majority vote of the entire board of directors.

Shareholders will not be able to amend the bylaws without first amending the articles of incorporation. These provisions may discourage certain types of transactions that involve an actual or threatened change of control of RGA. Since the terms of our articles of incorporation and bylaws may differ from the general information we are providing, you should only rely on the actual provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws. If you would like to read our articles of incorporation and bylaws, they are on file with the SEC or you may request a copy from us.

SIZE OF BOARD

Our articles of incorporation provide that the number of directors to constitute the board of directors is ten, and hereafter the number of directors will be fixed from time to time as provided in our bylaws. Our bylaws provide for a board of directors of at least three directors and permit the board of directors to increase or decrease the number of directors. In accordance with our bylaws, our board of directors has fixed the number of directors at eleven. Three of our directors left the Board during 2002, and one resigned in 2003. The Board has not filled the vacancies created by these departures, and currently there are seven directors. Our articles of incorporation further provide that our bylaws may be amended only by majority vote of our entire board of directors.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In order for one of our shareholders to nominate a candidate for director, our articles of incorporation require that such shareholder give timely notice to us in advance of the meeting. Ordinarily, the shareholder must give notice not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days before the meeting, but if we give less than 70 days' notice of the meeting, then the shareholder must give notice within ten days after we mail notice of the meeting or make a public disclosure of the meeting. The notice must describe various matters regarding the nominee, including the nominee's name, address, occupation, and shares held. Our articles of incorporation do not permit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Accordingly, the holders of a majority of the then outstanding shares of common stock can elect all the directors of the class then being elected at that meeting of shareholders.

CLASSIFIED BOARD

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that our board will be divided into three classes, with the classes to be as nearly equal in number as possible, and that one class shall be elected each year and serve for a three-year term.

REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

Missouri law provides that, unless a corporation's articles of incorporation provide otherwise, the holders of a majority of the corporation's voting stock may remove any director from office. Our articles of incorporation provide that shareholders may remove a director only "for cause" and with the approval of the holders of 85% of RGA's voting stock.

FILLING VACANCIES

Missouri law further provides that, unless a corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws provide otherwise, all vacancies on a corporation's board of directors, including any vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors, may be filled by the vote of a majority of the remaining directors even if that number is less than a quorum. Our articles of incorporation provide that, subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any class of preferred stock then outstanding and except as described below, only the vote of a majority of the remaining directors may fill vacancies (although less than a quorum).

LIMITATIONS ON SHAREHOLDER ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT

As required by Missouri law, our bylaws provide that any action by written consent of shareholders in lieu of a meeting must be unanimous.

LIMITATIONS ON CALLING SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS

Under our articles of incorporation shareholders may not call special meetings of shareholders or require our board to call a special meeting of shareholders, and only a majority of our entire board of directors, our chairman of the board or our president may call a special meeting of shareholders.

LIMITATIONS ON PROPOSALS OF OTHER BUSINESS

In order for a shareholder to bring a proposal before a shareholder meeting, our articles of incorporation require that the shareholder give timely notice to us in advance of the meeting. Ordinarily, the shareholder must give notice at least 60 days but not more than 90 days before the meeting, but if we give less than 70 days' notice of the meeting, then the shareholder must give notice within ten days after we mail notice of the meeting or make other public disclosure of the meeting. The notice must include a description of the proposal, the reasons for the proposal, and other specified matters.

Our board may reject any proposals that have not followed these procedures or that are not a proper subject for shareholder action in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

ANTI-TAKEOVER EFFECTS OF PROVISIONS

The classification of directors, the inability to vote shares cumulatively, the advance notice requirements for nominations, and the provisions in our articles of incorporation that limit the ability of shareholders to increase the size of our board or to remove directors and that permit the remaining directors to fill any vacancies on our board make it more difficult for shareholders to change the composition of our board. As a result, at least two annual meetings of shareholders may be required for the shareholders to change a majority of the directors, whether or not a change in our board would benefit RGA and its shareholders and whether or not a majority of our shareholders believes that the change would be desirable.

The provision of our bylaws which requires unanimity for shareholder action by written consent gives all our shareholders entitled to vote on a proposed action the opportunity to participate in the action and prevents

the holders of a majority of the voting power of RGA from using the written consent procedure to take shareholder action. The bylaw provision requiring advance notice of other proposals may make it more difficult for shareholders to take action opposed by the board. Moreover, a shareholder cannot force a shareholder consideration of a proposal over the opposition of our board of directors by calling a special meeting of shareholders.

These provisions make it more difficult and time-consuming to obtain majority control of our board of directors or otherwise bring a matter before shareholders without our board's consent, and thus reduce the vulnerability of RGA to an unsolicited takeover proposal. These provisions enable RGA to develop its business in a manner which will foster its long-term growth, by reducing to the extent practicable the threat of a takeover not in the best interests of RGA and its shareholders and the potential disruption entailed by the threat. On the other hand, these provisions may adversely affect the ability of shareholders to influence the governance of RGA and the possibility that shareholders would receive a premium above market price for their securities from a potential acquirer who is unfriendly to management.

MISSOURI STATUTORY PROVISIONS

Missouri law also contains certain provisions which may have an anti-takeover effect and otherwise discourage third parties from effecting transactions with us, including control share acquisition and business combination statutes.

BUSINESS COMBINATION STATUTE

Missouri law contains a "business combination statute" which restricts certain "business combinations" between us and an "interested shareholder," or affiliates of the interested shareholder, for a period of five years after the date of the transaction in which the person becomes an interested shareholder, unless either such transaction or the interested shareholder's acquisition of stock is approved by our board on or before the date the interested shareholder obtains such status.

The statute also prohibits business combinations after the five-year period following the transaction in which the person becomes an interested shareholder unless the business combination or purchase of stock prior to becoming an interested shareholder is approved by our board prior to the date the interested shareholder obtains such status.

The statute also provides that, after the expiration of such five year period, business combinations are prohibited unless:

- the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting stock, other than the stock owned by the interested shareholder, approve the business combination; or
- the business combination satisfies certain detailed fairness and procedural requirements.

A "business combination" includes a merger or consolidation, some sales, leases, exchanges, pledges and similar dispositions of corporate assets or stock and any reclassifications or recapitalizations that increase the proportionate voting power of the interested shareholder. An "interested shareholder" generally means any person who, together with his or her affiliates and associates, owns or controls 20% or more of the outstanding shares of the corporation's voting stock.

A Missouri corporation may opt out of coverage by the business combination statute by including a provision to that effect in its governing corporate documents. We have not done so. However, our board of directors adopted a resolution approving the acquisition of beneficial ownership by MetLife as an "interested shareholder," thereby rendering the statute inapplicable to MetLife.

The business combination statute may make it more difficult for a 20% beneficial owner to effect other transactions with us and may encourage persons that seek to acquire us to negotiate with our board prior to acquiring a 20% interest. It is possible that such a provision could make it more difficult to accomplish a transaction which shareholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interest.

CONTROL SHARE ACQUISITION STATUTE

Missouri also has a "control share acquisition statute." This statute may limit the rights of a shareholder to vote some or all of his shares. A shareholder whose acquisition of shares results in that shareholder having voting power, when added to the shares previously held by him, to exercise or direct the exercise of more than a specified percentage of our outstanding stock (beginning at 20%), will lose the right to vote some or all of his shares in excess of such percentage unless the shareholders approve the acquisition of such shares.

In order for the shareholders to grant approval, the acquiring shareholder must meet certain disclosure requirements specified in the statute. In addition, a majority of the outstanding voting shares, as determined before the acquisition, must approve the acquisition. Furthermore, a majority of the outstanding voting shares, as determined after the acquisition, but excluding shares held by the acquiring shareholder or employee directors and officers, must approve the acquisition.

Not all acquisitions of shares constitute control share acquisitions. The following acquisitions do not constitute control share acquisitions:

- good faith gifts;
- transfers in accordance with wills;
- purchases made in connection with an issuance by us;
- purchases by any compensation or benefit plan;
- the conversion of debt securities;
- mergers involving us which satisfy other specified requirements of the General and Business Corporation Law of Missouri;
- transactions with a person who owned a majority of our voting power within the prior year, or
- purchases from a person who previously satisfied the requirements of the control share statute, so long as the acquiring person does not have voting power after the ownership in a different ownership range than the selling shareholder.

A Missouri corporation may opt out of coverage by the control share acquisition statute by including a provision to that effect in its governing corporate documents. We amended our bylaws to provide that the control share acquisition statute shall not apply to control share acquisitions of our capital stock.

TAKEOVER BID DISCLOSURE STATUTE

Missouri's "takeover bid disclosure statute" requires that, under some circumstances, before making a tender offer that would result in the offeror acquiring control of us, the offeror must file certain disclosure materials with the Commissioner of the Missouri Department of Securities.

INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANIES ACT

We are regulated in Missouri as an insurance holding company. Under the Missouri Insurance Holding Companies Act and related regulations, the acquisition of control of a domestic insurer must receive prior approval by the Missouri Department of Insurance. Missouri law provides that a transaction will be approved if the Department of Insurance finds that the transaction would, among other things, not violate the law or be contrary to the interests of the insureds of any participating domestic insurance corporations. The Department of Insurance may approve any proposed change of control subject to conditions.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES OF RGA

The description of any deposit agreement and any related depositary shares and depositary receipts in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement of certain provisions are summaries of the material provisions of that deposit agreement and of the depositary shares and depositary receipts. These descriptions do not restate

those agreements and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as a holder of the depositary shares. For more information, please review the form of deposit agreement and form of depositary receipts relating to each series of the preferred stock, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of that series of preferred stock and will be available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2.

GENERAL

We may elect to have shares of preferred stock represented by depositary shares. The shares of any series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company we select. The prospectus supplement relating to a series of depositary shares will set forth the name and address of this preferred stock depositary. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, proportionately, to all the rights, preferences and privileges of the preferred stock represented by such depositary share, including dividend, voting, redemption, conversion, exchange and liquidation rights.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement, each of which will represent the applicable interest in a number of shares of a particular series of the preferred stock described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

A holder of depositary shares will be entitled to receive the shares of preferred stock, but only in whole shares of preferred stock, underlying those depositary shares. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the whole number of shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to that holder at the same time a new depositary receipt for the excess number of depositary shares.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

The preferred stock depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions in respect of the series of preferred stock represented by the depositary shares to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, to the extent possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders. The depositary, however, will distribute only the amount that can be distributed without attributing to any depositary share a fraction of one cent, and any undistributed balance will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the depositary for distribution to record holders of depositary receipts then outstanding.

If there is a distribution other than in cash in respect of the preferred stock, the preferred stock depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, insofar as possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders, unless the preferred stock depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such a distribution. In that case, the preferred stock depositary may, with our approval, adopt any method that it deems equitable and practicable to effect the distribution, including a public or private sale of the property and distribution of the net proceeds from the sale to the holders.

The amount distributed in any of the above cases will be reduced by any amount we or the preferred stock depositary are required to withhold on account of taxes.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to provisions relating to its conversion or exchange as set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement, each record holder of depositary receipts will have the right or obligation to convert or exchange the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts pursuant to those provisions.

REDEMPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to redemption, the depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the preferred stock depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of the preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary. Whenever we redeem a share of preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary, the preferred stock depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date a proportionate number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock that were redeemed. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the aggregate redemption price payable with respect to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or proportionately as we may determine.

After the date fixed for redemption, the depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of the depositary shares will cease, except the right to receive the redemption price. Any funds that we deposit with the preferred stock depositary relating to depositary shares which are not redeemed by the holders of the depositary shares will be returned to us after a period of two years from the date the funds are deposited by us.

VOTING

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares are entitled to vote, the preferred stock depositary will mail the information contained in the notice to the record holders of the depositary receipts. Each record holder of the depositary receipts on the record date, which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock, may then instruct the preferred stock depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying that holder's depositary shares. The preferred stock depositary will try to vote the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares in accordance with the instructions, and we will agree to take all reasonable action which the preferred stock depositary deems necessary to enable the preferred stock depositary to do so. The preferred stock depositary will abstain from voting the preferred stock to the extent that it does not receive specific written instructions from holders of depositary receipts representing the preferred stock.

RECORD DATE

Subject to the provisions of the deposit agreement, whenever

- any cash dividend or other cash distribution becomes payable,
- any distribution other than cash is made,
- any rights, preferences or privileges are offered with respect to the preferred stock,
- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of any meeting at which holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of preferred stock are entitled to notice, or
- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of the mandatory conversion of or any election by us to call for the redemption of any preferred stock, the preferred stock depositary will in each instance fix a record date, which will be the same as the record date for the preferred stock, for the determination of the holders of depositary receipts:
 - who will be entitled to receive dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of any sale, or
 - who will be entitled to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting or to receive notice of the meeting or the redemption or conversion.

WITHDRAWAL OF PREFERRED STOCK

Upon surrender of depositary receipts at the principal office of the preferred stock depositary, upon payment of any unpaid amount due the preferred stock depositary, and subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, the owner of the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts is entitled to delivery of the number of whole shares of preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by the depositary shares. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the preferred stock depositary will deliver to the holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing the excess number of depositary shares. Holders of preferred stock that are withdrawn will not be entitled to deposit the shares that have been withdrawn under the deposit agreement or to receive depositary receipts.

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

We and the preferred stock depositary may at any time agree to amend the form of depositary receipt and any provision of the deposit agreement. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters the rights of holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. The deposit agreement may be terminated by us or by the preferred stock depositary only if all outstanding shares have been redeemed or if a final distribution in respect of the underlying preferred stock has been made to the holders of the depositary shares in connection with the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us.

CHARGES OF PREFERRED STOCK DEPOSITARY

We will pay all charges of the preferred stock depositary including charges in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock, the initial issuance of the depositary receipts, the distribution of information to the holders of depositary receipts with respect to matters on which preference stock is entitled to vote, withdrawals of the preferred stock by the holders of depositary receipts or redemption or conversion of the preferred stock, except for taxes (including transfer taxes, if any) and other governmental charges and any other charges expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be at the expense of holders of depositary receipts or persons depositing preferred stock.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary will be liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond our control in performing any obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of the preferred stock depositary under the deposit agreement are limited to performing its duties under the agreement without negligence or bad faith. Our obligations under the deposit agreement are limited to performing our duties in good faith. Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary is obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the preferred stock depositary may rely on advice of or information from counsel, accountants or other persons that they believe to be competent and on documents that they believe to be genuine.

The preferred stock depositary may resign at any time or be removed by us, effective upon the acceptance by its successor of its appointment. If we have not appointed a successor preferred stock depositary and the successor depositary has not accepted its appointment within 60 days after the preferred stock depositary delivered a resignation notice to us, the preferred stock depositary may terminate the deposit agreement. See "-- Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement" above.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS OF RGA

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities. We may issue warrants independently or as part of a unit with other securities, including, without limitation,

preferred securities issued by the RGA trusts. Warrants sold with other securities as a unit may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under one or more warrant agreements between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants we are offering will include specific terms relating to the offering, including a description of any other securities sold together with the warrants. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- the title of the warrants;
- the aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the prices of the warrants may be payable;
- the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities or rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies or indices, purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which those numbers may be adjusted;
- the exercise price of the warrants and the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which such price is payable;
- the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;
- the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued as a unit;
- if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;
- if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;
- any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;
- any terms relating to the modification of the warrants; and
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange, exercise or redemption of the warrants.

Warrants issued for securities other than our debt securities, common stock or preferred stock or the preferred securities of an RGA trust will not be exercisable until at least one year from the date of sale of the warrant.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any warrant units.

The descriptions of the warrant agreements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as holders of the warrants or any warrant units. For more information, please review the form of the relevant agreements, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of warrants or warrant units and will be available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2 above.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS OF RGA

As may be specified in a prospectus supplement, we may issue purchase contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and us to sell to the holders, a number of debt securities, shares of our common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares or warrants or trust preferred securities of an RGA Trust at a future date

or dates. The purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the purchase contracts. These payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to any purchase contracts we are offering will specify the material terms of the purchase contracts and any applicable pledge or depository arrangements, including one or more of the following:

- The stated amount that a holder will be obligated to pay under the purchase contract in order to purchase our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares or warrants, or trust preferred securities of an RGA Trust or the formula by which such amount shall be determined.
- The settlement date or dates on which the holder will be obligated to purchase such securities. The prospectus supplement will specify whether the occurrence of any events may cause the settlement date to occur on an earlier date and the terms on which an early settlement would occur.
- The events, if any, that will cause our obligations and the obligations of the holder under the purchase contract to terminate.
- The settlement rate, which is a number that, when multiplied by the stated amount of a purchase contract, determines the number of securities that we or an RGA trust will be obligated to sell and a holder will be obligated to purchase under that purchase contract upon payment of the stated amount of that purchase contract. The settlement rate may be determined by the application of a formula specified in the prospectus supplement. If a formula is specified, it may be based on the market price of such securities over a specified period or it may be based on some other reference statistic.
- Whether the purchase contracts will be issued separately or as part of units consisting of a purchase contract and an underlying security with an aggregate principal amount equal to the stated amount. Any underlying securities will be pledged by the holder to secure its obligations under a purchase contract.
- The type of underlying security, if any, that is pledged by the holder to secure its obligations under a purchase contract. Underlying securities may be our debt securities, depository shares, preferred securities, common stock, warrants or debt obligations, trust preferred securities of an RGA trust or government securities.
- The terms of the pledge arrangement relating to any underlying securities, including the terms on which distributions or payments of interest and principal on any underlying securities will be retained by a collateral agent, delivered to us or be distributed to the holder.
- The amount of the contract fee, if any, that may be payable by us to the holder or by the holder to us, the date or dates on which the contract fee will be payable and the extent to which we or the holder, as applicable, may defer payment of the contract fee on those payment dates. The contract fee may be calculated as a percentage of the stated amount of the purchase contract or otherwise.

The descriptions of the purchase contracts and any applicable underlying security or pledge or depository arrangements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as holders of the purchase contracts. We will make copies of the relevant agreements available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2 above.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit may also include debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. Treasury securities. 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 prospectus supplement will describe:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be held or transferred separately;
- a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The descriptions of the units and any applicable underlying security or pledge or depository arrangements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as holders of the units. We will make copies of the relevant agreements available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2 above.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SECURITIES OF THE RGA TRUSTS

Each RGA trust may issue, from time to time, one series of preferred securities having terms described in the prospectus supplement. Preferred securities may be issued either independently or as part of a unit with other securities, including, without limitation, warrants to purchase common stock of RGA. Preferred securities sold with other securities as a unit may be attached to or separate from the other securities. The proceeds from the sale of each trust's preferred and common securities will be used by such trust to purchase a series of junior subordinated debt securities issued by RGA. The junior subordinated debt securities will be held in trust by the trust's property trustee for the benefit of the holders of such preferred and common securities. Each amended and restated trust agreement has been or will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. The property trustee for each trust, The Bank of New York, an independent trustee, will act as indenture trustee for the preferred securities for purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act. The preferred securities will have the terms, including distributions, redemption, voting, liquidation rights, maturity date or dates and the other preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions as are established by the administrative trustees in accordance with the applicable amended and restated trust agreement or as are set forth in the amended and restated trust agreement or made part of the amended and restated trust agreement by the Trust Indenture Act. Such terms, rights and restrictions will mirror the terms of the junior subordinated debt securities held by the applicable trust and will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to the preferred securities of the applicable RGA trust will provide specific terms, including:

- the distinctive designation of the preferred securities;
- the number of preferred securities issuable by the RGA trust;
- the annual distribution rate, or method of determining the rate, for preferred securities issued by the RGA trust and the date or dates upon which distributions will be payable; provided, however, that distributions on the preferred securities will, subject to any deferral provisions and any provisions for payment of defaulted distributions, be payable on a quarterly basis to holders of the preferred securities as of a record date in each quarter during which the preferred securities are outstanding and any provisions relating to the resetting or adjustment of the distribution rate;
- any right of the RGA trust to defer quarterly distributions on the preferred securities as a result of an interest deferral right exercised by us on the junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trust;

- whether distributions on preferred securities will be cumulative, and, in the case of preferred securities having cumulative distribution rights, the date or dates or method of determining the date or dates from which distributions on preferred securities will be cumulative;
- the amount or amounts which will be paid out of the assets of the RGA trust to the holders of preferred securities upon voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the RGA trust;
- the obligation or option, if any, of the RGA trust to purchase or redeem preferred securities and the price or prices at which, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which preferred securities will be purchased or redeemed, in whole or in part, under this obligation or option with the redemption price or formula for determining the redemption price to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement;
- the voting rights, if any, of preferred securities in addition to those required by law, including the number of votes per preferred security and any requirement for the approval by the holders of preferred securities as a condition to specified action or amendments to the amended and restated trust agreement;
- the terms and conditions, if any, upon which junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trust may be distributed to holders of preferred securities;
- whether such preferred securities are convertible into our common stock, and the terms of any such conversion, including whether we have the option to convert such preferred securities into cash instead of common stock;
- the title or designation and terms of any securities with which the preferred securities are issued as a unit; and
- any other relevant terms, rights, preferences, privileges, limitations or restrictions of preferred securities consistent with the amended and restated trust agreement or applicable law.

All preferred securities offered by the prospectus will be guaranteed by us to the extent set forth below under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA." The guarantee issued by us to each RGA trust, when taken together with our obligations under the junior subordinated debt securities issued to any RGA trust and under the applicable indenture and any applicable supplemental indentures, and our obligations under each amended and restated trust agreement, including the obligation to pay expenses of each RGA trust, will provide a full and unconditional guarantee by us of amounts due on the preferred securities issued by each RGA trust. The payment terms of the preferred securities will be the same as the junior subordinated debt securities issued to the applicable RGA trust by us.

Each amended and restated trust agreement authorizes the administrative trustees to issue on behalf of the applicable trust one series of common securities having terms, including distributions, redemption, voting and liquidation rights, and restrictions that are established by the administrative trustees in accordance with the amended and restated trust agreement or that are otherwise set forth in the amended and restated trust agreement. The terms of the common securities issued by each RGA trust will be substantially identical to the terms of the preferred securities issued by the RGA trust. The common securities will rank equally, and payments will be made proportionately, with the preferred securities of that trust. However, if an event of default under the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust has occurred and is continuing, the cash distributions and liquidation, redemption and other amounts payable on the common securities will be subordinated to the preferred securities in right of payment. The common securities will also carry the right to vote and to appoint, remove or replace any of the trustees of the RGA trust. RGA will own, directly or indirectly, all of the common securities of each RGA trust.

The financial statements of any RGA trust that issues preferred securities will be reflected in our consolidated financial statements with the preferred securities shown as company-obligated mandatorily-redeemable preferred securities of a subsidiary trust under "minority interest." We will include in a footnote to our audited financial statements, statements that the applicable RGA trust is wholly-owned by us and that the

sole asset of the RGA trust is the junior subordinated debt securities, indicating the principal amount, interest rate and maturity date of the junior subordinated debt securities.

ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS BY HOLDERS OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

If an event of default occurs, and is continuing, under the amended and restated trust agreement of either RGA trust, the holders of the preferred securities of that trust may rely on the property trustee to enforce its rights as a holder of the subordinated debt securities against RGA. Additionally, those who together hold a majority of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of an RGA trust's preferred securities will have the right to:

- direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the property trustee; or
- direct the exercise of any trust or power that the property trustee holds under the amended and restated trust agreement, including the right to direct the property trustee to exercise the remedies available to it as a holder of the junior subordinated debt securities.

If such a default occurs and the event is attributable to RGA's failure to pay interest or principal on the junior subordinated debt securities when due, including any payment on redemption, and this debt payment failure is continuing, a preferred securities holder of the trust may directly institute a proceeding for the enforcement of this payment. Such a proceeding will be limited, however, to enforcing the payment of this principal or interest only up to the value of the aggregate liquidation amount of the holder's preferred securities as determined after the due date specified in the applicable series of junior subordinated debt securities. RGA will be subrogated to the holder's rights under the applicable amended and restated trust agreement to the extent of any payment it makes to the holder in connection with such a direct action, and RGA may setoff against any such payment that it makes under the applicable preferred securities guarantee.

The descriptions of the preferred securities in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable amended and restated trust agreement. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety. We urge you to read the applicable amended and restated trust agreement because it, and not the summaries, defines your rights as holders of the preferred securities. For more information, please review the form of the applicable agreements, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of preferred securities and will be available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page 2 above.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES OF RGA

Set forth below is a summary of information concerning the guarantees that will be executed and delivered by us for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of preferred securities. Summaries of any other terms of any guarantee that are issued will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Each guarantee has been or will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Bank of New York will act as the preferred securities guarantee trustee. The terms of each guarantee will be set forth in the guarantee and will include the terms made part of the guarantee by the Trust Indenture Act and will be available as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" above. The following is a summary of the material terms of the guarantees. You should refer to the provisions of the form of guarantee, a copy of which has been or will be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and the Trust Indenture Act. Each guarantee will be held by the preferred securities guarantee trustee for the benefit of the holders of the preferred securities of the applicable RGA trust.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will agree, to the extent set forth in each guarantee, to pay in full to the holders of the preferred securities, the payments and distributions to be made with respect to the preferred securities, except to the extent paid by the applicable RGA trust, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of set-off or counterclaim which the RGA trust may have or assert. The following payments or distributions with respect to the preferred securities, to the extent not paid by the

RGA trust and to the extent that such RGA trust has funds available for these payments or distributions, will be subject to the guarantee:

- any accumulated and unpaid distributions that are required to be paid on the preferred securities;
- the redemption price for any preferred securities called for redemption by the RGA trust; and
- upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding-up or termination of the RGA trust, other than in connection with the distribution of junior subordinated debt securities to the holders of preferred securities in exchange for preferred securities or the redemption of all of the preferred securities upon maturity or redemption of the subordinated debt securities, the lesser of

(i) the sum of the liquidation amount and all accrued and unpaid distributions on the preferred securities to the date of payment, or

(ii) the amount of assets of the RGA trust remaining for distribution to holders of the preferred securities in liquidation of the RGA trust.

We may satisfy our obligation to make a guarantee payment by making a direct payment of the required amounts to the holders of preferred securities or by causing the applicable RGA trust to pay the amounts to the holders.

Each guarantee will not apply to any payment of distributions except to the extent the applicable RGA trust has funds available to make the payment. If we do not make interest or principal payments on the junior subordinated debt securities purchased by the RGA trust, the RGA trust will not pay distributions on the preferred securities issued by the RGA trust and will not have funds available to make the payments.

COVENANTS OF RGA

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, in each guarantee of the payment obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities, we will covenant that, so long as any preferred securities issued by the RGA trust remain outstanding, if there has occurred any event which would constitute an event of default under the guarantee or under the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust, then we will not:

- declare or pay any dividend on, make any other distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment regarding, any of our capital stock, except:

(1) purchases or acquisitions of our capital stock in connection with the satisfaction of our obligations under any employee or agent benefit plans or the satisfaction of our obligations under any contract or security outstanding on the date of the event requiring us to purchase our capital stock;

(2) as a result of a reclassification of our capital stock or the exchange or conversion of one class or series of our capital stock for another class or series of our capital stock;

(3) the purchase of fractional interests in shares of our capital stock in connection with the conversion or exchange provisions of our capital stock or the security being converted or exchanged;

(4) dividends or distributions in our capital stock, or rights to acquire our capital stock, or repurchases or redemptions of capital stock solely from the issuance or exchange of capital stock; or

(5) redemptions or repurchases of any rights outstanding under a shareholder rights plan;

- make any payment of interest, principal or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by us which rank junior to the subordinated debt securities issued to the applicable RGA trust; and
- make any guarantee payments regarding the foregoing, other than under a guarantee of the payment obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities.

MODIFICATION OF THE GUARANTEES; ASSIGNMENT

Except for any changes that do not adversely affect the rights of holders of preferred securities, in which case no consent of the holders will be required, each guarantee of the payment obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities may be amended only with the prior approval of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the outstanding preferred securities of the RGA trust. The manner of obtaining any approval of holders of the preferred securities will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement. All guarantees and agreements contained in a guarantee of the obligations of an RGA trust with respect to preferred securities will bind the successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives of RGA and will inure to the benefit of the holders of the preferred securities of the applicable RGA trust then outstanding.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An event of default under a preferred securities guarantee will occur upon our failure to perform any of our payment or other obligations under the guarantee. The holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the preferred securities to which the preferred securities guarantee relates will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the preferred securities guarantee trustee with respect to the guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the preferred securities guarantee trustee under the guarantee.

If we have failed to make a guarantee payment under a guarantee, a record holder of preferred securities to which the guarantee relates may directly institute a proceeding against us for enforcement of the guarantee for the payment to the record holder of the preferred securities to which the guarantee relates of the principal of or interest on the applicable subordinated debt securities on or after the respective due dates specified in the junior subordinated debt securities, and the amount of the payment will be based on the holder's proportionate share of the amount due and owing on all of the preferred securities to which the guarantee relates. We have waived any right or remedy to require that any action be brought first against the applicable RGA trust or any other person or entity before proceeding directly against us. The record holder in the case of the issuance of one or more global preferred securities certificates will be The Depository Trust Company, or its nominee, acting at the direction of the beneficial owners of the preferred securities.

We will be required to provide annually to the preferred securities guarantee trustee a statement as to the performance of our obligations under each outstanding preferred securities guarantee and as to any default in our performance.

TERMINATION

Each preferred securities guarantee will terminate as to the preferred securities issued by the applicable RGA trust:

- upon full payment of the liquidation value or redemption price of all preferred securities of the RGA trust;
- upon distribution of the junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trust to the holders of all of the preferred securities of the RGA trust; or
- upon full payment of the amounts payable in accordance with the amended and restated trust agreement of the RGA trust upon termination and liquidation of the RGA trust.

Each preferred securities guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of preferred securities issued by the applicable RGA trust must restore payment of any sums paid under the preferred securities or the preferred securities guarantee.

STATUS OF THE GUARANTEES

The preferred securities guarantees will constitute our unsecured obligations and, unless otherwise indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, will rank as follows:

- subordinated and junior in right of payment to all of RGA's present and future liabilities, including subordinated debt securities issued under RGA's subordinated indenture and described above under "Description of Debt Securities of RGA -- Subordination under the Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture," except those liabilities made equivalent by their terms;

- equivalently with:

- (1) the most senior preferred or preference stock now or hereafter issued by us and with any guarantee now or hereafter entered into by us in respect of any preferred or preference stock of any of our affiliates;

- (2) the applicable junior subordinated debt securities; and

- (3) any other liabilities or obligations made equivalent by their terms; and

- senior to our common stock and any preferred or preference stock or other liabilities made equivalent or subordinate by their terms.

The terms of the preferred securities provide that each holder of preferred securities by acceptance of the preferred securities agrees to the subordination provisions and other terms of our guarantee relating to the preferred securities.

Each preferred securities guarantee will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. This means that the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce its rights under the guarantee without instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity.

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

The preferred securities guarantee trustee, before the occurrence of a default under a preferred securities guarantee, undertakes to perform only the duties that are specifically set forth in the guarantee and, after a default under a guarantee, will exercise the same degree of care as a prudent individual would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the preferred securities guarantee trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by a preferred securities guarantee at the request of any holder of preferred securities to which the guarantee relates unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by the preferred securities guarantee trustee in exercising any of its powers; but the foregoing shall not relieve the trustee, upon the occurrence of an event of default under such guarantee, from exercising the rights and powers vested in it by such guarantee.

EXPENSE AGREEMENT

We will, pursuant to an agreement as to expenses and liabilities entered into by us and each RGA trust under its amended and restated trust agreement, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee to each person or entity to whom the trust becomes indebted or liable, the full payment of any costs, expenses or liabilities of the trust, other than obligations of the trust to pay to the holders of the preferred securities or other similar interests in the trust the amounts due to the holders pursuant to the terms of the preferred securities or other similar interests, as the case may be. Third party creditors of the trust may proceed directly against us under the expense agreement, regardless of whether they had notice of the expense agreement.

GOVERNING LAW

The preferred securities guarantees will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

EFFECT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES
AND THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

As set forth in the amended and restated trust agreements of each RGA trust, the sole purpose of the RGA trusts is to issue the preferred securities and common securities evidencing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of each of the trusts, and to invest the proceeds from such issuance and sale in RGA's junior subordinated debt securities.

As long as payments of interest and other payments are made when due on the junior subordinated debt securities held by the RGA trusts, such payments will be sufficient to cover distributions and payments due on the preferred securities and common securities because of the following factors:

- the aggregate principal amount of such junior subordinated debt securities will be equal to the sum of the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the preferred securities and common securities;
- the interest rate and the interest and other payment dates on such junior subordinated debt securities will match the distribution rate and distribution and other payment dates for the preferred securities;
- RGA shall pay, and the trusts shall not be obligated to pay, directly or indirectly, all costs, expenses, debt, and obligations of the trusts, other than with respect to the preferred securities and common securities; and
- the amended and restated trust agreement of each trust will further provide that the trustees shall not take or cause or permit the trust to, among other things, engage in any activity that is not consistent with the purposes of the applicable trust.

Payments of distributions, to the extent funds for such payments are available, and other payments due on the preferred securities, to the extent funds for such payments are available, are guaranteed by RGA as and to the extent set forth under "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA." If RGA does not make interest payments on the junior subordinated debt securities purchased by the applicable trust, it is expected that the applicable trust will not have sufficient funds to pay distributions on the preferred securities and the preferred securities guarantee will not apply, since the preferred securities guarantee covers the payment of distributions and other payments on the preferred securities only if and to the extent that RGA has made a payment of interest or principal on the junior subordinated debt securities held by the applicable trust as its sole asset. However, the preferred securities guarantee, when taken together with RGA's obligations under the junior subordinated debt securities and the junior subordinated indenture and its obligations under the respective amended and restated trust agreements, including its obligations to pay costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the trust, other than with respect to the preferred securities and common securities, provide a full and unconditional guarantee, on a subordinated basis, by RGA of amounts due on the preferred securities.

If RGA fails to make interest or other payments on the junior subordinated debt securities when due, taking account of any extension period, the amended and restated trust agreement provide a mechanism whereby the holders of the preferred securities affected thereby, using the procedures described in any accompanying prospectus supplement, may direct the property trustee to enforce its rights under the junior subordinated debt securities. If a debt payment failure has occurred and is continuing, a holder of preferred securities may institute a direct action for payment after the respective due date specified in the junior subordinated debt securities. In connection with such direct action, RGA will be subrogated to the rights of such holder of preferred securities under the amended and restated trust agreement to the extent of any payment made by RGA to such holder of preferred securities in such direct action. RGA, under the guarantee, acknowledges that the guarantee trustee shall enforce the guarantee on behalf of the holders of the preferred securities. If RGA fails to make payments under the guarantee, the guarantee provides a mechanism whereby the holders of the preferred securities may direct the trustee to enforce its rights thereunder. Any holder of preferred securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against RGA to enforce the guarantee trustee's rights under the guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the trust, the guarantee trustee, or any other person or entity.

RGA and each of the RGA trusts believe that the above mechanisms and obligations, taken together, provide a full and unconditional guarantee by RGA on a subordinated basis of payments due on the preferred securities. See "Description of the Preferred Securities Guarantees of RGA."

Upon any voluntary or involuntary termination, winding-up or liquidation of an RGA trust involving the liquidation of the junior subordinated debt securities, the holders of the preferred securities will be entitled to receive, out of assets held by such RGA trust, the liquidation distribution in cash. Upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation or bankruptcy, the property trustee, as holder of the junior subordinated debt securities, would be a subordinated creditor of ours. Therefore, the property trustee would be subordinated in right of payment to all of our senior and subordinated debt, but is entitled to receive payment in full of principal and interest before any of our shareholders receive payments or distributions. Since we are the guarantor under the preferred securities guarantees and have agreed to pay for all costs, expenses and liabilities of the RGA trusts other than the obligations of the trusts to pay to holders of the preferred securities the amounts due to the holders pursuant to the terms of the preferred securities, the positions of a holder of the preferred securities and a holder the junior subordinated debt securities relative to our other creditors and to our shareholders in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy are expected to be substantially the same.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or any RGA trust may sell any of the securities being offered by this prospectus in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- through agents;
- to or through underwriters;
- through dealers; and
- directly by us to purchasers.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Agents designated by us or the applicable RGA trust may solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any such agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and will set forth any commissions payable by us or the applicable RGA trust to such agent. Unless otherwise indicated in such prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, of the securities so offered and sold.

If the securities are sold by means of an underwritten offering, we and the applicable RGA trust will execute an underwriting agreement with an underwriter or underwriters at the time an agreement for such sale is reached. A prospectus supplement will be used by the underwriters to make resales of the securities to the public and will set forth the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transaction, including commissions, discounts and any other compensation of the underwriters and dealers, if any. If underwriters are utilized in the sale of the securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at fixed public offering prices or at varying prices determined by the underwriter at the time of sale. The securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by the managing underwriters. If any underwriter or underwriters are utilized in the sale of the securities, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the underwriting agreement will provide that the obligations of the underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent and that the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all such securities if any are purchased.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities, we or the applicable RGA trust will sell such securities to the dealer as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale. Any such dealer may be deemed to be an underwriter, as such term is defined in the Securities Act, of the securities so offered and sold. The prospectus supplement will set forth the name of the dealer and the terms of the transaction.

We or the applicable RGA trust may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities and may sell such securities directly to institutional investors or others, who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resale thereof. The prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any such sales.

We or the applicable RGA trust 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 nature of the underwriters' obligations in the related supplement to this prospectus.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under relevant agreements with us or the applicable RGA trust to indemnification by us or the applicable RGA trust against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to any contribution with respect to payments which such agents, underwriters and dealers may be required to make.

Each series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than the common stock which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on such exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. We may elect to list any series of debt securities, preferred stock, depository shares, warrants, purchase contracts or units on an exchange, and the applicable RGA trust may elect to list any series of preferred securities on an exchange, but neither we nor the trusts will be obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in a series of the securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Therefore, we can give no assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for the securities.

Agents, underwriters and dealers may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us and our subsidiaries or an RGA trust in the ordinary course of business.

We may enter into derivative or other hedging transactions with financial institutions. These financial institutions may in turn engage in sales of common stock to hedge their position, deliver this prospectus in connection with some or all of those sales and use the shares covered by this prospectus to close out any short position created in connection with those sales. We may also sell shares of common stock short using this prospectus and deliver common stock covered by this prospectus to close out such short positions, or loan or pledge common stock to financial institutions that in turn may sell the shares of common stock using this prospectus. We may pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the common stock covered by this prospectus to support a derivative or hedging position or other obligations and, if we default in the performance of our obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the common stock from time to time pursuant to this prospectus.

The securities may also be offered and sold, if so indicated in the 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 firms, which we refer to as "remarketing firms," acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us or the applicable RGA trust. The prospectus supplement will identify any remarketing firm and will describe the terms of its agreement, if any, with us or the applicable RGA trust and its compensation. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters, as such term is defined in the Securities Act, in connection with the securities remarketed thereby. Under agreements which may be entered into with us or the applicable RGA trust, we or the applicable RGA trust may be required to provide indemnification or contribution to remarketing firms against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Remarketing firms may also be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us and our subsidiaries or an RGA trust in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we or the applicable RGA trust may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the securities from us or the applicable RGA trust at the public offering prices set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date or dates. The applicable prospectus supplement will indicate the commission to be paid to underwriters, dealers and agents soliciting purchases of the securities pursuant to contracts accepted by us or the applicable RGA trust.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, James E. Sherman, Esq., General Counsel and Secretary of RGA, will issue an opinion about the legality of the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, warrants, purchase contracts and units of RGA under Missouri law, and Bryan Cave LLP, St. Louis, Missouri, will issue an opinion about the legality of the debt securities of RGA and the preferred securities guarantees of RGA. Mr. Sherman is paid a salary by RGA, is a participant in various employee benefit plans offered by RGA to employees of RGA generally and owns and has options to purchase shares of RGA common stock. John C. Danforth, a partner of Bryan Cave LLP, is on the Board of Directors of MetLife, our majority shareholder. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., our special Delaware counsel, will issue an opinion about the legality of the trust preferred securities.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedules as of and for the three-year period ended December 31, 2002 incorporated in this prospectus by reference from RGA's Current Report on Form 8-K dated and filed on August 25, 2003 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions:

SEC Registration Fee.....	\$ 64,720
Accounting Fees and Expenses.....	\$ 75,000
Legal Fees and Expenses.....	\$250,000
Printing and Engraving Expenses.....	\$150,000
Trustee Fees.....	\$ 15,000
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 95,280

Total.....	\$650,000
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ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Section 351.355(1) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that a corporation may indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation in any action, suit or proceeding other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action, had no reasonable cause to believe his contact was unlawful. Section 351.355(2) provides that the corporation may indemnify any such person in any action or suit by or in the right of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) and settlement amounts actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that he may not be indemnified in respect of any matter in which he has been adjudged liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the corporation, unless authorized by the court. Section 351.355(3) provides that a corporation may indemnify any such person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding if he has been successful in defense of such action, suit or proceeding and if such action, suit or proceeding is one for which the corporation may indemnify him under Section 351.355(1) or (2). Section 351.355(7) provides that a corporation shall have the power to give any further indemnity to any such person, in addition to the indemnity otherwise authorized under Section 351.355, provided such further indemnity is either (i) authorized, directed or provided for in the articles of incorporation of the corporation or any duly adopted amendment thereof or (ii) is authorized, directed or provided for in any by-law or agreement of the corporation which has been adopted by a vote of the stockholders of the corporation, provided that no such indemnity shall indemnify any person from or on account of such person's conduct which was finally adjudged to have been knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct.

The Second Restated Articles of Incorporation of RGA filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Registration Statement contain provisions indemnifying its directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent authorized specifically by Sections 351.355(1), (2) (3) and (7). RGA has entered into indemnification contracts with the officers and directors of RGA. The contracts provide that RGA under certain circumstances may self-insure against directors' and officers' liabilities now insured under the policy of insurance referred to below and will provide indemnity to the fullest extent permitted by law against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts, paid or incurred in any action or proceeding, including any act on behalf of RGA, on account of their service as a director or officer of RGA, any subsidiary of RGA or any other company or enterprise when they are serving in such capacities at the

request of RGA, excepting only cases where the conduct of such person is adjudged to be knowingly fraudulent, deliberately dishonest or willful misconduct.

Directors or officers of RGA who are directors or officers of MetLife or its affiliates may also be entitled to indemnification pursuant to the charter documents of such companies or under the provisions of agreements with such companies providing indemnification to them since they serve as directors or officers of RGA at the request of MetLife or its affiliates, as the case may be. Such individuals may also be covered by directors' and officers' liability insurance policies of MetLife or its affiliates, as the case may be.

The forms of Underwriting Agreement to be filed as Exhibits 1.1 to 1.6 to this Registration Statement will provide for the mutual indemnification of RGA and any Underwriters, their respective controlling persons, directors and certain of their officers, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, an affiliate of MetLife, Inc. maintains a policy of insurance under which the directors and officers of RGA are insured, subject to the limits of the policy, against certain losses, as defined in the policy, arising from claims made against such directors and officers by reason of any wrongful acts, as defined in the policy, in their respective capacities as directors or officers.

Under the amended and restated trust agreement of each trust, RGA will agree to indemnify each of the administrative trustee of such trust (or any predecessor trustee for such trust), and to hold harmless such administrative trustee against any loss, damage, claims, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of such trust agreement, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under such trust agreement.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

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* Indicates document to be filed as an exhibit to a report on Form 8-K or Form 10-Q pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K and incorporated herein by reference.

** To be filed separately pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

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 end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 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 (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange 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.

(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 offering.

(b) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 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 and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in said Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrants 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 respective 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 the securities registered are to be offered at competitive bidding, the undersigned registrants hereby undertake: (1) to use their respective best efforts to distribute prior to the opening of bids, to prospective bidders, underwriters, and dealers, a reasonable number of copies of a prospectus which at that time meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Act, and relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, as contained in the registration statement, together with any supplements thereto, and (2) to file an amendment to the registration statement reflecting the results of bidding, the terms of the reoffering and related matters to the extent required by the applicable form, not later than the first use, authorized by the issuer after the opening of bids, of a prospectus relating to the securities offered at competitive bidding, unless no further public offering of such securities by the issuer and no reoffering of such securities by the purchasers is proposed to be made.

(e) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:

(1) That for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) That for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus 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.

(f) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act (the "Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated 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 St. Louis, Missouri, on August 25, 2003.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring
President, Chief Executive Officer
and Director

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Jack B. Lay and James E. Sherman, and each of them (with full power of each to act alone), severally, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and her and to execute in his or her name, place and stead (individually and in any capacity stated below) any and all amendments to this Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments), and any additional registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for the same offering contemplated by this Registration Statement, and all documents and instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or any other governmental regulatory authority), each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents to have power to act with or without the others and to have full power and authority to do and to perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned every act whatsoever necessary or advisable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any of the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents and/or any of them, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities indicated and on the dates indicated:

SIGNATURES
TITLE DATE

/s/
STEWART G.
NAGLER
Chairman
of the
Board and
August 25,
2003 - ---

Director
Stewart G.
Nagler /s/
A. GREIG
WOODRING
President,
Chief
Executive
August 25,
2003 - ---

Officer
and
Director
A. Greig
Woodring
/s/ J.
CLIFF

SIGNATURES
TITLE DATE

/s/ JOSEPH
A. REALI
Director
August 25,
2003 - ---

Joseph A.
Reali /s/
WILLIAM A.
PECK, M.D.
Director
August 25,
2003 - ---

William A.
Peck, M.D.
/s/ ALAN
C.
HENDERSON
Director
August 25,
2003 - ---

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C.
Henderson
/s/ JACK
B. LAY
Executive
Vice
President
and August
25, 2003 -

Chief
Financial
Officer
Jack B.
Lay
(Principal
Financial
and
Accounting
Officer)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV certify that they have reasonable grounds to believe that they meet all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 25, 2003.

RGA CAPITAL TRUST III

By: Reinsurance Group of America,
Incorporated,
as Depositor

By: /s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring
President and Chief Executive
Officer

RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

By: Reinsurance Group of America,
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REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

To

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

as Trustee

Senior Indenture

Dated as of December 19, 2001

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INDENTURE dated as of December 19, 2001, between REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, a Missouri corporation (hereinafter called the "Company"), having its principal executive office at 1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017 and THE BANK OF NEW YORK (hereinafter called the "Trustee"), having its principal corporate trust office at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286.

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness (herein generally called the "Debt Securities"), to be issued in one or more series, as in this Indenture provided.

All things necessary have been done to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

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

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

SECTION 1.1. DEFINITIONS.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article, and include the plural as well as the singular;

(2) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, and, except as otherwise herein provided or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" or "GAAP" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder with respect to any series of Debt Securities, shall mean such as set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of

Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession which are in effect as of the issuance date of such series of Debt Securities; and

(4) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

Certain terms, used principally in Article Three or Article Six, are defined in those respective Articles.

"Act" when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 8.1.

"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" 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, by agreement or otherwise, provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the voting securities of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Authenticating Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 6.14.

"Authorized Newspaper" means a newspaper in an official language of the country of publication customarily published at least once a day, and customarily published for at least five days in each calendar week, and of general circulation in the place in connection with which the term is used or in the financial community of such place. Where successive publications are required to be made in Authorized Newspapers, the successive publications may be made in the same or in different newspapers in the same city meeting the foregoing requirements and in each case on any Business Day in such city.

"Bearer Security" means any Debt Security (with or without Coupons), in the form established pursuant to Section 2.1, which is payable to bearer (including any Global Note payable to bearer) and title to which passes by delivery only, but does not include any Coupons.

"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company, or any committee of that board duly authorized to act hereunder or any director or directors and/or officer or officers of the

Company to whom that board or committee shall have delegated its authority.

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

"Business Day" when used with respect to any Place of Payment or any other particular location referred to in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in that Place of Payment or other location are authorized or obligated by law to close, except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"CEDEL" means Cedel S.A.

"Closing Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the last reported sale price of such stock (regular way) as shown on the Composite Tape of the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, if it is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as reported in The Nasdaq Stock Market, or if such stock is not so reported, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by any member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., selected from time to time by the Company for that purpose.

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

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties on such date.

"Common Stock" shall mean the class of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company authorized at the date of this Indenture as originally signed, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such Common Stock, and in any such case including any shares thereof authorized after the date of

this Indenture, and any other shares of stock of the Company which do not have any priority in the payment of dividends or upon liquidation over any other class of stock.

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

"Company Request" and "Company Order" mean, respectively, a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or a Vice President and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Component Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Conversion Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to receive Debt Securities to be converted into Common Stock on behalf of the Company. The Company initially authorizes the Trustee to act as Conversion Agent for the Debt Securities on its behalf. The Company may at any time from time to time authorize one or more Persons to act as Conversion Agent in addition to or in place of the Trustee with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture.

"Conversion Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(e).

"Conversion Event" means the cessation of (i) a Foreign Currency to be used both by the government of the country which issued such Currency and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, (ii) the ECU to be used both within the European Monetary System and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Communities or (iii) any Currency unit other than the ECU to be used for the purposes for which it was established. Notwithstanding any term herein, or in any supplement hereto, to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation to determine or monitor whether a Conversion Event has occurred. Upon receipt by the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate of the Company certifying to the effect that a Conversion Event has occurred, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely exclusively thereon without independent investigation on its part.

"Conversion Price" means, with respect to any series of Debt Securities which are convertible into Common Stock, the price per share of Common Stock at which the Debt Securities of such series are so

convertible pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to such series, as the same may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 16.3.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of this instrument is located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, Attention: Corporate Trust Department.

"Corporation" includes corporations, associations, companies and business trusts.

"Coupon" means any interest coupon appertaining to any Debt Security.

"Coupon Security" means any Bearer Security authenticated and delivered with one or more Coupons appertaining thereto.

"Currency" means Dollars or Foreign Currency.

"Currency Determination Agent" means the New York Clearing House bank, if any, from time to time selected by the Company for purposes of Section 3.10; provided that such agent shall accept such appointment in writing and the terms of such appointment shall be acceptable to the Company and shall, in the opinion of the Company and the Trustee at the time of such appointment, require such agent to make the determinations required by this Indenture by a method consistent with the method provided in this Indenture for the making of such decision or determination.

"Current Market Price" on any date shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for any thirty (30) consecutive Trading Days selected by the Company prior to the date in question, which thirty (30) consecutive Trading Day period shall not commence more than forty-five (45) Trading Days prior to the day in question; provided that with respect to Section 16.3(3), the "Current Market Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for the five (5) consecutive Trading Days ending on the date of the distribution referred to in Section 16.3(3) (or if such date shall not be a Trading Day, on the Trading Day immediately preceding such date).

"Debt Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any Debt Securities (including any Global Notes) authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 3.7.

"Discharged" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"Discount Security" means any Debt Security which is issued with "original issue discount" within the meaning of Section 1273(a) of the Code (or any successor provision) and the regulations thereunder.

"Dollar" or "\$" means a dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(h).

"Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(g).

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as defined and revised from time to time by the Council of the European Communities.

"Election Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Euro-clear Operator" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, or its successor as operator of the Euro-clear System.

"European Communities" means the European Economic Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

"European Monetary System" means the European Monetary System established by the Resolution of December 5, 1978 of the Council of the European Communities.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 5.1.

"Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate" means a telex or a certificate setting forth (i) the applicable Market Exchange Rate and (ii) the Dollar, Foreign Currency or Currency unit amounts of principal, premium, if any, and any interest respectively (on an aggregate basis and on the basis of a Debt Security having the lowest denomination principal amount determined in accordance with Section 3.2 in the relevant Currency or Currency unit), payable on the basis of such Market Exchange Rate sent (in the case of a telex) or signed (in the case of a certificate) by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the Company.

"Extended Interest Period" has the meaning specified in Section 3.1.

"Fixed Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a fixed rate.

"Floating Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a variable rate determined periodically by reference to an interest rate index or any other index specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Foreign Currency" means a currency issued by the government of any country other than the United States or a composite currency or currency unit the value of which is determined by reference to the values of the currencies of any group of countries.

"Global Note" means a Registered or Bearer Security evidencing all or part of a series of Debt Securities, including, without limitation, any temporary or permanent Global Note.

"Holder" means, with respect to a Registered Security, the Registered Holder, and with respect to a Bearer Security or a Coupon, the bearer thereof.

"Indenture" means this instrument as originally executed, or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and, unless the context otherwise requires, shall include the terms of a particular series of Debt Securities as established pursuant to Section 3.1.

The term "interest," when used with respect to a Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only on a certain date, means interest payable after such date, and, when used with respect to a Bearer Security, includes any additional amounts payable on such Bearer Security, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Interest Payment Date" with respect to any Debt Security means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Debt Security.

"Market Exchange Rate" means (i) for any conversion involving a Currency unit on the one hand and Dollars or any Foreign Currency on the other, the exchange rate between the relevant Currency unit and Dollars or such Foreign Currency calculated by the method specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for the securities of the relevant series, (ii) for any conversion of Dollars into any Foreign Currency, the noon (New York City time) buying rate for such Foreign Currency for [cable transfers] quoted in New York City as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and (iii) for any conversion of one Foreign Currency into Dollars or another Foreign Currency, the spot rate at noon local time in the relevant market at which, in accordance with normal banking procedures, the Dollars or Foreign Currency into which conversion is being made could be purchased with the Foreign Currency from which conversion is being made from major banks

located in either New York City, London or any other principal market for Dollars or such purchased Foreign Currency. In the event of the unavailability of any of the exchange rates provided for in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then 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 New York City, London or other principal market for such Currency or Currency unit in question, or such other quotations as the Currency Determination Agent or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall deem appropriate. Unless otherwise specified by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, if there is more than one market for dealing in any Currency or Currency unit by reason of foreign exchange regulations or otherwise, the market to be used in respect of such Currency or Currency unit shall be that upon which a nonresident issuer of securities designated in such Currency or Currency unit would purchase such Currency or Currency unit in order to make payments in respect of such securities.

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

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be counsel to the Company (including an employee of the Company) and who shall be satisfactory to the Trustee, which is delivered to the Trustee.

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

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

(ii) Debt Securities for whose redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Company) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the

Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Debt Securities and any Coupons thereto pertaining; provided, however, that if such Debt Securities are to be redeemed notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made and the date for such redemption has passed; and

(iii) Debt Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 3.6 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Debt Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Debt Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Debt Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands such Debt Securities are valid obligations of the Company; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Debt Securities Outstanding have performed any Act hereunder, Debt Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding (provided, that in connection with any offer by the Company or any obligor to purchase Debt Securities, Debt Securities tendered by a Holder shall be Outstanding until the date of purchase), except that, (i) in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such Act, only Debt Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded and (ii) the foregoing shall not apply at any time when all of the Outstanding Debt Securities are owned by the Company, the Trustee and/or any such Affiliate. Debt Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to such Debt Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor. In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities have performed any Act hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose 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 5.2 and the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in a Foreign Currency that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose shall be the amount calculated pursuant to Section 3.10(k).

"Overdue Rate" when used with respect to any series of the Debt Securities, means the rate designated as such in or pursuant to the Board Resolution or the supplemental indenture, as the case may be, relating to such series as contemplated by Section 3.1.

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

"permanent Global Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.4(b).

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

"Place of Payment" when used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series means the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of that series are payable as specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Debt Security means every previous Debt Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Debt Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Debt Security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.6 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security or a Debt Security to which a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Coupon appertains shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security or the Debt Security to which the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Coupon appertains, as the case may be.

"Redemption Date" means the date fixed for redemption of any Debt Security pursuant to this Indenture which, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be an Interest Payment Date only.

"Redemption Price" means, in the case of a Discount Security, the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the Redemption Date upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, and in the case of any other Debt Security, the principal amount thereof, plus, in each case, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

"Registered Holder" means the Person in whose name a Registered Security is registered in the Security Register.

"Registered Security" means any Debt Security in the form established pursuant to Section 2.1 which is registered as to principal and interest in the Security Register.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on the Registered Securities of any series on any Interest Payment Date means the date specified for that purpose pursuant to Section 3.1 for such Interest Payment Date.

"Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Trustee means any vice president, the secretary, any assistant secretary or any assistant vice president or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above

designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Security Register" and "Security Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 3.5(a).

"Senior Indebtedness" means the principal of (and premium, if any) and unpaid interest on (i) Indebtedness of the Company, whether outstanding on the date of this Indenture or thereafter created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed (other than the Indebtedness evidenced by the Debt Securities of any series), unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding it is provided that such Indebtedness is not senior or prior in right of payment to the Debt Securities, and (ii) renewals, extensions, modifications and refundings of any such Indebtedness.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 3.7.

"Specified Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

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

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) 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) and (ii) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Temporary Global Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.4(b).

"Trading Day" shall mean, with respect to the Common Stock, so long as the Common Stock is listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not

listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on which the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or admitted for trading on any national securities exchange, a day on which The Nasdaq Stock Market is open for the transaction of business.

"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 or include 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 Debt Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Debt Securities of such series.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as in force at the date as of which this instrument was executed, except as provided in Section 11.5.

"United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), and its possessions, which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"U.S. Depository" means a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto, which shall in either case be designated by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 until a successor U.S. Depository shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "U.S. Depository" shall mean or include each Person who is then a U.S. Depository hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "U.S. Depository" as used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall mean the U.S. Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of that series.

"U.S. Government Obligations" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"U.S. Person" means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or an estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source.

"Valuation Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(d).

"Vice President" includes with respect to the Company and the Trustee, any Vice President of the Company or the Trustee, as the case may be, whether or not designated by a number or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President."

SECTION 1.2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than certificates provided pursuant to Section 12.2) shall include:

(1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 1.3. FORM OF DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO TRUSTEE.

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

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

with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

SECTION 1.4. NOTICES, ETC., TO TRUSTEE AND COMPANY.

Any Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with:

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, Attention: Corporate Trust Department; or

(2) the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or airmail postage prepaid if sent from outside the United States, to the Company addressed to it at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument, to the attention of its Treasurer, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.

Any such Act or other document shall be in the English language, except that any published notice may be in an official language of the country of publication.

SECTION 1.5. NOTICE TO HOLDERS; WAIVER.

When this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, (1) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Registered Holders (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to such Registered Holders as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, within the time prescribed, and (2) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Holders of Bearer Securities or Coupons (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if published at least twice in an Authorized Newspaper or Newspapers in The City of New York and, if Debt Securities of such series are then listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland or the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States and such stock exchange shall so require, in a daily newspaper in London or Luxembourg or in such other city or cities specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or in any Debt Security on Business Days, the first such publication to be not earlier than the earliest date and not later than two Business Days prior to the latest date prescribed for the giving of such notice; provided, however, that, in any case, any notice to Holders of Floating Rate Securities regarding the determination of a periodic rate of interest, if such notice is required pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be sufficiently given if given in the manner specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

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

In the event of suspension of publication of any Authorized Newspapers or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give notice by publication, such notification as shall be given with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute sufficient notice for every purpose hereunder.

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 on such waiver. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given. In any case where notice to Holders is given by publication, any defect in any notice so published as to any particular Holder shall not affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is published in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given.

SECTION 1.6. CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed on any person by the provisions of Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

SECTION 1.7. EFFECT OF HEADINGS AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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

SECTION 1.8. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

The Company shall have the right at all times to assign any of its respective rights or obligations under the Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company, provided that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company shall remain liable for such obligations. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the parties hereto shall bind their respective successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of their permitted successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 1.9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Debt 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 1.10. BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.

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

SECTION 1.11. GOVERNING LAW.

This Indenture, the Debt Securities and the Coupons shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 1.12. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or in any Debt Security, in any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Debt Security of any series shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of that series, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Debt Securities or Coupons) payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or at the Stated Maturity, and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, to such Business Day if such payment is made or duly provided for on such Business Day.

SECTION 1.13. NO SECURITY INTEREST CREATED.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities or Coupons, express or implied, shall be construed to constitute a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code or similar legislation, as now or hereafter enacted and in effect in any jurisdiction where property of the Company or its Subsidiaries is or may be located.

SECTION 1.14. LIABILITY SOLELY CORPORATE.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or the interest on any Debt Securities or Coupons, or any part thereof, or of the indebtedness represented thereby, or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, against any incorporator, or against any shareholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or through the Company (or any such predecessor or successor corporation), whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Indenture and all the Debt Securities and Coupons are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, or be incurred by, any such incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any such predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or

indirectly through the Company or any such predecessor or successor corporation, because of the indebtedness hereby authorized or under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants, promises or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Debt Securities or Coupons or to be implied herefrom or therefrom; and that any such personal liability is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as part of the consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issue of Debt Securities; provided, however, that nothing herein or in the Debt Securities or Coupons contained shall be taken to prevent recourse to and the enforcement of the liability, if any, of any shareholder or subscriber to capital stock upon or in respect of the shares of capital stock not fully paid.

ARTICLE II.

DEBT SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 2.1. FORMS GENERALLY.

The Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of each series shall be substantially in one of the forms (including global form) established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or one or more indentures supplemental hereto, and shall have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any securities exchange on which any series of the Debt Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities and Coupons as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities and Coupons. If the form of a series of Debt Securities or Coupons (or any Global Note) is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be delivered to the Trustee, together with an Officers' Certificate setting forth the form of such series, at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 3.3 for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities (or any such Global Note) or Coupons.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, Debt Securities in bearer form (other than in global form) shall have Coupons attached.

The definitive Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of each series shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods on steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities and Coupons, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities and Coupons.

SECTION 2.2. FORM OF TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION.

The form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by the Debt Securities shall be substantially as follows:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

By: -----
Authorized Signatory

SECTION 2.3. SECURITIES IN GLOBAL FORM.

If any Debt Security of a series is issuable in global form (a "Global Note"), such Global Note may provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and may also provide that the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced to reflect exchanges. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee and in such manner as shall be specified in such Global Note. Any instructions by the Company with respect to a Global Note, after its initial issuance, shall be in writing but need not comply with Section 1.2.

Global Notes may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Permanent Global Notes will be issued in definitive form.

ARTICLE III.

THE DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 3.1. AMOUNT UNLIMITED; ISSUABLE IN SERIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Debt Securities of any series:

(1) the title of the Debt Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Debt Securities of such series from all other series of Debt Securities);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of such series of Debt Securities and any limit, on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Debt Securities authenticated and delivered upon transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 11.6 or 13.7);

(3) the percentage of the principal amount at which the Debt Securities of such series will be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount thereof payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity or upon redemption thereof or the method by which such portion shall be determined;

(4) the date or dates on which or periods during which the Debt Securities of the series may be issued, and the date or dates or the method by which such date or dates will be determined, on which the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Debt Securities of such series are or may be payable (which, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time as set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time);

(5) the rate or rates (which may be variable or fixed) at which the Debt Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined (which, in either case or both, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time); and the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable (or the method of determination thereof), subject to the right, if any such right is provided pursuant to this Section 3.1, of the Company to defer or extend an Interest Payment Date and the duration of such extension or deferral (an "Extended Interest Period"), and the Regular Record Dates, if any, for the interest payable on such Interest Payment Dates and the notice, if any, to Holders regarding the determination of interest, the manner of giving such notice, the basis upon which interest shall be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and any conditions or contingencies as to the payment of interest in cash or otherwise, if any;

(6) the place or places, if any, in addition to or instead of the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee (in the case of Registered Securities) where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Debt Securities of the series shall be payable; the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on any Global Note on an Interest Payment Date will be paid, if other than in the manner provided in Section 3.7; the extent, if any, to which the provisions of the last sentence of Section 12.1 shall apply to the Debt Securities of the series; and the manner in which any principal of, or premium, if any, on, any Global Note will be paid, if other than as set forth elsewhere herein and whether any Global Note will require any notation to evidence payment of principal or interest;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay, purchase or offer to purchase Debt Securities of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or analogous provisions or upon other conditions or at the option of the Holder thereof and the period or periods within which or the dates on which, the prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Debt Securities of the series shall be redeemed, repaid, purchased or offered to be purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem the Debt Securities of such series at its option and the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which such Debt Securities may be redeemed, if any, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company or otherwise;

(9) if the coin or Currency in which the Debt Securities shall be issuable is in Dollars, the denominations of such Debt Securities if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof (except as provided in Section 3.4);

(10) whether the Debt Securities of the series are to be issued as Discount Securities and the amount of discount with which such Debt Securities may be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Debt Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2;

(11) provisions, if any, for the defeasance or discharge of certain of the Company's obligations with respect to Debt Securities of the series;

(12) whether Debt Securities of the series are to be issued as Registered Securities or Bearer Securities or both, and, if Bearer Securities are issued, whether Coupons will be attached thereto, whether such Bearer Securities of the series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of the series, as provided in Section 3.5(b) or otherwise and the circumstances under which and the place or places at which any such exchanges, if permitted, may be made;

(13) whether provisions for payment of additional amounts or tax redemptions shall apply and, if such provisions shall apply, such provisions; and, if Bearer Securities of the series are to be issued, whether a procedure other than that set forth in Section 3.4(b) shall apply and, if so, such other procedure, and if the procedure set forth in Section 3.4(b) shall apply, the forms of certifications to be delivered under such procedure;

(14) if other than Dollars, the Foreign Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of the series shall be denominated or in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be made, and the particular provisions applicable thereto and, if applicable, the amount of Debt Securities of the series which entitles the Holder

of a Debt Security of the series or its proxy to one vote for purposes of Section 9.5;

(15) if the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on Debt Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a Currency other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election, in addition to or in lieu of the provisions of Section 3.10, the period or periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made and the time and the manner of determining the exchange rate or rates between the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election and the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are to be paid if such election is made;

(16) the date as of which any Debt Securities of the series shall be dated, if other than as set forth in Section 3.3;

(17) if the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, including, but not limited to, an index based on a Currency or Currencies other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable, or any other type of index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(18) if the Debt Securities of the series are denominated or payable in a Foreign Currency, any other terms concerning the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on such Debt Securities (including the Currency or Currencies of payment thereof);

(19) the designation of the original Currency Determination Agent, if any;

(20) the applicable Overdue Rate, if any;

(21) if the Debt Securities of the series do not bear interest, the applicable dates for purposes of Section 7.1;

(22) any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any Events of Default, covenants or term of the subordination provided for with respect to Debt Securities of the series;

(23) if Bearer Securities of the series are to be issued, (x) whether interest in respect of any portion of a temporary Debt Security in global form (representing all of the Outstanding Bearer Securities of the series) payable in respect of any Interest Payment Date prior to the exchange of such temporary Debt Security for definitive Debt Securities of the series shall be paid to any clearing organization with respect to the portion of such temporary Debt Security held for its account and, in such event, the terms and conditions (including any certification requirements) upon which any such interest payment

received by a clearing organization will be credited to the Persons entitled to interest payable on such Interest Payment Date, (y) the terms upon which interests in such temporary Debt Security in global form may be exchanged for interests in a permanent Global Note or for definitive Debt Securities of the series and the terms upon which interests in a permanent Global Note, if any, may be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities of the series and (z) the cities and the Authorized Newspapers designated for the purposes of giving notices to Holders;

(24) whether the Debt Securities of the series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes and, in such case, the U.S. Depository or any Common Depository for such Global Note or Notes; and if the Debt Securities of the series are issuable only as Registered Securities, the manner in which and the circumstances under which Global Notes representing Debt Securities of the series may be exchanged for Registered Securities in definitive form, if other than, or in addition to, the manner and circumstances specified in Section 3.4(c);

(25) the designation, if any, of any depositaries, trustees (other than the applicable Trustee), Paying Agents, Authenticating Agents, Security Registrars (other than the Trustee) or other agents with respect to the Debt Securities of such series;

(26) if the Debt Securities of such series will be issuable in definitive form only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or upon satisfaction of certain conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(27) whether the Debt Securities of such series will be convertible into shares of Common Stock and, if so, the terms and conditions, which may be in addition to or in lieu of the provisions contained in the Indenture, upon which such Debt Securities will be so convertible, including the conversion price and the conversion period;

(28) the portion of the principal amount of the Debt Securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, if other than the principal amount thereof;

(29) the nature, content and date for reports by the Company to the holders of the Debt Securities; and

(30) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Debt Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, rate of interest, Stated Maturity and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue, which, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to time as to Debt Securities of a series if so provided in or established pursuant to the authority granted in a Board Resolution or in any such indenture supplemental hereto,

and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in such Officers' Certificate, or in any such indenture supplemental hereto. All Debt Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened for issuance of additional Debt Securities of such series.

If any of the terms of a series of Debt Securities is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

SECTION 3.2. DENOMINATIONS.

In the absence of any specification pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Debt Securities of such series shall be issuable only as Registered Securities in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof and shall be payable only in Dollars.

SECTION 3.3. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION, DELIVERY AND DATING.

The Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of any series shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman, a Vice Chairman, its President, one of its Vice Presidents or its Treasurer, under its corporate seal reproduced thereon and attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers may be manual or facsimile.

Debt Securities and Coupons bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons or did not hold such offices at the date of such Debt Securities and Coupons.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Debt Securities, with appropriate Coupons, if any, of any series, executed by the Company, to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons and the Trustee in accordance with the Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities and Coupons; provided, however, that, in connection with its sale during the "restricted period" (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury Regulations), no Bearer Security shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States; and provided, further, that a Bearer Security (other than a temporary Global Note in bearer form) may be delivered outside the United States in connection with its original issuance only if the Person entitled to receive such Bearer Security shall have furnished to the Euro-clear operator or to CEDEL a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture. If all the Debt Securities of any one series are not to be issued at one time and if a Board Resolution or supplemental indenture relating to such series shall so permit, such Company Order may set forth procedures acceptable to the Trustee for the issuance of such Debt Securities such as interest rate, Stated Maturity, date of issuance and date

from which interest, if any, shall accrue. If any Debt Security shall be represented by a permanent Global Note, then, for purposes of this Section and Section 3.4, the notation of a beneficial owner's interest therein upon original issuance of such Debt Security or upon exchange of a portion of a temporary Global Note shall be deemed to be delivery in connection with the original issuance of such beneficial owner's interest in such permanent Global Note. Except as permitted by Section 3.6 or 3.7, the Trustee shall not authenticate and deliver any Bearer Security unless all Coupons for interest then matured have been detached and canceled.

The Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, prior to the authentication and delivery of the Debt Securities and Coupons of such series, (i) the supplemental indenture or the Board Resolution by or pursuant to which the form and terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been approved and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel substantially to the effect that:

(1) the authentication order furnished by the Company to the Trustee in connection with the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons conforms to the requirements of this Indenture and constitutes sufficient authority hereunder for the Trustee to authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities and Coupons;

(2) the forms and terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons are consistent with the provisions of this Indenture;

(3) in the event that the forms or terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been established in a supplemental indenture, the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, such supplemental indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(4) the execution and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and such Debt Securities and Coupons have been duly executed by the Company and, assuming due authentication by the Trustee and delivery by the Company, are valid and binding obligations enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, entitled to the benefit of the Indenture, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law) and subject to such other exceptions as counsel shall request and as to which the Trustee shall not reasonably object; and

(5) the amount of Debt Securities Outstanding of such series, together with the amount of such Debt Securities, does not exceed any limit established under the terms of this Indenture on the amount of Debt Securities of such series that may be authenticated and delivered.

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Debt Securities and Coupons if the issuance of such Debt Securities and Coupons pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Debt Securities and this Indenture in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. Each Bearer Security (including any temporary or permanent or other definitive Bearer Security in global form) shall be dated as of the date of original issuance of the first Debt Security of such series to be issued, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Bearer Securities of any series.

No Debt Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Debt Security a certificate of authentication substantially in one of the forms provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent, and such certificate upon any Debt Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Debt Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Debt Security shall have been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Debt Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 3.8 together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 1.2) stating that such Debt Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Debt Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

SECTION 3.4. TEMPORARY DEBT SECURITIES; EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTES FOR DEFINITIVE BEARER SECURITIES; GLOBAL NOTES REPRESENTING REGISTERED SECURITIES.

(a) Pending the preparation of definitive Registered Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Registered Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination for Registered Securities of such series, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Registered Securities may determine, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Registered Securities. Every such temporary Registered Security shall be executed by the Company and shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued. In the case of any series issuable as Bearer Securities, such temporary Debt Securities may be in global form, representing such of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series as shall be specified therein.

Except in the case of temporary Debt Securities in global form (which shall be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs), if temporary Debt Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Debt Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Debt Securities of such series, the temporary Debt Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities of such series, of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and provisions, upon surrender of the temporary Debt Securities of such series at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for such series, without charge to the Holder, except as provided in Section 3.5 in connection with a transfer. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Debt Securities of any series (accompanied by any unmatured Coupons), the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Debt Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of a like Stated Maturity and like terms and provisions; provided, however, that no definitive Bearer Security shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Registered Security; and provided, further, that a definitive Bearer Security (including a permanent Bearer Security in global form) shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Bearer Security only in compliance with the conditions set forth in Section 3.3. Until so exchanged, the temporary Registered Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Registered Securities of such series.

(b) Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, all Bearer Securities of a series shall be initially issued in the form of a single temporary Bearer Security in global form (a "temporary Global Note"). The Company shall execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate, any temporary Global Note and any permanent Bearer Security in global form (as described below, a "permanent Global Note") upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as definitive Bearer Securities, and the temporary or permanent Global Note, as the case may be, shall, unless otherwise specified therein, be delivered by the Trustee to the London office of a depositary or common depositary (the "Common Depositary"), for the benefit of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for credit to the account of the Company (in the case of sales of Bearer Securities by the Company directly to investors) or the managing underwriter (in the case of sales of Bearer Securities by the Company to underwriters) or such other accounts as the Company or the managing underwriter, respectively, may direct.

On or after the date specified in or determined pursuant to the terms of any temporary Global Note which (subject to any applicable laws and regulations) shall be at least 40 days after the issue date of a temporary Global Note (the "Exchange Date"), the Debt Securities represented by such temporary Global Note may be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (subject to the second succeeding paragraph) or Debt Securities to be represented thereafter by one or more permanent Global Notes in definitive form without interest coupons. On or after the Exchange Date such temporary Global Note shall be surrendered by the Common Depositary to the Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, at such address as the Trustee may specify and following such surrender, the Trustee shall (1) endorse the temporary Global Note to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by an equal aggregate principal amount of such Debt Security, (2) endorse the applicable permanent Global Note, if any, to reflect

the initial amount, or an increase in the amount of Debt Securities represented thereby, (3) manually authenticate such definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), (4) deliver such definitive Debt Securities to the Holder thereof or, if such definitive Debt Security is a permanent Global Note, deliver such permanent Global Note to the Common Depositary to be held outside the United States for the accounts of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for credit to the respective accounts at Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, designated by or on behalf of the beneficial owners of such Debt Securities (or to such other accounts as they may direct) and (5) redeliver such temporary Global Note to the Common Depositary, unless such temporary Global Note shall have been canceled in accordance with Section 3.8 hereof; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Note, upon such presentation by the Common Depositary, such temporary Global Note shall be accompanied by a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by the Euro-clear Operator, as to the portion of such temporary Global Note held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), and a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by CEDEL, as to the portion of such temporary Global Note held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), each substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B to this Indenture. Each certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, shall be based on certificates of the account holders listed in the records of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, as being entitled to all or any portion of the applicable temporary Global Note. An account holder of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, desiring to effect the exchange of an interest in a temporary Global Note for an interest in definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note) shall instruct the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, to request such exchange on its behalf and shall deliver to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto and dated no earlier than 10 days prior to the Exchange Date. Until so exchanged, temporary Global Notes shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note) of the same series authenticated and delivered hereunder, except as to payment of interest, if any.

The delivery to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL of any certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto may be relied upon by the Company and the Trustee as conclusive evidence that a corresponding certificate or certificates has or have been delivered to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

On or prior to the Exchange Date, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee definitive Debt Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such temporary Global Note, executed by the Company. At any time, on or after the Exchange Date, upon 30 days' notice to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, acting at the request of or on behalf of the beneficial owner, a Debt Security represented by a temporary Global Note or a permanent Global

Note, as the case may be, may be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for definitive Debt Securities without charge and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for each portion of such temporary Global Note or such permanent Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive Debt Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, as the portion of such temporary Global Note or such permanent Global Note to be exchanged, which, unless the Debt Securities of the series are not issuable both as Bearer Securities and as Registered Securities, as contemplated by Section 3.1, shall be in the form of Bearer Securities or Registered Securities, or any combination thereof, as shall be specified by the beneficial owner thereof; provided, however, that definitive Bearer Securities shall be delivered in exchange for a portion of the temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note only in compliance with the requirements of the second preceding paragraph. On or prior to the forty-fifth day following receipt by the Trustee of such notice with respect to a Debt Security, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day, the temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, as the case may be, shall be surrendered by the Common Depositary to the Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, to be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for definitive Debt Securities without charge following such surrender, upon the request of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, and the Trustee shall (1) endorse the applicable temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by the aggregate principal amount of such Debt Security, (2) cause the terms of such Debt Security and Coupons, if any, to be entered on a definitive Debt Security, (3) manually authenticate such definitive Debt Security, and (4) if a Bearer Security is to be delivered, deliver such definitive Debt Security to an address outside the United States to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for or on behalf of the beneficial owner thereof, in exchange for a portion of such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note.

Unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, any such exchange shall be made free of charge to the beneficial owners of such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, except that a Person receiving definitive Debt Securities must bear the cost of insurance, postage, transportation and the like in the event that such Person does not take delivery of such definitive Debt Securities in person at the offices of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL. Definitive Debt Securities in bearer form to be delivered in exchange for any portion of a temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall be delivered only to an address outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of redemption or acceleration of all or any part of a temporary Global Note prior to the Exchange Date, a permanent Global Note or definitive Bearer Securities, as the case may be, will not be issuable in respect of such temporary Global Note or such portion thereof, and payment thereon will instead be made as provided in such temporary Global Note.

Until exchanged in full as hereinabove provided, any temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Debt Securities of the same series and tenor authenticated and delivered hereunder, except that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, interest payable on such temporary Global Note on an Interest Payment Date for Debt Securities of such series occurring prior to the applicable Exchange Date shall be payable to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL on such Interest Payment Date upon delivery by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL to the Trustee of a certificate or certificates substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B to this Indenture, for credit without further interest on or after such Interest Payment Date to the respective accounts

of the Persons who are the beneficial owners of such temporary Global Note on such Interest Payment Date and who have each delivered to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture.

Any definitive Bearer Security authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for a portion of a temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall not bear a coupon for any interest which shall theretofore have been duly paid by the Trustee to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, or by the Company to the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.4.

With respect to Exhibits A and B to this Indenture, the Company may, in its discretion and if required or desirable under applicable law or as set forth in any Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture with respect to any Series of Debt Securities, substitute one or more other forms of such exhibits for such exhibits, eliminate the requirement that any or all certificates be provided, or change the time that any certificate may be required, provided that such substitute form or forms or notice of elimination or change of such certification requirement have theretofore been delivered to the Trustee with a Company Request and such form or forms, elimination or change is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

(c) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 3.1 that the Registered Securities of a series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with Section 3.3 and the Company Order with respect to such series, authenticate and deliver one or more Global Notes in temporary or permanent form that (i) shall represent and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series to be represented by one or more Global Notes, (ii) shall be registered in the name of the U.S. Depositary for such Global Note or Notes or the nominee of such depositary, and (iii) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "This Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary, unless and until this Debt Security is exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities in definitive form."

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or Section 3.5, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Registered Securities in definitive form, a Global Note representing all or a portion of the Registered Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the U.S. Depositary for such series to a nominee of such depositary or by a nominee of such depositary to such depositary or another nominee of such depositary or by such depositary or any such nominee to a successor U.S. Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor depositary.

If at any time the U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities of such series or if at any time the U.S. Depositary for Debt Securities of a series shall no longer be a clearing agency registered and in good standing under the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation, the Company shall appoint a successor U.S. Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of such series. If a successor U.S. Depository for the Debt Securities of such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Registered Securities of any series issued in the form of one or more Global Notes shall no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If the Registered Securities of any series shall have been issued in the form of one or more Global Notes and if an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing, the Company will promptly execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Registered Securities of a series, the U.S. Depository for such series of Registered Securities may surrender a Global Note for such series of Debt Securities in exchange in whole or in part for Registered Securities of such series in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such depository. Thereupon, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without charge:

(i) to each Person specified by the U.S. Depository a new Registered Security or Securities of the same series, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

(ii) to the U.S. Depository a new Global Note in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate principal amount of Registered Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Note for Registered Securities in definitive form, such Global Note shall be canceled by the Trustee. Debt Securities issued in exchange

for a Global Note pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the U.S. Depositary for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Debt Securities to the Persons in whose names such Debt Securities are so registered.

SECTION 3.5. REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

(a) The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register (the registers maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Registered Securities and of transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities. The Trustee is hereby appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Registered Securities and registering transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities as herein provided; provided, however, that the Company may appoint co-Security Registrars or the terms of any series of Debt Securities may provide otherwise.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Security of any series at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount of such denominations as are authorized for Registered Securities of such series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3.4 and this Section 3.5, at the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, upon surrender of the Registered Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Registered Securities are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Registered Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(b) If and to the extent specified pursuant to Section 3.1, the provisions of this Section 3.5(b) shall be applicable to Debt Securities of any series which are Bearer Securities. At the option of the Holder thereof, to the extent permitted by law, any Bearer Security of any series which by its terms is registrable as to principal and interest may be exchanged for a Registered Security of such series of like aggregate principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions upon surrender of such Bearer Security at the Corporate Trust Office or at any other office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 3.1 for the purpose of making any such exchanges. Any Coupon Security surrendered for exchange shall be surrendered with all unmatured Coupons and any matured Coupons in default attached thereto. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured Coupon or Coupons or matured Coupon or Coupons in default, such exchange may be effected if the Bearer Securities are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing Coupon or Coupons, or the surrender

of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Bearer Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; provided, however, that except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency located outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case a Bearer Security of any series is surrendered at any such office or agency in exchange for a Registered Security of the same series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions after the close of business at such office or agency on (i) any Regular Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the relevant Interest Payment Date, or (ii) any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related proposed date for payment of Defaulted Interest, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the Coupon relating to such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be (or, if such Coupon is so surrendered with such Bearer Security, such Coupon shall be returned to the Person so surrendering the Bearer Security), and interest or Defaulted Interest, as the case may be, will not be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but will be payable only to the Holder of such Coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. The Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Registered Security or Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the exchange of Bearer Securities for Registered Securities will be subject to the provisions of United States income tax laws and regulations applicable to Debt Securities in effect at the time of such exchange.

(c) Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, in no event may Registered Securities, including Registered Securities received in exchange for Bearer Securities, be exchanged for Bearer Securities.

(d) All Debt Securities issued upon any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Debt Securities surrendered for such transfer or exchange.

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

No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities except as provided in Section 3.4(b) or 3.6. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration, transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, other than

those expressly provided in this Indenture to be made at the Company's own expense or without expense or without charge to the Holders.

The Company shall not be required (i) to register, transfer or exchange Debt Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the transmission of a notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series selected for redemption under Section 13.3 and ending at the close of business on the day of such transmission, or (ii) to register, transfer or exchange any Debt Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being redeemed in part.

SECTION 3.6. MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST AND STOLEN DEBT SECURITIES.

If (i) any mutilated Debt Security or any mutilated Coupon with the Coupon Security to which it appertains (and all unmatured Coupons attached thereto) is surrendered to the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or (ii) the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Debt Security or any Coupon, and there is delivered to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless, and neither the Company nor the Trustee receives notice that such Debt Security or Coupon has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, then the Company shall execute and upon Company Request the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or in exchange for the Coupon Security to which such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertained, a new Debt Security of the same series of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions and like principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding, and, in the case of a Coupon Security, with such Coupons attached thereto that neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such exchange or substitution.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or Coupon has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Debt Security, pay the amount due on such Debt Security or Coupon in accordance with its terms; provided, however, that principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on Bearer Securities shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 or except as otherwise provided in this Section 3.6, any interest on Bearer Securities shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Coupons appertaining thereto.

Upon the issuance of any new Debt 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 respect thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Debt Security or Coupon of any series issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or Coupon 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 Debt Securities or Coupons 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 Debt Securities or Coupons.

SECTION 3.7. PAYMENT OF INTEREST; INTEREST RIGHTS PRESERVED.

(a) Interest on any Registered Security which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Registered Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest notwithstanding the cancellation of such Registered Security upon any transfer or exchange subsequent to the Regular Record Date. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, payment of interest on Registered Securities shall be made at the place or places specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register or, if provided pursuant to Section 3.1, by wire transfer to an account designated by the Registered Holder.

(b) Interest on any Coupon Security which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Holder of the Coupon which has matured on such Interest Payment Date upon surrender of such Coupon on such Interest Payment Date at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or at such other Place of Payment outside the United States specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

Interest on any Bearer Security (other than a Coupon Security) which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Holder of the Bearer Security upon presentation of such Bearer Security and notation thereon on such Interest Payment Date at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or at such other Place of Payment maintained by the Company outside the United States specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, at the direction of the Holder of any Bearer Security or Coupon payable in Dollars, payment on such Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by check drawn on a bank in The City of Boston or, if agreeable to the Trustee, by wire transfer to a Dollar account maintained by such Holder outside the United States. If such payment at the offices of all Paying Agents outside the United States becomes illegal or is effectively precluded because of the imposition of exchange controls or similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of such amounts in Dollars, the Company will appoint an office or agent in the United States at which such payment may be made. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, at the direction of the Holder of any Bearer Security or Coupon payable in a Foreign Currency, payment on such Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by a check drawn on a bank outside the United States or by wire transfer to an appropriate account maintained by such Holder outside the United States. Except as provided in this paragraph, no payment on any

Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by mail to an address in the United States or by wire transfer to an account in the United States.

(c) Any interest on any Debt Security which is payable but is not punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall, if such Debt Security is a Registered Security, forthwith cease to be payable to the Registered Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of his having been such Registered Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Registered Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money in the Currency or Currency unit in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which date shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holders of such Registered Securities at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Registered Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Registered Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

(d) Any Defaulted Interest payable in respect of Bearer Securities of any series shall be payable pursuant to such procedures as may be satisfactory to the Trustee in such manner that there is no discrimination between the Holders of Registered Securities (if any) and Bearer Securities of such series, and notice of the payment date therefor shall be given by the Trustee, in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5 not more than 25 days and not less than 20 days prior to the date of the proposed payment.

(e) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Debt Security delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Debt Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Debt Security.

SECTION 3.8. CANCELLATION.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, all Debt Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or credit against any sinking fund and all Coupons surrendered for payment or exchange shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee. All Registered Securities and matured Coupons so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. All Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons so delivered shall be held by the Trustee and, upon instruction by the Company Order, shall be canceled or held for reissuance. Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons held for reissuance may be reissued only in exchange for Bearer Securities of the same series and of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions pursuant to Section 3.5 or in replacement of mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Bearer Securities of the same series and of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions or the related Coupons pursuant to Section 3.6. All Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons held by the Trustee pending such cancellation or reissuance shall be deemed to be delivered for cancellation for all purposes of this Indenture and the Securities. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Debt Securities or Coupons previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee (or to any other Person for delivery to the Trustee) for cancellation any Debt Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Company has not issued, and all Debt Securities or Coupons so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. No Debt Securities or Coupons shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Debt Securities or Coupons canceled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Debt Securities and Coupons held by the Trustee shall be delivered to the Company upon Company Request. The acquisition of any Debt Securities or Coupons by the Company shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the indebtedness represented thereby unless and until such Debt Securities or Coupons are surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. In the case of any temporary Global Note which shall be destroyed if the entire aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities represented thereby has been exchanged, the certificate of destruction shall state that all certificates required pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof and substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, to be given by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, have been duly presented to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be. Permanent Global Notes shall not be destroyed until exchanged in full for definitive Debt Securities or until payment thereon is made in full.

SECTION 3.9. COMPUTATION OF INTEREST.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, interest on the Debt Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

SECTION 3.10. CURRENCY OF PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF DEBT SECURITIES.

(a) Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Bearer Securities of any series, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Bearer Securities of such series denominated in any Currency will be made in such Currency.

(b) With respect to Registered Securities of any series not permitting the election provided for in paragraph (c) below or the Holders of which have not made the election provided for in paragraph (c) below, except as provided in paragraph (e) below, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on any Registered Security of such series will be made in the Currency in which such Registered Security is payable.

(c) It may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Registered Securities of any series that Holders shall have the option, subject to paragraphs (e) and (f) below (and provided that in no instance may such election be made after a defeasance pursuant to Article XV or during the continuance of an Event of Default), to receive payments of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on such Registered Securities in any of the Currencies which may be designated for such election in the applicable supplemental indenture by delivering to the Trustee a written election, to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the applicable payment date. If a Holder so elects to receive such payments in any such Currency, such election will remain in effect for such Holder or any transferee of such Holder until changed by such Holder or such transferee by written notice to the Trustee (but any such change must be made not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the next payment date to be effective for the payment to be made on such payment date and no such change or election may be made with respect to payments to be made on any Registered Security of such series with respect to which an Event of Default has occurred or notice of redemption has been given by the Company pursuant to Article Thirteen). Any Holder of any such Registered Security who shall not have delivered any such election to the Trustee by the close of business on the applicable Election Date will be paid the amount due on the applicable payment date in the relevant Currency as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section 3.10.

(d) If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1, then not later than the fourth Business Day after the Election Date for each payment date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company a written notice specifying, in the Currency in which each series of the Registered Securities is payable, the respective aggregate amounts of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Registered Securities to be paid on such payment date, specifying the amounts so payable in respect of the Registered Securities as to which the Holders of Registered

Securities denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above. If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1 and if at least one Holder has made such election, then, on the second Business Day preceding each payment date, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate in respect of the Currency payments to be made on such payment date. The Currency amount receivable by Holders of Registered Securities who have elected payment in a Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above shall be determined by the Company on the basis of the applicable Market Exchange Rate in effect on the third Business Day (the "Valuation Date") immediately preceding each payment date.

(e) If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to a Foreign Currency, the ECU or any other Currency unit in which any of the Debt Securities are denominated or payable other than pursuant to an election provided for pursuant to paragraph (c) above, then with respect to each date for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the applicable Debt Securities denominated or payable in such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit occurring after the last date on which such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit was used (the "Conversion Date"), the Dollar shall be the Currency of payment for use on each such payment date. The Dollar amount to be paid by the Company to the Trustee and by the Trustee or any Paying Agent to the Holders of such Debt Securities with respect to such payment date shall be the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency or, in the case of a Currency unit, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, in each case as determined by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or, if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, in the manner provided in paragraph (g) or (h) below.

(f) If the Holder of a Registered Security denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above, and a Conversion Event occurs with respect to such elected Currency, such Holder shall receive payment in the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election. If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election, such Holder shall receive payment in Dollars as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section 3.10.

(g) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and shall be obtained for each subsequent payment date by converting the specified Foreign Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate on the Conversion Date.

(h) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) below, shall be the sum of each amount obtained by converting the Specified Amount of each Component Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate for such Component Currency on the Valuation Date with respect to each payment.

(i) For purposes of this Section 3.10 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A "Component Currency" shall mean any Currency which, on the Conversion Date, was a component Currency of the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU.

A "Specified Amount" of a Component Currency shall mean the number of units of such Component Currency or fractions thereof which were represented in the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU, on the Conversion Date. If after the Conversion Date the official unit of any Component Currency is altered by way of combination or subdivision, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be divided or multiplied in the same proportion. If after the Conversion Date two or more Component Currencies are consolidated into a single Currency, the respective Specified Amounts of such Component Currencies shall be replaced by an amount in such single Currency equal to the sum of the respective Specified Amounts of such consolidated Component Currencies expressed in such single Currency, and such amount shall thereafter be a Specified Amount and such single Currency shall thereafter be a Component Currency. If after the Conversion Date any Component Currency shall be divided into two or more Currencies, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be replaced by amounts of such two or more Currencies with appropriate Dollar equivalents at the Market Exchange Rate on the date of such replacement equal to the Dollar equivalent of the Specified Amount of such former Component Currency at the Market Exchange Rate on such date, and such amounts shall thereafter be Specified Amounts and such Currencies shall thereafter be Component Currencies. If after the Conversion Date of the relevant Currency unit, including but not limited to, the ECU, a Conversion Event (other than any event referred to above in this definition of "Specified Amount") occurs with respect to any Component Currency of such Currency unit, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall, for purposes of calculating the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, be converted into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate in effect on the Conversion Date of such Component Currency.

"Election Date" shall mean the earlier of (i) the seventh Business Day immediately preceding any payment date or (ii) the record date with respect to any payment date, and with respect to the Maturity shall mean the record date (if within 16 or fewer days prior to the Maturity) immediately preceding the Maturity, and with respect to any series of Debt Securities whose record date immediately preceding the Maturity is more than 16 days prior to the Maturity or any series of Debt Securities for which no record dates are provided with respect to interest payments, shall mean the date which is 16 days prior to the Maturity.

(j) All decisions and determinations of the Trustee or the Currency Determination Agent, if any, regarding the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit and the Market Exchange Rate shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders of the Debt Securities denominated or payable in the relevant Currency. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to a Foreign Currency, the Company, after learning thereof, will

immediately give written notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to the ECU or any other Currency unit in which Debt Securities are denominated or payable, the Company, after learning thereof, will immediately give notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give written notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date and the Specified Amount of each Component Currency on the Conversion Date. In the event of any subsequent change in any Component Currency as set forth in the definition of Specified Amount above, the Company, after learning thereof, will similarly give written notice to the Trustee. The Trustee shall be fully justified and protected in relying and acting upon information received by it from the Company and the Currency Determination Agent, if any, and shall not otherwise have any duty or obligation to determine such information independently.

(k) For purposes of any provision of the Indenture where the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities may perform an Act which requires that a specified percentage of the Outstanding Debt Securities of all series perform such Act and for purposes of any decision or determination by the Trustee of amounts due and unpaid for the principal (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of all series in respect of which moneys are to be disbursed ratably, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Outstanding Debt Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency will be the amount in Dollars based upon the Market Exchange Rate for Debt Securities of such series, as of the date for determining whether the Holders entitled to perform such Act have performed it, or as of the date of such decision or determination by the Trustee, as the case may be.

(l) The Company hereby appoints itself as the initial Currency Determination Agent and the Company shall be entitled to remove such agent at any time; provided, however, that such removal shall not be effective and the agent may not resign until a successor has been appointed by the Company and the successor has accepted such appointment. The Trustee is under no duty or obligation to serve in the capacity of Currency Determination Agent.

SECTION 3.11. JUDGMENTS.

If for the purpose of obtaining a judgment in any court with respect to any obligation of the Company hereunder or under any Debt Security, it shall become necessary to convert into any other Currency any amount in the Currency due hereunder or under such Debt Security, then such conversion shall be made at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date the Company shall make payment to any Person in satisfaction of such judgment. If pursuant to any such judgment, conversion shall be made on a date other than the date payment is made and there shall occur a change between such Market Exchange Rate and the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date of payment, the Company agrees to pay such additional amounts (if any) as may be necessary to ensure that the amount paid is equal to the amount in such other Currency which, when converted at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date of payment or distribution, is the amount then due hereunder or under such Debt Security. Any amount due from the Company under this Section 3.11 shall be due as a separate debt

and is not to be affected by or merged into any judgment being obtained for any other sums due hereunder or in respect of any Debt Security. In no event, however, shall the Company be required to pay more in the Currency or Currency unit due hereunder or under such Debt Security at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect when payment is made than the amount of Currency stated to be due hereunder or under such Debt Security so that in any event the Company's obligations hereunder or under such Debt Security will be effectively maintained as obligations in such Currency, and the Company shall be entitled to withhold (or be reimbursed for, as the case may be) any excess of the amount actually realized upon any such conversion over the amount due and payable on the date of payment or distribution.

SECTION 3.12. EXCHANGE UPON DEFAULT.

If default is made in the payments referred to in Section 12.1, the Company hereby undertakes that upon presentation and surrender of a permanent Global Note to the Trustee (or to any other Person or at any other address as the Company may designate in writing), on any Business Day on or after the maturity date thereof the Company will issue and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the bearer of such permanent Global Note duly executed and authenticated definitive Debt Securities with the same issue date and maturity date as set out in such permanent Global Note.

ARTICLE IV.

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 4.1. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE.

This Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities of any series (if all series issued under this Indenture are not to be affected), shall, upon Company Request, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such Debt Securities herein expressly provided for and rights to receive payments of principal (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities) and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when:

(1) either

(A) all Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Debt Securities and Coupons of such series which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 3.6, (ii) Coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities surrendered for exchange for Registered Securities and maturing after such exchange, whose surrender is not required or has been waived under Section 3.5, (iii) Coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities called for redemption and maturing after the relevant Redemption Date, whose surrender has been waived as provided in Section 13.6, and (iv) Debt Securities and Coupons of such series for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter

repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 12.4) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation,

(i) have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise, or

(ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year,

and the Company, either complies with any other condition or terms specified pursuant to Section 3.1, or if not so specified in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subclause (B), has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in United States Dollars, non-callable government securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Debt Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any and accrued interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Debt Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

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

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 6.7, the obligations of the Trustee to any Authenticating Agent under Section 6.14, the obligations of the Company under Section 12.1, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 4.2 and the last paragraph of Section 12.4, shall survive. If, after the deposit referred to in Section 4.1 has been made, (x) the Holder of a Debt Security is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to Section 3.10(c), to receive payment in a Currency other than that in which the deposit pursuant to Section 4.1 was made, or (y) if a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which the deposit was made or elected to be received by the Holder pursuant to Section 3.10(c), then the indebtedness represented by such Debt Security shall be fully discharged to the extent that the deposit made with respect to such Debt Security shall be converted into the Currency in which such payment is made.

SECTION 4.2. APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.1 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

ARTICLE V.

REMEDIES

SECTION 5.1. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

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

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Debt Security or any payment with respect to the Coupons, if any, of such series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Security of such series at its Maturity; or

(3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a Debt Security of such series; or

(4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which expressly has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of Debt Securities of a series other than such series), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(5) the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in an involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as

properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days; or

(6) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or the consent by it to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action; or

(7) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Debt Securities of that series pursuant to Section 3.1.

SECTION 5.2. ACCELERATION OF MATURITY; RESCISSION AND ANNULMENT.

If an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Discount Securities as may be specified in the terms of such Discount Securities or indexed securities) of all the Debt Securities of such 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) plus accrued and unpaid interest (and premium, if payable) shall become immediately due and payable. Upon payment of such amount in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), all obligations of the Company in respect of the payment of principal of the Debt Securities of such series shall terminate.

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

(1) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient to pay

- (A) all overdue installments of interest on all Debt Securities or all overdue payments with respect to any Coupons of such series,
- (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Securities of such series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Debt Securities,
- (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue installments of interest on each Debt Security of such series or upon overdue payments on any Coupons of such series at the Overdue Rate, and
- (D) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel; provided, however, that all sums payable under this clause (D) shall be paid in Dollars;

and

(2) All Events of Default with respect to Debt Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Debt Securities of such series which has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.13.

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

SECTION 5.3. COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND SUITS FOR ENFORCEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

The Company covenants that if

(1) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest on any Debt Security or any payment with respect to any Coupons when such interest or payment becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days,

(2) default is made in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Debt Security at the Maturity thereof, or

(3) default is made in the making or satisfaction of any sinking fund payment or analogous obligation when the same becomes due pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of any series,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities or of such Coupons, the amount then due and payable on such

Debt Securities or matured Coupons, for the principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, interest upon the overdue principal (and premium, if any) and upon overdue installments of interest, at the Overdue Rate; and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

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

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

SECTION 5.4. TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceedings, or any voluntary or involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of a particular series or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of such Debt Securities shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (or, if the Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be due and payable with respect to such series pursuant to a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2) (and premium, if any) and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Debt Securities and Coupons of such series and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the Holders of such Debt Securities and Coupons allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

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

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, custodian, liquidator, sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such proceeding is hereby authorized by each such Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to such Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

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

SECTION 5.5. TRUSTEE MAY ENFORCE CLAIMS WITHOUT POSSESSION OF DEBT SECURITIES.

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

SECTION 5.6. APPLICATION OF MONEY COLLECTED.

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

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

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

THIRD: The balance, if any, to the Person or Persons entitled thereto.

SECTION 5.7. LIMITATION ON SUITS.

No Holder of any Debt Security or Coupon of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(1) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to such series,

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder,

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request,

(4) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding, and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been 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;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Holders or of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities or Coupons of any other series, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders. For the protection and enforcement of the provisions of this Section 5.7, each and every Holder of Debt Securities or Coupons of any series and the Trustee for such series shall be entitled to such relief as can be given at law or in equity.

SECTION 5.8. UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Debt Security or of any Coupon shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7) interest on such Debt Security or Coupon on the respective Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security or Coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment and interest thereon, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 5.9. RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

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

SECTION 5.10. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Indenture, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 5.11. DELAY OR OMISSION NOT WAIVER.

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

SECTION 5.12. CONTROL BY HOLDERS.

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

(1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture;

(2) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer or Responsible Officers of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series not joining in any such direction; and

(3) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

SECTION 5.13. WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Debt Securities of any such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default:

(1) in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of such series, or in the payment of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation with respect to the Debt Securities of such series; or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which pursuant to Article Eleven cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of such series affected.

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 the Debt Securities of such series under this Indenture, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 5.14. UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Debt Security or any Coupon by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit other than the Trustee of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant, but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder or group of Holders holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder of a Debt Security or Coupon for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on such Debt Security or the payment of any Coupon on or after the respective Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security or Coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

SECTION 5.15. WAIVER OF STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (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 hinder, delay or

impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

ARTICLE VI.

THE TRUSTEE

SECTION 6.1. CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of any series:

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

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

(b) In case an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

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

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

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

(3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Debt Securities of any series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt 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;

(4) the Trustee is under no obligation or duty to pay interest on or invest any funds deposited with it except as specifically provided in this Indenture, and all investment activities undertaken by the Trustee, if any, shall be at and pursuant to the written instruction of the Company; and

(5) the Trustee shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

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

(e) Any opinion required or permitted to be delivered to the Trustee hereunder may be addressed and delivered to the entity serving as Trustee hereunder solely in its individual capacity and not in its capacity as Trustee, fiduciary or as representative of the holders of such Debt Securities and Coupons issued by the Company.

SECTION 6.2. NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series, the Trustee shall give notice to all Holders of Debt Securities and Coupons of such series of such default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security or Coupon of such series or in the payment of any sinking fund installment with respect to Debt Securities of such series, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the Holders of Debt Securities and of Coupons of such series; and provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 5.1(4) with respect to Debt Securities of such series no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 90 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of this Section, 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 Debt Securities of such series.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.2 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.3. CERTAIN RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.1:

(a) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(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 Debt Securities of any series pursuant to this Indenture, 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 shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney; and

(g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any

agent (including any agent appointed pursuant to Section 3.10(j)) or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

SECTION 6.4. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECITALS OR ISSUANCE OF DEBT SECURITIES.

The recitals contained herein and in the Debt Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of any Debt Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 6.5. MAY HOLD DEBT SECURITIES.

The Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Debt Securities or Coupons, and, subject to Sections 6.8 and 6.13, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 6.6. MONEY HELD IN TRUST.

Money in any Currency held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for (i) interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed with the Company or (ii) losses resulting from currency fluctuations or any investments made pursuant to 6.1(c)(4).

SECTION 6.7. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.

The Company agrees:

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation in Dollars for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the trustee in Dollars upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(3) to indemnify in Dollars the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and

expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of amounts due on the Debt Securities and Coupons.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 6.7 to compensate and indemnify the Trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances shall constitute additional indebtedness under this Indenture and shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.8. DISQUALIFICATION; CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

(a) If the Trustee has or shall acquire any conflicting interest, as defined in this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, then, within 90 days after ascertaining that it has such conflicting interest, and if the default (as hereinafter defined) to which such conflicting interest relates has not been cured or duly waived or otherwise eliminated before the end of such 90-day period, the Trustee shall either eliminate such conflicting interest or, except as otherwise provided below, resign with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, and the Company shall take prompt steps to have a successor appointed, in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

(b) In the event that the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Trustee shall, within 10 days after the expiration of such 90-day period, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series notice of such failure.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.8(b) shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have, within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, the Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, if there shall exist an Event of Default (as such term is defined herein, but exclusive of any period of grace or requirement of notice) with respect to such Debt Securities and:

(1) the Trustee is trustee under this Indenture with respect to the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series other than that series or is trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the Company are outstanding, unless such other indenture is a collateral trust indenture under which the only collateral consists of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture, provided that there shall be excluded from the operation of this paragraph this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of any series other than that series and any other indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Company are outstanding, if

(i) this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures (and all series of securities issuable thereunder) are wholly unsecured and rank equally and such other indenture or indentures are hereafter qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, unless the Commission shall have found and declared by order pursuant to Section 305(b) or Section 307(c) of the Trust Indenture Act that differences exist between the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and one or more other series or the provisions of such other indenture or indentures which are so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary, in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures, or

(ii) the Company shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that trusteeship under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or such other indenture or indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures;

(2) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is an underwriter for the Company;

(3) the Trustee directly or indirectly controls or is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with an underwriter for the Company;

(4) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee or representative of the Company, or of an underwriter (other than the Trustee itself) for the Company who is currently engaged in the business of underwriting, except that (i) one individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Company but may not be at the same time an executive officer of both the Trustee and the Company; (ii) if and so long as

the number of directors of the Trustee in office is more than nine, one additional individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director of the Company; and (iii) the Trustee may be designated by the Company or by any underwriter for the Company to act in the capacity of transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent, escrow agent, or depositary or in any other similar capacity, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, to act as trustee, whether under an indenture or otherwise;

(5) 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof, or 20% or more of such voting securities is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more of such persons; or 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by an underwriter for the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof or is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more such persons;

(6) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default (as hereinafter in this subsection defined), (i) 5% or more of the voting securities, or 10% or more of any other class of security, of the Company not including the Debt Securities issued under this Indenture and securities issued under any other indenture under which the Trustee is also trustee, or (ii) 10% or more of any class of security of an underwriter for the Company;

(7) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 5% or more of the voting securities of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 10% or more of the voting securities of, or controls directly or indirectly or is under direct or indirect common control with, the Company;

(8) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 10% or more of any class of security of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company;

(9) the Trustee owns, on the date of such Event of Default or any anniversary of such Event of Default while such Event of Default remains outstanding, in the capacity of executor, administrator, testamentary or inter vivos trustee, guardian, committee or conservator, or in any other similar capacity, an aggregate of 25% or more of the voting securities, or of any class of security, of any person, the beneficial ownership of a specified percentage of which would have constituted a conflicting interest under paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of this subsection. As to any such securities of which the Trustee acquired ownership through becoming executor, administrator or testamentary trustee of an estate which included them, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply, for a period of not more than two years from the date of such acquisition, to the extent that such securities included in such estate do not exceed 25% of such voting securities or 25% of any such class of security. Promptly after the

dates of any such Event of Default and annually in each succeeding year that such Event of Default continues, the Trustee shall make a check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of such dates. If the Company fails to make payment in full of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of the Debt Securities when and as the same becomes due and payable, and such failure continues for 30 days thereafter, the Trustee shall make a prompt check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of the date of the expiration of such 30-day period, and after such date, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, all such securities so held by the Trustee, with sole or joint control over such securities vested in it, shall be considered as though beneficially owned by the Trustee for the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection; or

(10) except under the circumstances described in paragraphs (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of Section 6.13(b) of this Indenture, the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor of the Company.

For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the term "series of securities" or "series" means a series, class or group of securities issuable under an indenture pursuant to whose terms holders of one such series may vote to direct the Trustee, or otherwise take action pursuant to a vote of such holders, separately from holders of another series; provided, that "series of securities" or "series" shall not include any series of securities issuable under an indenture if all such series rank equally and are wholly unsecured.

The specification of percentages in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be construed as indicating that the ownership of such percentages of the securities of a person is or is not necessary or sufficient to constitute direct or indirect control for the purposes of paragraph (3) or (7) of this subsection.

For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this subsection only, (i) the terms "security" and "securities" shall include only such securities as are generally known as corporate securities, but shall not include any note or other evidence of indebtedness issued to evidence an obligation to repay moneys lent to a person by one or more banks, trust companies or banking firms, or any certificate of interest or participation in any such note or evidence of indebtedness; (ii) an obligation shall be deemed to be "in default" when a default in payment of principal shall have continued for 30 days or more and shall not have been cured; and (iii) the Trustee shall not be deemed to be the owner or holder of (A) any security which it holds as collateral security, as trustee or otherwise, for an obligation which is not in default as defined in clause (ii) above, or (B) any security which it holds as collateral security under this Indenture, irrespective of any default hereunder, or (C) any security which it holds as agent for collection, or as custodian, escrow agent or depository, or in any similar representative capacity.

(d) For the purposes of this Section:

(1) The term "underwriter" when used with reference to the Company means every person who, within one year prior to the time as of which

the determination is made, has purchased from the Company with a view to, or has offered or sold for the Company in connection with, the distribution of any security of the Company outstanding at such time, or has participated or has had a direct or indirect participation in any such undertaking, or has participated or has had a participation in the direct or indirect underwriting of any such undertaking, but such term shall not include a person whose interest was limited to a commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commission.

(2) The term "director" means any director of a corporation, or any individual performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated.

(3) The term "person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, an estate, an unincorporated organization, or a government or political subdivision thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "trust" shall include only a trust where the interest or interests of the beneficiary or beneficiaries are evidenced by a security.

(4) The term "voting security" means any security presently entitling the owner or holder thereof to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person, or any security issued under or pursuant to any trust, agreement or arrangements whereby a trustee or trustees or agent or agents for the owner or holder of such security are presently entitled to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities of any series.

(6) The term "executive officer" means the president, every vice president, every trust officer, the cashier, the secretary, and the treasurer of a corporation, and any individual customarily performing similar functions with respect to any organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, but shall not include the chairman of the board of directors.

(e) The percentages of voting securities and other securities specified in this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) A specified percentage of the voting securities of the Trustee, the Company or any other person referred to in this Section (each of whom is referred to as a "person" in this paragraph) means such amount of the outstanding voting securities of such person as entitles the holder or holders thereof to cast such specified percentage of the aggregate votes which the holders of all the outstanding voting securities of such person are entitled to cast in the direction or management of the affairs of such person.

(2) A specified percentage of a class of securities of a person means such percentage of the aggregate amount of securities of the class outstanding.

(3) The term "amount." when used with regard to securities means the principal amount if relating to evidences of indebtedness, the number of shares if relating to capital shares, and the number of units if relating to any other kind of security.

(4) The term "outstanding" means issued and not held by or for the account of the issuer. The following securities shall not be deemed outstanding within the meaning of this definition:

(i) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to securities of the issuer of the same class;

(ii) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to another class of securities of the issuer, if the obligation evidenced by such other class of securities is not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise;

(iii) securities pledged by the issuer thereof as security for an obligation of the issuer not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise; and

(iv) securities held in escrow if placed in escrow by the issuer thereof;

provided, however, that any voting securities of an issuer shall be deemed outstanding if any person other than the issuer is entitled to exercise the voting rights thereof.

(5) A security shall be deemed to be of the same class as another security if both securities confer upon the holder or holders thereof substantially the same rights and privileges; provided, however, that, in the case of secured evidences of indebtedness, all of which are issued under a single indenture, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates of various series thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute such series different classes; and provided, further, that, in the case of unsecured evidences of indebtedness, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute them securities of different classes, whether or not they are issued under a single indenture.

(f) Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Debt Security of any series, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall not be required to resign as provided by this Section if the Trustee shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that:

(1) the Event of Default may be cured or waived during a reasonable period and under the procedures described in such application; and

(2) a stay of the Trustee's duty to resign will not be inconsistent with the interests of Holders of the Debt Securities.

The filing of such an application shall automatically stay the performance of the duty to resign until the Commission orders otherwise.

SECTION 6.9. CORPORATE TRUSTEE REQUIRED; ELIGIBILITY.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$75,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State or District of Columbia authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. Neither the Company nor any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Company shall serve as Trustee upon any Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.10. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee under Section 6.11.

(b) The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If an instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and a successor Trustee appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Company.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 6.8(a) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 6.9 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

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

then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, or (ii) subject to Section 5.14, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of any series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 6.11. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders of such series and accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months may, subject to Section 5.14, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(f) The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 6.11. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY SUCCESSOR.

(a) In the case of an appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, each such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring

Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee, but, on request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee, and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder, subject nevertheless to its claim, if any, provided for in Section 6.7.

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Debt Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall 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, it being understood that nothing herein or in any such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any other trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of any such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

(c) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

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

SECTION 6.12. MERGER, CONVERSION, CONSOLIDATION OR SUCCESSION TO BUSINESS.

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

SECTION 6.13. PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST COMPANY.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this Section, if the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor, directly or indirectly, secured or unsecured, of the Company within three months prior to a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, or subsequent to such default, then, unless and until such default shall be cured, the Trustee shall set apart and hold in a special account for the benefit of the Trustee individually, the Holders of the Debt Securities and of the Coupons, if any, and the holders of other indenture securities (as defined in subsection (c) of this Section):

(1) an amount equal to any and all reductions in the amount due and owing upon any claim as such creditor in respect of principal or interest, effected after the beginning of such three-month period and valid as against the Company and its other creditors, except any such reduction resulting from the receipt or disposition of any property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or from the exercise of any right of set-off which the Trustee could have exercised if a voluntary or involuntary case had been commenced in respect of the Company under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law upon the date of such default; and

(2) all property received by the Trustee in respect of any claim as such creditor, either as security therefor, or in satisfaction or composition thereof, or otherwise, after the beginning of such three-month period, or an amount equal to the proceeds of any such property, if disposed of, subject, however, to the rights, if any, of the Company and its other creditors in such property or such proceeds.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall affect the right of the Trustee:

(A) to retain for its own account (i) payments made on account of any such claim by any Person (other than the Company) who is liable thereon, and (ii) the proceeds of the bona fide sale of any such claim by the Trustee to a third Person, and (iii) distributions made in cash, securities or other property in respect of claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings or reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law;

(B) to realize, for its own account, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such property was so held prior to the beginning of such three-month period;

(C) to realize, for its own account, but only to the extent of the claim hereinafter mentioned, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such claim was created after the beginning of such three-month period and such property was received as security therefor simultaneously with the creation thereof, and if the Trustee shall sustain the burden of proving that at the time such property was so received the Trustee had no reasonable cause to believe that a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, would occur within three months; or

(D) to receive payment on any claim referred to in paragraph (B) or (C) against the release of any property held as security for such claim as provided in paragraph (B) or (C), as the case may be, to the extent of the fair value of such property.

For the purposes of paragraphs (B), (C) and (D), property substituted after the beginning of such three-month period for property held as security at the time of such substitution shall, to the extent of the fair value of the property released, have the same status as the property released, and, to the extent that any claim referred to in any of such paragraphs is created in renewal of or in substitution for or for the purpose of repaying or refunding any pre-existing claim of the Trustee as such creditor, such claim shall have the same status as such pre-existing claim.

If the Trustee shall be required to account, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned among the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities in such manner that the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities realize, as a result of payments from such special account and payments of dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, the same percentage of their respective claims, figured before crediting to the claim of the Trustee anything on account of the receipt by it from the Company of the funds and property in such special account and before crediting to the respective claims of the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal

or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, but after crediting thereon receipts on account of the indebtedness represented by their respective claims from all sources other than from such dividends and from the funds and property so held in such special account. As used in this paragraph, with respect to any claim, the term "dividends" shall include any distribution with respect to such claim, in bankruptcy or receivership or proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, whether such distribution is made in cash, securities, or other property, but shall not include any such distribution with respect to the secured portion, if any, of such claim. The court in which such bankruptcy, receivership or proceedings for reorganization is pending shall have jurisdiction (i) to apportion among the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the funds and property held in such special account and proceeds thereof, or (ii) in lieu of such apportionment, in whole or in part, to give to the provisions of this paragraph due consideration in determining the fairness of the distributions to be made to the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities with respect to their respective claims, in which event it shall not be necessary to liquidate or to appraise the value of any securities or other property held in such special account or as security for any such claim, or to make a specific allocation of such distributions as between the secured and unsecured portions of such claim, or otherwise to apply the provisions of this paragraph as a mathematical formula.

Any Trustee which has resigned or been removed after the beginning of such three-month period shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection as though such resignation or removal had not occurred. If any Trustee has resigned or been removed prior to the beginning of such three-month period, it shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection if and only if the following conditions exist:

(i) the receipt of property or reduction of claim, which would have given rise to the obligation to account, if such Trustee had continued as Trustee, occurred after the beginning of such three-month period; and

(ii) such receipt of property or reduction of claim occurred within three months after such resignation or removal.

(b) There shall be excluded from the operation of subsection (a) of this Section a creditor relationship arising from:

(1) the ownership or acquisition of securities issued under any indenture, or any security or securities having a maturity of one year or more at the time of acquisition by the Trustee;

(2) advances authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction or by this Indenture, for the purpose of preserving any property which shall at any time be subject to the Lien of this Indenture or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon, if notice of such advances and of the circumstances surrounding the making thereof is given to the Holders at the time and in the manner provided in this Indenture;

(3) disbursements made in the ordinary course of business in the capacity of trustee under an indenture, transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent or depositary, or other similar capacity;

(4) an indebtedness created as a result of services rendered or premises rented, or an indebtedness created as a result of goods or securities sold in a cash transaction as defined in subsection (c) of this Section;

(5) the ownership of stock or of other securities of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, which is directly or indirectly a creditor of the Company; and

(6) The acquisition, ownership, acceptance or negotiation of any drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances or obligations which fall within the classification of self-liquidating paper as defined in subsection (c) of this Section.

(c) for the purposes of this Section only:

(1) The term "default" means any failure to make payment in full of the principal of or interest on any of the Debt Securities or upon the other indenture securities when and as such principal or interest becomes due and payable.

(2) The term "other indenture securities" means securities upon which the Company is an obligor outstanding under any other indenture (i) under which the Trustee is also trustee, (ii) which contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of this Section, and (iii) under which a default exists at the time of the apportionment of the funds and property held in such special account.

(3) The term "cash transaction" means any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks and payable upon demand.

(4) The term "self-liquidating paper" means any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing the purchase, processing, manufacturing, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.14. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHENTICATING AGENT.

As long as any Debt Securities of a series remain Outstanding, upon a Company Request, there shall be an authenticating agent (the "Authenticating Agent") appointed, for such period as the Company shall elect, by the Trustee for such series of Debt Securities to act as its agent on its behalf and subject to its direction in connection with the authentication and delivery of each series of Debt Securities for which it is serving as Trustee. Debt Securities of each such series authenticated by such Authenticating Agent shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by such Trustee. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Debt Securities of any series by the Trustee for such series or to the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee for such series by an Authenticating Agent for such series and a Certificate of Authentication executed on behalf of such Trustee by such Authenticating Agent, except that only the Trustee may authenticate Debt Securities upon original issuance and pursuant to Section 3.6 hereof. Such Authenticating Agent shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$10,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any corporation into which any Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted, or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which any Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to the corporate agency business of any Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be the Authenticating Agent with respect to all series of Debt Securities for which it served as Authenticating Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee for such series or such Authenticating Agent. Any Authenticating Agent may at any time, and if it shall cease to be eligible shall, resign by giving written notice of resignation to the applicable Trustee and to the Company.

Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time any Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.14 with respect to one or more or all series of Debt Securities, the Trustee for such series shall upon Company Request appoint a successor Authenticating Agent, and the Company shall provide notice of such appointment to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as Authenticating Agent

herein. The Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series agrees to pay to the Authenticating Agent for such series from time to time reasonable compensation for its services, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payment, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7. The Authenticating Agent for the Debt Securities of any series shall have no responsibility or liability for any action taken by it as such at the direction of the Trustee for such series.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series is made pursuant to this Section, the Debt Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

As Trustee

By:

As Authenticating Agent

By:

Authorized Signatory

ARTICLE VII.

HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND COMPANY

SECTION 7.1. COMPANY TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HOLDERS.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee with respect to Registered Securities of each series for which it acts as Trustee:

(a) semi-annually on a date not more than 15 days after each Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date, if any, for the Registered Securities of such series (or on semi-annual dates in each year to be determined pursuant to Section 3.1 if the Registered Securities of such series do not bear interest), a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Registered Holders as of the date 15 days next preceding each such Regular Record Date (or such semi-annual dates, as the case may be); and

(b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Security Registrar for such series, no such list need be furnished.

The Company shall also be required to furnish to the Trustee at all such times set forth above all information in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Paying Agents other than the Trustee as to the names and addresses of the Holders of Bearer Securities of all series; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to investigate any matter relating to any Holders of Bearer Securities of any series.

SECTION 7.2. PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION; COMMUNICATION TO HOLDERS.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 7.1 received by it in the capacity of Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder, and filed with it within the two preceding years pursuant to Section 7.3(c)(2).

The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 7.1 upon receipt of a new list so furnished, destroy any information received by it as Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder upon delivering to itself as Trustee, not earlier than 45 days after an Interest Payment Date, a list containing the names and addresses of the Holders obtained from such information since the delivery of the next previous list, if any, destroy any list delivered to itself as Trustee which was compiled from information received by it as Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder upon the receipt of a new list so delivered, and destroy not earlier than two years after filing, any information filed with it pursuant to Section 7.3(c)(2).

(b) If three or more Holders (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee, and furnish to the Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Debt Security for a period of at least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other Holders of Debt Securities of a particular series (in which case the applicants must hold Debt Securities of such series) or with all Holders of Debt Securities with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Debt Securities and is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Trustee shall, within five Business Days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either

(i) afford such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), or

(ii) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of Holders of Debt Securities of such series or of all Debt Securities, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such Holders the form of proxy or other communication, specified in such application.

If the Trustee shall elect not to afford such applicants access to such information, the Trustee shall, upon written request of such applicants, mail to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, whose names and addresses

appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, the Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Commission, together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission, after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met and shall enter an order so declaring, the Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such Holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise the Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Every Holder of Debt Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with Section 7.2(b), regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing of any material pursuant to a request made under Section 7.2(b).

SECTION 7.3. REPORTS BY TRUSTEE.

(a) Within 60 days after January 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 2000, the Trustee shall, to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series with respect to which it acts as Trustee, in the manner hereinafter provided in this Section 7.3, a brief report dated such date with respect to any of the following events which may have occurred within the previous 12 months (but if no such event has occurred within such period no report need be transmitted):

(1) any change to its eligibility under Section 6.9 and its qualifications under Section 6.8;

(2) the creation of or any material change to a relationship specified in paragraph (1) through (10) of Section 6.8(c) of this Indenture;

(3) the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) which remain unpaid on the date of such report, and for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on any property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, except that the Trustee shall not be required (but may elect) to

report such advances if such advances so remaining unpaid aggregate not more than 1/2 of 1% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the date of such report;

(4) any change to the amount, interest rate and maturity date of all other indebtedness owing by the Company (or any other obligor on the Debt Securities of such series) to the Trustee in its individual capacity, on the date of such report, with a brief description of any property held as collateral security therefor, except an indebtedness based upon a creditor relationship arising in any manner described in Section 6.13(b)(2), (3), (4) or (6);

(5) any change to the property and funds, if any, physically in the possession of the Trustee as such on the date of such report;

(6) any additional issue of Debt Securities which the Trustee has not previously reported; and

(7) any action taken by the Trustee in the performance of its duties hereunder which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Debt Securities of such series, except action in respect of a default, notice of which has been or is to be withheld by the Trustee in accordance with Section 6.2.

(b) The Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series (whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a)) for which it acts as the Trustee, as hereinafter provided, a brief report with respect to the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) since the date of the last report transmitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section (or if no such report has yet been so transmitted, since the date of execution of this instrument) for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, and which it has not previously reported pursuant to this subsection, except that the Trustee for each series shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances remaining unpaid at any time aggregate 10% or less of the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series Outstanding at such time, such report to be transmitted within 90 days after such time.

(c) Reports pursuant to this Section 7.3 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Holders of Registered Securities, as the names and addresses of such Holders of Registered Securities appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have, within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) except in the cases of reports pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 7.3, to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a).

(d) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed with the Company and the Company shall file such report with each stock exchange upon which any Debt Securities of such series are listed, with the Commission and also with the Company. The Company will notify the Trustee when any series of Debt Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

SECTION 7.4. REPORTS BY COMPANY.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to a particular series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, the Company will:

(1) file with the Trustee, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, 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 Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Notwithstanding that the Company may not be required to remain subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Company shall continue to file with the Commission and provide the Trustee and the Holders of each series of Debt Securities with, without cost to each Holder, (a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, annual reports on Form 10-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in such successor or comparable form); (b) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, reports on Form 10-Q (or any successor or comparable form); and (c) promptly from time to time after the occurrence of an event required to be therein reported, such other reports on Form 8-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in any successor or comparable form); provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file such reports with the Commission if the Commission does not permit such filings. The Company will in all cases, without cost to each recipient, provide copies of such information to the Holders of the Debt Securities of each series and, if they are not permitted to file such reports with the Commission, shall make available information to prospective purchasers and to securities analysts and broker-dealers upon their request;

(2) file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the

Company with the conditions and covenants of this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(3) transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 7.3, within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONCERNING THE HOLDERS

SECTION 8.1. ACTS OF HOLDERS.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent or proxy duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee, and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may take any Act, the fact that the Holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced (a) by the instrument or instruments executed by Holders in person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing, or (b) by the record of Holders voting in favor thereof at any meeting of such Holders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article Nine, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of Holders.

SECTION 8.2. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP; PROOF OF EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY HOLDER.

The ownership of Registered Securities of any series shall be proved by the Security Register for such series or by a certificate of the Security Registrar for such series.

The ownership of Bearer Securities shall be proved by production of such Bearer Securities or by a certificate executed by any bank or trust company, which certificate shall be dated and shall state that on the date thereof a Bearer Security bearing a specified identifying number or other mark was deposited with or exhibited to the person executing such certificate by the person named in such certificate, or by any other proof of possession reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee. The holding by the person named in any such certificate of any Bearer Security specified therein shall be presumed to continue for a period of one year unless at the time of determination of such holding

(1) another certificate bearing a later date issued in respect of the same Bearer Security shall be produced, (2) such Bearer Security shall be produced by some other person, (3) such Bearer Security shall have been registered on the Security Register, if, pursuant to Section 3.1, such Bearer Security can be so registered, or (4) such Bearer Security shall have been canceled or paid.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 9.5, proof of the execution of a writing appointing an agent or proxy and of the execution of any instrument by a Holder or his agent or proxy shall be sufficient and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company if made in the following manner:

The fact and date of the execution by any such person of any instrument may be proved by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, that the person executing such instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution sworn to before any such notary or other such officer. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or association or a member of a partnership on behalf of such corporation, association or partnership, as the case may be, or by any other person acting in a representative capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

The record of any Holders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.6.

The Trustee may in any instance require further proof with respect to any of the matters referred to in this Section so long as the request is a reasonable one.

SECTION 8.3. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS.

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Registered Security is registered as the owner of such Registered Security for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7) interest, if any, on such Registered Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Registered Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. The Company, the Trustee, and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Holder of any Bearer Security or of any Coupon as the absolute owner of such Bearer Security or Coupon for the purposes of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Bearer Security or Coupon be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. All payments made to any Holder, or upon his order, shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon such Debt Security or Coupon.

SECTION 8.4. REVOCATION OF CONSENTS; FUTURE HOLDERS BOUND.

At any time prior to (but not after) the evidencing to the Trustee, as provided in Section 8.1, of the taking of any Act by the Holders of the percentage in aggregate

principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities specified in this Indenture in connection with such Act, any Holder of a Debt Security the number, letter or other distinguishing symbol of which is shown by the evidence to be included in the Debt Securities the Holders of which have consented to such Act may, by filing written notice with the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office and upon proof of ownership as provided in Section 8.2, revoke such Act so far as it concerns such Debt Security. Except as aforesaid, any such Act taken by the Holder of any Debt Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and, subject to the provisions of Section 5.8, upon all future Holders of such Debt Security and all past, present and future Holders of Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto and of any Debt Securities and Coupons issued on transfer or in lieu thereof or in exchange or substitution therefor, irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Debt Security or Coupons or such other Debt Securities or Coupons.

ARTICLE IX.

HOLDERS' MEETINGS

SECTION 9.1. PURPOSES OF MEETINGS.

A meeting of Holders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article Nine for any of the following purposes:

(1) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee for such series, or to give any directions to the Trustee for such series, or to consent to the waiving of any default hereunder and its consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by Holders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article Five;

(2) to remove the Trustee for such series and appoint a successor Trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article Six;

(3) to consent to the execution of an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.2; or

(4) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the Holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any one or more or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.

SECTION 9.2. CALL OF MEETINGS BY TRUSTEE.

The Trustee for any series may at any time call a meeting of Holders of such series to take any action specified in Section 9.1, to be held at such time or times and at such place or places as the Trustee for such series shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the Holders of any series, setting forth the time and the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be given to Holders of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Such

notice shall be given not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

SECTION 9.3. CALL OF MEETINGS BY COMPANY OR HOLDERS.

In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of a series or of all series, as the case may be, shall have requested the Trustee for such series to call a meeting of Holders of any or all such series by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have given the notice of such meeting within 10 days after the receipt of such request, then the Company or such Holders may determine the time or times and the place or places for such meetings and may call such meetings to take any action authorized in Section 9.1, by giving notice thereof as provided in Section 9.2.

SECTION 9.4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING.

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders a Person shall be (a) a Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or (b) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as agent or proxy by such Holder. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee for the series with respect to which such meeting is being held and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

SECTION 9.5. REGULATIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee for any series may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of such series, in regard to proof of the holding of Debt Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies, and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem appropriate.

The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Holders of such series as provided in Section 9.3, in which case the Company or the Holders calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by a majority vote of the meeting.

Subject to the provisos in the definition of "Outstanding," at any meeting each Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or proxy therefor shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount (or such other amount as shall be specified as contemplated by Section 3.1) of Debt Securities of such series held or represented by him; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Debt Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the

meeting shall have no right to vote other than by virtue of Outstanding Debt Securities of such series held by him or instruments in writing duly designating him as the person to vote on behalf of Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Any meeting of Holders with respect to which a meeting was duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 or 9.3 may be adjourned from time to time by a majority of such Holders present and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 9.6. VOTING.

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders with respect to which such meeting is being held shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of such Holders or of their representatives by proxy and the serial number or numbers of the Debt Securities held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders shall be taken, and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was transmitted as provided in Section 9.2. The record shall show the serial numbers of the Debt Securities voting in favor of or against any resolution. The record shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting, and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee.

Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

ARTICLE X.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 10.1. COMPANY MAY CONSOLIDATE, ETC., ONLY ON CERTAIN TERMS.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or sell, assign, convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, unless:

(1) the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety (the "successor corporation") shall be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State or territory thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the Debt Securities and coupons, if any, and the

performance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing;

(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(4) such other conditions as may be specified under Section 3.1 with respect to any series of Debt Securities.

SECTION 10.2. SUCCESSOR CORPORATION SUBSTITUTED.

Upon any consolidation with or merger into any other corporation, or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 10.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor corporation had been named as the Company herein.

ARTICLE XI.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 11.1. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the rights of the Company and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Company contained herein and in the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any; or

(2) to add to the covenants of the Company, for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series), or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company; or

(3) to add any additional Events of Default (and if such Events of Default are to be applicable to less than all series, stating that such Events of Default are expressly being included solely to be applicable to such series); or

(4) to add or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the issuance of Debt Securities of any series in bearer form, registrable or not registrable, and with or without Coupons, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Registered Securities, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Bearer Securities of other authorized denominations or to permit the issuance of Debt Securities of any series in uncertificated form, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of any series or any related Coupons in any material respect; or

(5) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there is no Outstanding Debt Security or Coupon of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision and as to which such supplemental indenture would apply; or

(6) to secure the Debt Securities or to provide that any of the Company's obligations under any series of the Debt Securities shall be guaranteed and the terms and conditions for the release or substitution of such security or guarantee; or

(7) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Article Four or Fifteen, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or any other series of Debt Securities or any related Coupons in any material respect; or

(8) to establish the form or terms of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of any series as permitted by Sections 2.1 and 3.1; or

(9) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to one or more series of Debt Securities 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, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.10; or

(10) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, to eliminate any conflict between the terms hereof and the Trust Indenture Act or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture which shall not be inconsistent with any provision of this Indenture; provided such other provisions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture in any material respect.

SECTION 11.2. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

With the written consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture voting separately, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders under this Indenture of such Debt Securities and Coupons, if any; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each such series affected thereby,

(1) conflict with the required provisions of the Trust Indenture Act;

(2) except as specifically provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest, if any, on, any Debt Security, or (b) reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof (provided that a requirement to offer to repurchase Debt Securities shall not be deemed a redemption for this purpose), or (c) change the Stated Maturity of or reduce the amount of any payment to be made with respect to any Coupon, or (d) change the Currency or Currencies in which the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on such Debt Security is denominated or payable, or (e) reduce the amount of the principal of a Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, or (f) reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, any payment under any sinking fund or analogous provisions for any Debt Security, or (g) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or (h) limit the obligation of the Company to maintain a paying agency outside the United States for payment on Bearer Securities as provided in Section 12.3, or (i) adversely affect the right to convert any Debt Security into shares of Common Stock of the Company as may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1;

(3) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture; or

(4) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 5.13 or Section 12.7, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each series affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee"

and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 12.7, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 6.10 and 11.1(9).

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

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture with respect to one or more particular series of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Debt Securities and Coupons of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Debt securities and Coupons, if any, of any other series.

SECTION 11.3. EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) 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 and that the supplemental indenture conforms to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which adversely affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise in a material way.

SECTION 11.4. EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.5. CONFORMITY WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 11.6. REFERENCE IN DEBT SECURITIES TO SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.7. NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the appropriate Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to Section 11.2, the Company shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5, to all Holders of any series of the Debt Securities affected thereby, a notice setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture.

ARTICLE XII.

COVENANTS

SECTION 12.1. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities in accordance with the terms of the Debt Securities, the Coupons and this Indenture. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 with respect to any series of Debt Securities or except as otherwise provided in Section 3.6, any interest due on Bearer Securities on or before Maturity shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the several Coupons for such interest installments as are evidenced thereby as they severally mature. If so provided in the terms of any series of Debt Securities established as provided in Section 3.1, the interest, if any, due in respect of any temporary Global Note or permanent Global Note, together with any additional amounts payable in respect thereof, as provided in the terms and conditions of such Debt Security, shall be payable only upon presentation of such Debt Security to the Trustee for notation thereon of the payment of such interest.

SECTION 12.2. OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO DEFAULT.

Unless otherwise specifically provided for with respect to any series of Debt Securities under Section 3.1, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, on or before a date not more than four months after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (which on the date hereof is the calendar year) ending after the date hereof, a certificate of the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signer thereof the Company is in compliance with all covenants and conditions under this Indenture, and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature thereof of which such signer may have knowledge. For purposes of this Section, such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture.

SECTION 12.3. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY.

If Debt Securities of a series are issuable only as Registered Securities, the Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for such series an office or agency where Debt Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange,

where Debt Securities of that series that are convertible may be surrendered for conversion, if applicable, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. If Debt Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, the Company will maintain (A) in the Borough of Manhattan, The City and State of New York, an office or agency where any Registered Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange or redemption, where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served and where Bearer Securities of that series and related Coupons may be presented or surrendered for payment in the circumstances described in the following paragraph (and not otherwise), (B) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, in a Place of Payment for that series which is located outside the United States, an office or agency where Debt Securities of that series and related Coupons may be presented and surrendered for payment (including payment of any additional amounts payable on Debt Securities of that series, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1); provided, however, that if the Debt Securities of that series are listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States and such stock exchange shall so require, the Company will maintain a Paying Agent for the Debt Securities of that series in London, Luxembourg or any other required city located outside the United States, as the case may be, so long as the Debt Securities of that series are listed on such exchange, and (C) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, in a Place of Payment for that series located outside the United States an office or agency where any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange or redemption and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency.

No payment of principal, premium or interest on Bearer Securities shall be made at any office or agency of the Company in the United States or by check mailed to any address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained with a bank located in the United States; provided, however, that, if the Debt Securities of a series are denominated and payable in Dollars, payment of principal of and any premium and interest on any Bearer Security (including any additional amounts payable on Securities of such series, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1) shall be made at the office of the Company's Paying Agent in the Borough of Manhattan, The City and State of New York, if (but only if) payment in Dollars of the full amount of such principal, premium, interest or additional amounts, as the case may be, at all offices or agencies outside the United States maintained for the purpose by the Company in accordance with this Indenture is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions.

The Company may also from time to time designate different or additional offices or agencies to be maintained for such purposes (in or outside of such Place of Payment), and may from time to time rescind any such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its

obligations described in the preceding paragraph. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such additional designation or rescission of designation and any change in the location of any such different or additional office or agency.

SECTION 12.4. MONEY FOR DEBT SECURITIES; PAYMENTS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

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

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents with respect to any series of Debt Securities and Coupons, it will, by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) or on each due date of the principal (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Securities of such series, deposit with any such Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, and (unless any such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation (i) to maintain any office or to act in any capacity as an agent for any purpose under this Indenture (or any supplement hereto) outside the United States, or (ii) to act as a Paying Agent in respect of any currency other than Dollars.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent with respect to any series of Debt Securities other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will:

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

(2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities of such series) in the making of any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of such series; and

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

The Company may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Company Order direct

any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Company or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

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 (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company upon Company Request, or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Debt Security or Coupon shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, 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, shall 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 transmitted in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 1.5, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

SECTION 12.5. CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

Subject to Article Ten, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right or franchise if the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company.

SECTION 12.6. PURCHASE OF DEBT SECURITIES BY COMPANY.

If the Debt Securities of a series are listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and such stock exchange shall so require, the Company will not purchase any Debt Securities of that series by private treaty at a price (exclusive of expenses and accrued interest) which exceeds 120% of the mean of the nominal quotations of the Debt Securities of that series as shown in The Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the last trading day preceding the date of purchase.

SECTION 12.7. WAIVER OF CERTAIN COVENANTS.

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Sections 12.5 and 12.6 (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other covenant not set forth herein and specified pursuant to Section 3.1 to be applicable to the Securities of any series, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series if before the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such

compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent expressly so waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XIII.

REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 13.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Debt Securities of any series which are redeemable before their Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 13.2. ELECTION TO REDEEM; NOTICE TO TRUSTEE.

The election of the Company to redeem (or, in the case of Discount Securities, to permit the Holders to elect to surrender for redemption) any Debt Securities shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company of less than all of the Debt Securities of any series pursuant to Section 13.3, the Company shall, at least 30 days before the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Debt Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Debt Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restrictions.

SECTION 13.3. SELECTION BY TRUSTEE OF DEBT SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

Except in the case of a redemption in whole of the Bearer Securities or the Registered Securities of such series, if less than all the Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed at the election of the Company, the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series in a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated. The portions of the principal amount of Debt Securities so selected for partial redemption shall be equal to the minimum authorized denominations for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated or any integral multiple thereof, except as otherwise set forth in the applicable form of Debt Securities. In any case when more than one Registered Security of such series is registered in the same name, the Trustee in

its discretion may treat the aggregate principal amount so registered as if it were represented by one Registered Security of such series.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Debt Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Debt Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

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

SECTION 13.4. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to the Holders of Debt Securities of any series to be redeemed in whole or in part pursuant to this Article Thirteen, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. Failure to give such notice, or any defect in such notice to the Holder of any Debt Security of a series designated for redemption, in whole or in part, shall not affect the sufficiency of any notice of redemption with respect to the Holder of any other Debt Security of such series.

All notices of redemption shall state:

(1) the Redemption Date;

(2) the Redemption Price;

(3) that Debt Securities of such series are being redeemed by the Company pursuant to provisions contained in this Indenture or the terms of the Debt Securities of such series or a supplemental indenture establishing such series, if such be the case, together with a brief statement of the facts permitting such redemption;

(4) if less than all Outstanding Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the principal amounts) of the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed;

(5) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Debt Security to be redeemed, and that interest thereon, if any, shall cease to accrue on and after said date;

(6) that, unless otherwise specified in such notice, Coupon Securities of any series, if any, surrendered for redemption must be accompanied by all Coupons maturing subsequent to the date fixed for redemption, failing

which the amount of any such missing Coupon or Coupons will be deducted from the Redemption Price;

(7) the Place or Places of Payment where such Debt Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price;

(8) if Bearer Securities of any series are to be redeemed and any Registered Securities of such series are not to be redeemed, and if such Bearer Securities may be exchanged for Registered Securities not subject to redemption on this Redemption Date pursuant to Section 3.5(b) or otherwise, the last date on which such exchanges may be made; and

(9) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case.

SECTION 13.5. DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

On or prior to 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date for any Debt Securities, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) an amount of money in the Currency or Currencies in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of such Debt Securities or any portions thereof which are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 13.6. DEBT SECURITIES PAYABLE ON REDEMPTION DATE.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, any Debt Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.10), and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Debt Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Debt Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Debt Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price; provided, however, that installments of interest on Bearer Securities whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States (except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3) and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, only upon presentation and surrender of Coupons for such interest; and provided, further, that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, installments of interest on Registered Securities which have a Stated Maturity on or prior to the Redemption Date for such Debt Securities shall be payable according to the terms of such Debt Securities and the provisions of Section 3.7.

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

If any Coupon Security surrendered for redemption shall not be accompanied by all Coupons appertaining thereto maturing on or after the Redemption Date, the

Redemption Price for such Coupon Security may be reduced by an amount equal to the face amount of all such missing Coupons. If thereafter the Holder of such Coupon shall surrender to any Paying Agent outside the United States any such missing Coupon in respect of which a deduction shall have been made from the Redemption Price, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount so deducted. The surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee, if there be furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless.

SECTION 13.7. DEBT SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Any Debt Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Corporate Trust Office or such other office or agency of the Company as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Registered Securities) and at an office of the Trustee, or at such other office or agency of the Company outside the United States as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Bearer Securities) with, if the Company, the Security Registrar or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Security Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Debt Security without service charge, a new Debt Security or Debt Securities of the same series, of like tenor and form, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Debt Security so surrendered, and, in the case of a Coupon Security, with appropriate Coupons attached. In the case of a Debt Security providing appropriate space for such notation, at the option of the Holder thereof, the Trustee, in lieu of delivering a new Debt Security or Debt Securities as aforesaid, may make a notation on such Debt Security of the payment of the redeemed portion thereof.

ARTICLE XIV.

SINKING FUNDS

SECTION 14.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLES.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of Debt Securities of a series except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment," and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series, the amount of any cash sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 14.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Debt Securities of any series as provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of such series.

SECTION 14.2. SATISFACTION OF MANDATORY SINKING FUND PAYMENTS WITH DEBT SECURITIES.

In lieu of making all or any part of a mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to any Debt Securities of a series in cash, the Company may at its option, at any time no more than sixteen months and no less than 45 days prior to the date on which such sinking fund payment is due, deliver to the Trustee Debt Securities of such series (together with the unmatured Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto) theretofore purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company, except Debt Securities of such series which have been redeemed through the application of mandatory sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of such series, accompanied by a Company Order instructing the Trustee to credit such obligations and stating that the Debt Securities of such series were originally issued by the Company by way of bona fide sale or other negotiation for value, provided that such Debt Securities shall not have been previously so credited. Such Debt Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such mandatory sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

SECTION 14.3. REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES FOR SINKING FUND.

Not less than 60 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any series of Debt Securities (unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing 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 in the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 14.2 and whether the Company intends to exercise its rights to make a permitted optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series. Such certificate shall be irrevocable and upon its delivery the Company shall be obligated to make the cash payment or payments therein referred to, if any, on or before the next succeeding sinking fund payment date. In the case of the failure of the Company to deliver such certificate, the sinking fund payment due on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date for such series shall be paid entirely in cash and shall be sufficient to redeem the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series subject to a mandatory sinking fund payment without the right to deliver or credit Debt Securities as provided in Section 14.2 and without the right to make any optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series at such time.

Any sinking fund payment or payments (mandatory or optional) made in cash plus any unused balance of any preceding sinking fund payments made with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) on the sinking fund payment date on which such payment is made (or, if such payment is made before a sinking fund payment date, on the sinking fund payment date immediately following the date of such payment) to the redemption of Debt Securities of such series at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities with respect to the sinking

fund. Any sinking fund moneys not so applied or allocated by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) to the redemption of Debt Securities shall be added to the next sinking fund payment received by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) for such series and, together with such payment (or such amount so segregated) shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any and all sinking fund moneys with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series held by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) on the last sinking fund payment date with respect to Debt Securities of such series and not held for the payment or redemption of particular Debt Securities of such series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent), together with other moneys, if necessary, to be deposited (or segregated) sufficient for the purpose, to the payment of the principal of the Debt Securities of such series at Maturity.

The Trustee shall select or cause to be selected the Debt Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 13.3 and the Company shall cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the manner provided in Section 13.4. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Debt Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Section 13.6.

On or before 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on each sinking fund payment date, the Company shall pay to the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, the Company shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) in cash a sum, in the Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), equal to the principal and any interest accrued to the Redemption Date for Debt Securities or portions thereof to be redeemed on such sinking fund payment date pursuant to this Section.

Neither the Trustee, any Paying Agent nor the Company shall redeem any Debt Securities of a series with sinking fund moneys or mail any notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series by operation of the sinking fund for such series during the continuance of a default in payment of interest, if any, on any Debt Securities of such series or of any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default occurring as a consequence of this paragraph) with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, except that if the notice of redemption shall have been provided in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Trustee or applicable Paying Agent (or the Company, if the Company is then acting as its own Paying Agent) shall redeem such Debt Securities if cash sufficient for that purpose shall be deposited with the Trustee or such other Paying Agent as provided above (or segregated by the Company) for that purpose in accordance with the terms of this Article. Except as aforesaid, any moneys in the sinking fund for

such series at the time when any such default or Event of Default shall occur and any moneys thereafter paid into such sinking fund shall, during the continuance of such default or Event of Default, be held as security for the payment of the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of such series; provided, however, that in case such default or Event of Default shall have been cured or waived as provided herein, such moneys shall thereafter be applied on or prior to the next sinking fund payment date for the Debt Securities of such series on which such moneys may be applied pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

ARTICLE XV.

DEFEASANCE

SECTION 15.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

If, pursuant to Section 3.1, provision is made for the defeasance of Debt Securities of a series, and if the Debt Securities of such series are Registered Securities and denominated and payable only in Dollars (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1 and subject to the proviso in the last sentence of this paragraph) then the provisions of this Article shall be applicable except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series. Defeasance provisions, if any, for Debt Securities denominated and/or payable in a Foreign Currency or Currencies or for Bearer Securities may be specified pursuant to Section 3.1; provided, however, that nothing herein or therein shall obligate the Trustee (without its consent, at its sole option) to hold or maintain any account, or act as Paying Agent with respect to, any Foreign Currency or Currencies.

SECTION 15.2. DEFEASANCE UPON DEPOSIT OF MONEYS OR U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS.

At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have been Discharged (as defined below) from its obligations with respect to Debt Securities of any series ("legal defeasance option") or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Section 10.1 with respect to Debt Securities of any series (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other obligation of the Company or restrictive covenant added for the benefit of such series pursuant to Section 3.1) ("covenant defeasance option") at any time after the applicable conditions set forth below have been satisfied:

(1) the Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series (i) money in an amount, or (ii) U.S. Government Obligations (as defined below) which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii), sufficient, in the opinion (with respect to (i) and (ii)) of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge each

installment of principal (including any mandatory sinking fund payments) of and premium, if any, and interest on, the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the dates such installments of interest or principal and premium are due;

(2) such deposit shall not cause the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that series to have a conflicting interest as defined in Section 6.8 and for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act with respect to the Debt Securities of any series;

(3) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(4) if the Debt Securities of such series are then listed on any national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a letter or other document from such exchange to the effect that the Company's exercise of its option under this Section would not cause such Debt Securities to be delisted;

(5) no Event of Default or event (including such deposit) which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit and, with respect to the legal defeasance option only, no Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after such date; and

(6) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance or Discharge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option and an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after the date of such deposit, the obligations of the Company referred to under the definition of covenant defeasance option with respect to such Debt Securities shall be reinstated.

Notwithstanding the Company's exercise of the covenant defeasance option, the Company may subsequently exercise the legal defeasance option.

"Discharged" means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the Debt Securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under this Indenture relating to the Debt Securities of such series (and the Trustee, at the expense of the

Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except (A) the rights of Holders of Debt Securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described in clause (1) above, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities when such payments are due, (B) the Company's obligations with respect to the Debt Securities of such series under Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 15.3 and (C) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

SECTION 15.3. DEPOSITED MONEYS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

All moneys and U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 15.2 in respect of Debt Securities of a series shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of such Debt Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Debt Securities, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 15.4. REPAYMENT TO COMPANY.

The Trustee and any Paying Agent shall promptly pay or return to the Company upon Company Request any moneys or U.S. Government Obligations held by them at any time that are not required for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of any series for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

The provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4 shall apply to any money held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent under this Article that remains unclaimed for two years after the Maturity of any series of Debt Securities for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

ARTICLE XVI.

CONVERSION

SECTION 16.1. APPLICABILITY; CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, the provisions of this Article Sixteen shall be applicable to any Debt Securities that are convertible into Common Stock. If so provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Holder of a Debt Security of such series shall have the right, at such Holder's option, to convert, in accordance with the terms of such series of Debt Securities and this Article Sixteen, all or any part (in a denomination of, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Securities of such series, \$1,000 in principal amount or any integral multiple thereof) of such Debt Security into shares of Common Stock or, as to any Debt Securities called for redemption, at any time prior to the time and date fixed for such redemption (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price, in which case such right shall not terminate at such time and date).

SECTION 16.2. CONVERSION PROCEDURE; CONVERSION PRICE; FRACTIONAL SHARES.

(a) Each Debt Security to which this Article is applicable shall be convertible at the office of the Conversion Agent, and at such other place or places, if any, specified in pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, into fully paid and nonassessable shares (calculated to the nearest 1/100th of a share) of Common Stock. The Debt Securities will be converted into shares of Common Stock at the Conversion Price therefor. No payment or adjustment shall be made in respect of dividends on the Common Stock or accrued interest on a converted Debt Security except as described in Section 16.9. The Company may, but shall not be required, in connection with any conversion of Debt Securities, to issue a fraction of a share of Common Stock and, if the Company shall determine not to issue any such fraction, the Company shall, subject to Section 16.3(4), make a cash payment (calculated to the nearest cent) equal to such fraction multiplied by the Closing Price of the Common Stock on the last Trading Day prior to the date of conversion.

(b) Before any Holder of a Debt Security shall be entitled to convert the same into Common Stock, such Holder shall surrender such Debt Security duly endorsed to the Company or in blank, or, in the case of Bearer Securities, together with all unmatured Coupons and any matured Coupons in default attached thereto, at the office of the Conversion Agent or at such other place or places, if any, specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Registered Securities) and at an office of the Conversion Agent or at such other place or places, if any, outside of the United States as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Bearer Securities), and shall give written notice to the Company at said office or place that he elects to convert the same and shall state in writing therein the principal amount of Debt Securities to be converted and the name or names (with addresses) in which he wishes the certificate or certificates for Common Stock to be issued; provided, however, that no Debt Security or portion thereof shall be accepted for conversion unless the principal amount of such Debt Security or such portion, when added to the principal amount of all other Debt Securities or portions

thereof then being surrendered by the Holder thereof for conversion, exceeds the then effective Conversion Price with respect thereto. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured Coupon or Coupons or matured Coupon or Coupons in default, such conversion may be effected if the Bearer Securities to be surrendered for conversion are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing Coupon or Coupons, or the surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Bearer Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; provided, however that except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency located outside the United States. If more than one Debt Security shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same Holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock which shall be deliverable upon conversion shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities (or specified portions thereof to the extent permitted thereby) so surrendered. Subject to the next succeeding sentence, the Company will, as soon as practicable thereafter, issue and deliver at said office or place to such Holder of a Debt Security, or to his nominee or nominees, certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock to which he shall be entitled as aforesaid, together, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (a) above, with cash in lieu of any fraction of a share to which he would otherwise be entitled. The Company shall not be required to deliver certificates for shares of Common Stock while the stock transfer books for such stock or the Security Register are duly closed for any purpose, but certificates for shares of Common Stock shall be issued and delivered as soon as practicable after the opening of such books or Security Register. A Debt Security shall be deemed to have been converted as of the close of business on the date of the surrender of such Debt Security for conversion as provided above, and the Person or Persons entitled to receive the Common Stock issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record Holder or Holders of such Common Stock as of the close of business on such date. In case any Debt Security shall be surrendered for partial conversion, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the written order of the Holder of the Debt Securities so surrendered, without charge to such Holder (subject to the provisions of Section 16.8), a new Debt Security or Securities in authorized denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unconverted portion of the surrendered Debt Security.

SECTION 16.3. ADJUSTMENT OF CONVERSION PRICE FOR COMMON STOCK.

The Conversion Price with respect to any Debt Security which is convertible into Common Stock shall be adjusted from time to time as follows:

(1) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, (i) pay a dividend in shares of its Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, (ii) combine its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, (iii) subdivide its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a greater number of

shares of Common Stock or (iv) make a distribution in shares of Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, then the Conversion Price in effect immediately before such action shall be adjusted so that the Holders of such Debt Securities, upon conversion thereof into Common Stock immediately following such event, shall be entitled to receive the kind and amount of shares of capital stock of the Company which they would have owned or been entitled to receive upon or by reason of such event if such Debt Securities had been converted immediately before the record date (or, if no record date, the effective date) for such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3(1) shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date in the case of a dividend or distribution and shall become effective retroactively immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision or combination. For the purposes of this Section 16.3(1), each Holder of Debt Securities shall be deemed to have failed to exercise any right to elect the kind or amount of securities receivable upon the payment of any such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution (provided that if the kind or amount of securities receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities or other property receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares).

(2) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, issue rights or warrants to all holders of shares of its Common Stock entitling them (for a period expiring within 45 days after the record date for such issuance) to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock at such record date (treating the price per share of the securities convertible into Common Stock as equal to (x) the sum of (i) the price for a unit of the security convertible into Common Stock and (ii) any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion of such security into Common Stock divided by (y) the number of shares of Common Stock initially underlying such convertible security), the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities shall be adjusted so that it shall equal the price determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of issuance of such rights or warrants by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of such rights or warrants plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock offered for subscription or purchase (or into which the convertible securities so offered are initially convertible), and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of securities which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares of securities so offered for subscription or purchase (or the aggregate purchase price of the convertible securities so offered plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon conversion of such securities into Common Stock) would purchase at such Current Market Price of the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after

the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants.

(3) In the case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, distribute to all holders of shares of its Common Stock (including any such distribution made in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing corporation and the Common Stock is not changed or exchanged) cash, evidences of its indebtedness, securities or assets (excluding (i) regular periodic cash dividends in amounts, if any, determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, (ii) dividends payable in shares of Common Stock for which adjustment is made under Section 16.3(1) or (iii) rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company (excluding those referred to in Section 16.3(2))), then in each such case the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of such distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date referred to below, and the denominator of which shall be such Current Market Price of the Common Stock less the then fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose determination shall be conclusive) of the portion of the cash or assets or evidences of indebtedness or securities so distributed or of such subscription rights or warrants applicable to one share of Common Stock (provided that such denominator shall never be less than 1.); provided however, that no adjustment shall be made with respect to any distribution of rights to purchase securities of the Company if a Holder of Debt Securities would otherwise be entitled to receive such rights upon conversion at any time of such Debt Securities into Common Stock unless such rights are subsequently redeemed by the Company, in which case such redemption shall be treated for purposes of this section as a dividend on the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive such distribution; and in the event that such distribution is not so made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

(4) The Company shall be entitled to make such additional adjustments in the Conversion Price, in addition to those required by subsections 16.3(1), 16.3(2), and 16.3(03), as shall be necessary in order that any dividend or distribution of Common Stock, any subdivision, reclassification or combination of shares of Common Stock or any issuance of rights or warrants referred to above shall not be taxable to the holders of Common Stock for United States Federal income tax purposes.

(5) In any case in which this Section 16.3 shall require that any adjustment be made effective as of or retroactively immediately following a record date, the Company may elect to defer (but only for five (5) Trading Days following the filing of the statement referred to in Section 16.5) issuing to the Holder of any Debt Securities converted after such record date the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion over and above the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such

conversion over and above the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion on the basis of the Conversion Price prior to adjustment; provided, however, that the Company shall deliver to such Holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such Holder's right to receive such additional shares upon the occurrence of the event requiring such adjustment.

(6) All calculations under this Section 16.3 shall be made to the nearest cent or one-hundredth of a share of security, with one-half cent and 0.005 of a share, respectively, being rounded upward. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 16.3, the Company shall not be required to make any adjustment of the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such price. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% in such price. Any adjustments under this Section 16.3 shall be made successively whenever an event requiring such an adjustment occurs.

(7) In the event that at any time, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3, the Holder of any Debt Security thereafter surrendered for conversion shall become entitled to receive any shares of stock of the Company other than shares of Common Stock into which the Debt Securities originally were convertible, the Conversion Price of such other shares so receivable upon conversion of any such Debt Security shall be subject to adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to Common Stock contained in subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Section 16.3, and the provisions of Sections 16.1, 16.2 and 16.4 through 16.9 with respect to the Common Stock shall apply on like or similar terms to any such other shares and the determination of the Board of Directors as to any such adjustment shall be conclusive.

(8) No adjustment shall be made pursuant to this Section: (i) if the effect thereof would be to reduce the Conversion Price below the par value (if any) of the Common Stock or (ii) subject to 16.3(5) hereof, with respect to any Debt Security that is converted prior to the time such adjustment otherwise would be made.

SECTION 16.4. CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER OF THE COMPANY.

In case of either (a) any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party, other than a merger or consolidation in which the company is the surviving or continuing corporation and which does not result in a reclassification of, or change (other than a change in par value or from par value to no par value or from no par value to par value, as a result of a subdivision or combination) in, outstanding shares of Common Stock or (b) any sale or conveyance of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company to another Person, then each Debt Security then outstanding shall be convertible from and after such merger, consolidation, sale or conveyance of

property and assets into the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities and property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Debt Securities would have been converted immediately prior to such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, subject to adjustments which shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practicable to the adjustments provided for in this Article Sixteen (and assuming such holder of Common Stock failed to exercise his rights of election, if any, as to the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance (provided that, if the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares or securities)). The Company shall not enter into any of the transactions referred to in clause (a) or (b) of the preceding sentence unless effective provision shall be made so as to give effect to the provisions set forth in this Section 16.4. The provisions of this Section 16.4 shall apply similarly to successive consolidations, mergers, sales or conveyances.

SECTION 16.5. NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT.

Whenever an adjustment in the Conversion Price with respect to a series of Debt Securities is required:

(1) the Company shall forthwith place on file with the Trustee and any Conversion Agent for such Securities a certificate of the Treasurer of the Company, stating the adjusted Conversion Price determined as provided herein and setting forth in reasonable detail such facts as shall be necessary to show the reason for and the manner of computing such adjustment, such certificate to be conclusive evidence that the adjustment is correct; and

(2) a notice stating that the Conversion Price has been adjusted and setting forth the adjusted Conversion Price shall forthwith be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice.

SECTION 16.6. NOTICE IN CERTAIN EVENTS.

In case:

(1) of a consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party and for which approval of any stockholders of the Company is required, or of the sale or conveyance to another Person or entity or group of Persons or entities acting in concert as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

as amended) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company; or

(2) of the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company; or

(3) of any action triggering an adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article Sixteen,

then, in each case, the Company shall cause to be filed with the Trustee and the Conversion Agent for the applicable Debt Securities, and shall cause to be given, to the Holders of record of applicable Debt Securities in the manner provided in Section 1.5, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the applicable date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of any distribution or grant of rights or warrants triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article Sixteen, or, if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of record or Common Stock entitled to such distribution, rights or warrants are to be determined, or (y) the date on which any reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article Sixteen is expected to become effective, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their Common Stock for securities or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up.

Failure to give such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the legality or validity of the proceedings described in clause (1), (2) or (3) of this Section.

SECTION 16.7. COMPANY TO RESERVE STOCK; REGISTRATION; LISTING.

(a) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the Debt Securities, such number of its duly authorized shares of Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all applicable outstanding Debt Securities into such Common Stock at any time (assuming that, at the time of the computation of such number of shares or securities, all such Debt Securities would be held by a single holder); provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company from satisfying its obligations in respect of the conversion of the Debt Securities by delivery of purchased shares of Common Stock which are held in the treasury of the Company. The Company shall from time to time, in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, use its best efforts to cause the authorized amount of the Common Stock to be increased if the aggregate of the authorized amount of the Common Stock remaining unissued and the issued shares of such Common Stock in its treasury (other than any such shares reserved for issuance in any other connection) shall not be sufficient to permit the conversion of all Debt Securities.

(b) If any shares of Common Stock which would be issuable upon conversion of Debt Securities hereunder require registration with or approval of any

governmental authority before such shares or securities may be issued upon such conversion, the Company will in good faith and as expeditiously as possible endeavor to cause such shares or securities to be duly registered or approved, as the case may be. The Company will endeavor to list the shares of Common Stock required to be delivered upon conversion of the Debt Securities prior to such delivery upon the principal national securities exchange upon which the outstanding Common Stock is listed at the time of such delivery.

SECTION 16.8. TAXES ON CONVERSION.

The Company shall pay any and all documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer taxes that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock on conversion of Debt Securities pursuant hereto. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any such tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock or the portion, if any, of the Debt Securities which are not so converted in a name other than that in which the Debt Securities so converted were registered (in case of Registered Securities), and no such issue or delivery shall be made unless and until the Person requesting such issue has paid to the Company the amount of such tax or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

SECTION 16.9. CONVERSION AFTER RECORD DATE.

If any Debt Securities are surrendered for conversion subsequent to the record date preceding an Interest Payment Date but on or prior to such Interest Payment Date (except Debt Securities called for redemption on a Redemption Date between such record date and Interest Payment Date), the Holder of such Debt Securities at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Debt Securities on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the conversion thereof. Debt Securities surrendered for conversion during the period from the close of business on any record date next preceding any Interest Payment Date to the opening of business on such Interest Payment Date shall (except in the case of Debt Securities which have been called for redemption on a Redemption Date within such period) be accompanied by payment in New York Clearing House funds or other funds and in the Currency acceptable to the Company of an amount equal to the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date on the Debt Securities being surrendered for conversion. Except as provided in this Section 16.9, no adjustments in respect of payments of interest on Debt Securities surrendered for conversion or any dividends or distributions of interest on the Common Stock issued upon conversion shall be made upon the conversion of any Debt Securities.

SECTION 16.10. COMPANY DETERMINATION FINAL.

Any determination that the Company or the Board of Directors must make pursuant to this Article is conclusive.

SECTION 16.11. TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee has no duty to determine when an adjustment under this Article should be made, how it should be made or what it should be. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or value of any securities or assets issued upon conversion of Debt Securities. The Trustee shall not be responsible for the Company's failure to comply with this Article. Each Conversion Agent other than the Company shall have the same protection under this Section as the Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the day and year first above written.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ TODD C. LARSON

Name:

Title:

Attest:

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Trustee

By: /s/ ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO

Name:

Title:

(SEAL)

[FORMS OF CERTIFICATION]

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY
PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE BEARER SECURITY
OR INTEREST PRIOR TO AN EXCHANGE DATE]

CERTIFICATE

[Insert title or sufficient description
of Securities to be delivered]

This is to certify that as of the date hereof and except as set forth below principal amount of the above captioned Debt Securities held by you for our account (i) is owned by person(s) that are not United States person(s) (as defined below), (ii) is owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) of the United States Treasury regulations) ("financial institutions") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the Debt Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Debt Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution hereby agrees, on its own behalf or through its agent, that you may advise the Company or the Company's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations thereunder), or (iii) is owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury regulations), and in addition if the owner of the Debt Securities is a United States or foreign financial institution described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) this is to further certify that such financial institution has not acquired the Debt Securities for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

We undertake to advise you promptly by [tested telex] on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the beneficial interest in the temporary global Security held by you for our account in accordance with your operating procedures if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

This certificate excepts and does not relate to _____ principal amount of Debt Securities held by you for our account as to which we are not able to provide a certificate in this form. We understand that exchange of such portion of the temporary global Note for definitive Bearer Securities or interests in a permanent global Note cannot be made until we are able to provide a certificate in this form.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations of the United States. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

"United States person" means any citizen or resident of the United States, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source. "United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia) and its "possessions" which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated: _____, 20

[To be dated no earlier than the
10th day before the Exchange Date]

By: _____
As, or as agent for, the
beneficial
owner(s) of the
portion of the
temporary global
Note to which this
certificate
relates.

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY EURO-CLEAR AND
CEDEL, S.A. IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXCHANGE OF
A PORTION OF A TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE]

CERTIFICATE

[Insert title or sufficient description
of Securities to be delivered]

The undersigned certifies that, based solely on certifications we have received in writing, by [tested telex] or by electronic transmission from member organizations appearing in our records as persons being entitled to a portion of the principal amount set forth below (our "Member Organizations") substantially to the effect set forth in the Indenture as of the date hereof, _____ principal amount of the above-captioned Debt Securities (i) is owned by person(s) that are not United States person(s) (as defined below), (ii) is owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) of the United States Treasury regulations) ("financial institutions") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the Debt Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Debt Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution has agreed, on its own behalf or through its agent, that we may advise the Company or the Company's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations thereunder), or (iii) is owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury regulations), and in addition United States or foreign financial institutions described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) have certified that they have not acquired the Debt Securities for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

We further certify (i) that we are not making available for exchange or collection of any interest any portion of the temporary Global Note excepted in such certifications and (ii) that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of our Member Organizations to the effect that the statements made by such Member Organizations with respect to any portion of the part submitted herewith for exchange or collection of any interest are no longer true and cannot be relied upon as of the date hereof.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations of the United States. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be

relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

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Dated : _____, 20

[To be dated no earlier than the
Exchange Date]

By: _____

[MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST
COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
BRUSSELS OFFICE, as
Operator of the
Euro-Clear System]
[CEDEL, S.A.]

Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939
and Indenture, dated as of December 19, 2001

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

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

To

as Trustee

Subordinated Indenture

Dated as of _____, 200

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SUBORDINATED INDENTURE dated as of ____ __, 200_, (hereinafter the "Indenture") between REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, a Missouri corporation (hereinafter called the "Company"), having its principal executive office at 1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039 and _____ (hereinafter called the "Trustee"), having its principal office at _____.

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its subordinated debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness (herein generally called the "Debt Securities"), to be issued in one or more series, as in this Indenture provided.

All things necessary have been done to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

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

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

SECTION 1.1. DEFINITIONS.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article, and include the plural as well as the singular;

(2) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, and, except as otherwise herein provided or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" or "GAAP" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder with respect to any series of Debt Securities, shall mean such as set forth in the opinions and

pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession which are in effect as of the issuance date of such series of Debt Securities; and

(4) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

Certain terms, used principally in Article III or Article VI, are defined in those respective Articles.

"Act" when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 8.1.

"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" 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, by agreement or otherwise, provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the voting securities of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Authenticating Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 6.14.

"Authorized Newspaper" means a newspaper in an official language of the country of publication customarily published at least once a day, and customarily published for at least five days in each calendar week, and of general circulation in the place in connection with which the term is used or in the financial community of such place. Where successive publications are required to be made in Authorized Newspapers, the successive publications may be made in the same or in different newspapers in the same city meeting the foregoing requirements and in each case on any Business Day in such city.

"Bearer Security" means any Debt Security (with or without Coupons), in the form established pursuant to Section 2.1, which is payable to bearer (including any Global Note payable to bearer) and title to which passes by delivery only, but does not include any Coupons.

"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company, or any committee of that board duly authorized to act

hereunder or any director or directors and/or officer or officers of the Company to whom that board or committee shall have delegated its authority.

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

"Business Day" when used with respect to any Place of Payment or any other particular location referred to in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in that Place of Payment or other location are authorized or obligated by law to close, except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"CEDEL" means Cedel S.A.

"Closing Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the last reported sale price of such stock (regular way) as shown on the Composite Tape of the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, if it is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as reported in The Nasdaq Stock Market, or if such stock is not so reported, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by any member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., selected from time to time by the Company for that purpose.

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

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties on such date.

"Common Stock" shall mean the class of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company authorized at the date of this Indenture as originally signed, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such Common Stock, and in any such case including any shares thereof authorized after the date of

this Indenture, and any other shares of stock of the Company which do not have any priority in the payment of dividends or upon liquidation over any other class of stock.

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

"Company Request" and "Company Order" mean, respectively, a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or a Vice President and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Component Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Conversion Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to receive Debt Securities to be converted into Common Stock on behalf of the Company. The Company initially authorizes the Trustee to act as Conversion Agent for the Debt Securities on its behalf. The Company may at any time from time to time authorize one or more Persons to act as Conversion Agent in addition to or in place of the Trustee with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture.

"Conversion Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(e).

"Conversion Event" means the cessation of (i) a Foreign Currency to be used both by the government of the country which issued such Currency and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, (ii) the ECU to be used both within the European Monetary System and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Communities or (iii) any Currency unit other than the ECU to be used for the purposes for which it was established. Notwithstanding any term herein, or in any supplement hereto, to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation to determine or monitor whether a Conversion Event has occurred. Upon receipt by the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate of the Company certifying to the effect that a Conversion Event has occurred, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely exclusively thereon without independent investigation on its part.

"Conversion Price" means, with respect to any series of Debt Securities which are convertible into Common Stock, the price per share of Common Stock at which the Debt Securities of such series are so

convertible pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to such series, as the same may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 16.3.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of this instrument is located at _____, Attention: Corporate Trust Department.

"Corporation" includes corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, associations, companies and business trusts.

"Coupon" means any interest coupon appertaining to any Debt Security.

"Coupon Security" means any Bearer Security authenticated and delivered with one or more Coupons appertaining thereto.

"Currency" means Dollars or Foreign Currency.

"Currency Determination Agent" means the New York Clearing House bank, if any, from time to time selected by the Company for purposes of Section 3.10; provided that such agent shall accept such appointment in writing and the terms of such appointment shall be acceptable to the Company and shall, in the opinion of the Company and the Trustee at the time of such appointment, require such agent to make the determinations required by this Indenture by a method consistent with the method provided in this Indenture for the making of such decision or determination.

"Current Market Price" on any date shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for any thirty (30) consecutive Trading Days selected by the Company prior to the date in question, which thirty (30) consecutive Trading Day period shall not commence more than forty-five (45) Trading Days prior to the day in question; provided that with respect to Section 16.3(3), the "Current Market Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for the five (5) consecutive Trading Days ending on the date of the distribution referred to in Section 16.3(3) (or if such date shall not be a Trading Day, on the Trading Day immediately preceding such date).

"Debt Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any Debt Securities (including any Global Notes) authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 3.7.

"Discharged" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"Discount Security" means any Debt Security which is issued with "original issue discount" within the meaning of Section 1273(a) of the Code (or any successor provision) and the regulations thereunder.

"Dollar" or "\$" means a dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(h).

"Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(g).

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as defined and revised from time to time by the Council of the European Communities.

"Election Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Euro-clear Operator" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, or its successor as operator of the Euro-clear System.

"European Communities" means the European Economic Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

"European Monetary System" means the European Monetary System established by the Resolution of December 5, 1978 of the Council of the European Communities.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 5.1.

"Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate" means a telex or a certificate setting forth (i) the applicable Market Exchange Rate and (ii) the Dollar, Foreign Currency or Currency unit amounts of principal, premium, if any, and any interest respectively (on an aggregate basis and on the basis of a Debt Security having the lowest denomination principal amount determined in accordance with Section 3.2 in the relevant Currency or Currency unit), payable on the basis of such Market Exchange Rate sent (in the case of a telex) or signed (in the case of a certificate) by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the Company.

"Extended Interest Period" has the meaning specified in Section 3.1.

"Fixed Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a fixed rate.

"Floating Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a variable rate determined periodically by reference to an interest rate index or any other index specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Foreign Currency" means a currency issued by the government of any country other than the United States or a composite currency or currency unit the value of which is determined by reference to the values of the currencies of any group of countries.

"Global Note" means a Registered or Bearer Security evidencing all or part of a series of Debt Securities, including, without limitation, any temporary or permanent Global Note.

"Holder" means, with respect to a Registered Security, the Registered Holder, and with respect to a Bearer Security or a Coupon, the bearer thereof.

"Indenture" means this Subordinated Indenture as originally executed, or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and, unless the context otherwise requires, shall include the terms of a particular series of Debt Securities as established pursuant to Section 3.1.

The term "interest," when used with respect to a Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only on a certain date, means interest payable after such date, and, when used with respect to a Bearer Security, includes any additional amounts payable on such Bearer Security, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Interest Payment Date" with respect to any Debt Security means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Debt Security.

"Market Exchange Rate" means (i) for any conversion involving a Currency unit on the one hand and Dollars or any Foreign Currency on the other, the exchange rate between the relevant Currency unit and Dollars or such Foreign Currency calculated by the method specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for the securities of the relevant series, (ii) for any conversion of Dollars into any Foreign Currency, the noon (New York City time) buying rate for such Foreign Currency for cable transfers quoted in New York City as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and (iii) for any conversion of one Foreign Currency into Dollars or another Foreign Currency, the spot rate at noon local time in the relevant market at which, in accordance with normal banking procedures, the Dollars or Foreign Currency into which conversion is being made could be purchased with the Foreign

Currency from which conversion is being made from major banks located in either New York City, London or any other principal market for Dollars or such purchased Foreign Currency. In the event of the unavailability of any of the exchange rates provided for in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then 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 New York City, London or other principal market for such Currency or Currency unit in question, or such other quotations as the Currency Determination Agent or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall deem appropriate. Unless otherwise specified by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, if there is more than one market for dealing in any Currency or Currency unit by reason of foreign exchange regulations or otherwise, the market to be used in respect of such Currency or Currency unit shall be that upon which a nonresident issuer of securities designated in such Currency or Currency unit would purchase such Currency or Currency unit in order to make payments in respect of such securities.

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

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be counsel to the Company (including an employee of the Company) and who shall be satisfactory to the Trustee, which is delivered to the Trustee.

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

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

(ii) Debt Securities for whose redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent

(other than the Company) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Debt Securities and any Coupons thereto pertaining; provided, however, that if such Debt Securities are to be redeemed notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made and the date for such redemption has passed; and

(iii) Debt Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 3.6 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Debt Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Debt Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Debt Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands such Debt Securities are valid obligations of the Company; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Debt Securities Outstanding have performed any Act hereunder, Debt Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding (provided, that in connection with any offer by the Company or any obligor to purchase Debt Securities, Debt Securities tendered by a Holder shall be Outstanding until the date of purchase), except that, (i) in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such Act, only Debt Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded and (ii) the foregoing shall not apply at any time when all of the Outstanding Debt Securities are owned by the Company, the Trustee and/or any such Affiliate. Debt Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to such Debt Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor. In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities have performed any Act hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose 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 5.2 and the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in a Foreign Currency that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose shall be the amount calculated pursuant to Section 3.10(k).

"Overdue Rate" when used with respect to any series of the Debt Securities, means the rate designated as such in or pursuant to the Board Resolution or the supplemental indenture, as the case may be, relating to such series as contemplated by Section 3.1.

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

"Permanent Global Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.4(b).

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

"Place of Payment" when used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series means the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of that series are payable as specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Debt Security means every previous Debt Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Debt Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Debt Security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.6 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security or a Debt Security to which a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Coupon appertains shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security or the Debt Security to which the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Coupon appertains, as the case may be.

"Redemption Date" means the date fixed for redemption of any Debt Security pursuant to this Indenture which, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be an Interest Payment Date only.

"Redemption Price" means, in the case of a Discount Security, the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the Redemption Date upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, and in the case of any other Debt Security, the principal amount thereof, plus, in each case, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

"Registered Holder" means the Person in whose name a Registered Security is registered in the Security Register.

"Registered Security" means any Debt Security in the form established pursuant to Section 2.1 which is registered as to principal and interest in the Security Register.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on the Registered Securities of any series on any Interest Payment Date means the date specified for that purpose pursuant to Section 3.1 for such Interest Payment Date.

"Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Trustee means any vice president, the secretary, any assistant secretary or any assistant vice president or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above

designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Security Register" and "Security Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 3.5(a).

"Senior Indebtedness" has the meaning specified in Section 17.2.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 3.7.

"Specified Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

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

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) 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) and (ii) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Temporary Global Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.4(b).

"Trading Day" shall mean, with respect to the Common Stock, so long as the Common Stock is listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on which the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or admitted for trading on any national securities exchange, a day on which The Nasdaq Stock Market is open for the transaction of business.

"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 or include 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 Debt Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Debt Securities of such series.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as in force at the date as of which this instrument was executed, except as provided in Section 11.5.

"United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), and its possessions, which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"U.S. Depository" means a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto, which shall in either case be designated by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 until a successor U.S. Depository shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "U.S. Depository" shall mean or include each Person who is then a U.S. Depository hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "U.S. Depository" as used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall mean the U.S. Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of that series.

"U.S. Government Obligations" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"U.S. Person" means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or an estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source.

"Valuation Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(d).

"Vice President" includes with respect to the Company and the Trustee, any Vice President of the Company or the Trustee, as the case may be, whether or not designated by a number or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President."

SECTION 1.2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of

Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than certificates provided pursuant to Section 12.2) shall include:

(1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

SECTION 1.3. FORM OF DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO TRUSTEE.

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

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

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

SECTION 1.4. NOTICES, ETC., TO TRUSTEE AND COMPANY.

Any Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, or

(2) the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or airmail postage prepaid if sent from outside the United States, to the Company addressed to it at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument, to the attention of its Treasurer, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.

Any such Act or other document shall be in the English language, except that any published notice may be in an official language of the country of publication.

SECTION 1.5. NOTICE TO HOLDERS; WAIVER.

When this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, (1) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Registered Holders (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to such Registered Holders as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, within the time prescribed, and (2) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Holders of Bearer Securities or Coupons (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if published at least twice in an Authorized Newspaper or Newspapers in The City of New York and, if Debt Securities of such series are then listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland or the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States and such stock exchange shall so require, in a daily newspaper in London or Luxembourg or in such other city or cities specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or in any Debt Security on Business Days, the first such publication to be not earlier than the earliest date and not later than two Business Days prior to the latest date prescribed for the giving of such notice; provided, however, that, in any case, any notice to Holders of Floating Rate Securities regarding the determination of a periodic rate of interest, if such notice is required pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be sufficiently given if given in the manner specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

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

In the event of suspension of publication of any Authorized Newspapers or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give notice by publication, such notification as shall be given with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute sufficient notice for every purpose hereunder.

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 on such waiver. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given. In any case where notice to Holders is given by publication, any defect in any notice so published as to any particular Holder shall not affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is published in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given.

SECTION 1.6. CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed on any person by the provisions of Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

SECTION 1.7. EFFECT OF HEADINGS AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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

SECTION 1.8. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

The Company shall have the right at all times to assign any of its respective rights or obligations under the Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company, provided that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company shall remain liable for all such obligations. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the parties hereto shall bind their respective successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of their permitted successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 1.9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Debt 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 1.10. BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, any Security Registrar, any Paying Agent

and their successors hereunder, and the Holders (and with respect to the provisions of Article XVII, the holders of Senior Indebtedness), any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 1.11. GOVERNING LAW.

This Indenture, the Debt Securities and the Coupons shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 1.12. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or in any Debt Security, in any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Debt Security of any series shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of that series, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Debt Securities or Coupons) payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or at the Stated Maturity, and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, to such Business Day if such payment is made or duly provided for on such Business Day.

SECTION 1.13. NO SECURITY INTEREST CREATED.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities or Coupons, express or implied, shall be construed to constitute a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code or similar legislation, as now or hereafter enacted and in effect in any jurisdiction where property of the Company or its Subsidiaries is or may be located.

SECTION 1.14. LIABILITY SOLELY CORPORATE.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or the interest on any Debt Securities or Coupons, or any part thereof, or of the indebtedness represented thereby, or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, against any incorporator, or against any shareholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or through the Company (or any such predecessor or successor corporation), whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Indenture and all the Debt Securities and Coupons are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, or be incurred by, any such incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any such predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or indirectly through the Company or any such predecessor or successor corporation, because of the indebtedness hereby authorized or under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants, promises or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of

the Debt Securities or Coupons or to be implied herefrom or therefrom; and that any such personal liability is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as part of the consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issue of Debt Securities; provided, however, that nothing herein or in the Debt Securities or Coupons contained shall be taken to prevent recourse to and the enforcement of the liability, if any, of any shareholder or subscriber to capital stock upon or in respect of the shares of capital stock not fully paid.

ARTICLE II.

DEBT SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 2.1. FORMS GENERALLY.

The Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of each series shall be substantially in one of the forms (including global form) established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or one or more indentures supplemental hereto, and shall have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any securities exchange on which any series of the Debt Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities and Coupons as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities and Coupons. If the form of a series of Debt Securities or Coupons (or any Global Note) is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be delivered to the Trustee, together with an Officers' Certificate setting forth the form of such series, at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 3.3 for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities (or any such Global Note) or Coupons.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, Debt Securities in bearer form (other than in global form) shall have Coupons attached.

The definitive Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of each series shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods on steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities and Coupons, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities and Coupons.

SECTION 2.2. FORM OF TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION.

The form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by the Debt Securities shall be substantially as follows:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

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Authorized Signatory

SECTION 2.3. SECURITIES IN GLOBAL FORM.

If any Debt Security of a series is issuable in global form (a "Global Note"), such Global Note may provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and may also provide that the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced to reflect exchanges. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee and in such manner as shall be specified in such Global Note. Any instructions by the Company with respect to a Global Note, after its initial issuance, shall be in writing but need not comply with Section 1.2.

Global Notes may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Permanent Global Notes will be issued in definitive form.

ARTICLE III.

THE DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 3.1. AMOUNT UNLIMITED; ISSUABLE IN SERIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Debt Securities of any series:

(1) the title of the Debt Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Debt Securities of such series from all other series of Debt Securities);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of such series of Debt Securities and any limit, on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Debt Securities authenticated and delivered upon transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 11.6 or 13.7);

(3) the percentage of the principal amount at which the Debt Securities of such series will be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount thereof payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity or upon redemption thereof or the method by which such portion shall be determined.

(4) the date or dates on which or periods during which the Debt Securities of the series may be issued, and the date or dates or the method by which such date or dates will be determined, on which the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Debt Securities of such series are or may be payable (which, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time as set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time);

(5) the rate or rates (which may be variable or fixed) at which the Debt Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined (which, in either case or both, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time); and the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable (or the method of determination thereof), subject to the right, if any such right is provided pursuant to this Section 3.1, of the Company to defer or extend an Interest Payment Date and the duration of such deferral or extension (an "Extended Interest Period"), and the Regular Record Dates, if any, for the interest payable on such Interest Payment Dates and the notice, if any, to Holders regarding the determination of interest, the manner of giving such notice, the basis upon which interest shall be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and any conditions or contingencies as to the payment of interest in cash or otherwise, if any;

(6) the place or places, if any, in addition to or instead of the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee (in the case of Registered Securities) where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Debt Securities of the series shall be payable; the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on any Global Note on an Interest Payment Date will be paid, if other than in the manner provided in Section 3.7; the extent, if any, to which the provisions of the last sentence of Section 12.1 shall apply to the Debt Securities of the series; and the manner in which any principal of, or premium, if any, on, any Global Note will be paid, if other than as set forth elsewhere herein and

whether any Global Note will require any notation to evidence payment of principal or interest;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay, purchase or offer to purchase Debt Securities of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or analogous provisions or upon other conditions or at the option of the Holder thereof and the period or periods within which or the dates on which, the prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Debt Securities of the series shall be redeemed, repaid, purchased or offered to be purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem the Debt Securities of such series at its option and the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which such Debt Securities may be redeemed, if any, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company or otherwise;

(9) if the coin or Currency in which the Debt Securities shall be issuable is in Dollars, the denominations of such Debt Securities if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof (except as provided in Section 3.4);

(10) whether the Debt Securities of the series are to be issued as Discount Securities and the amount of discount with which such Debt Securities may be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Debt Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2;

(11) provisions, if any, for the defeasance or discharge of certain of the Company's obligations with respect to Debt Securities of the series;

(12) whether Debt Securities of the series are to be issued as Registered Securities or Bearer Securities or both, and, if Bearer Securities are issued, whether Coupons will be attached thereto, whether such Bearer Securities of the series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of the series, as provided in Section 3.5(b) or otherwise and the circumstances under which and the place or places at which any such exchanges, if permitted, may be made;

(13) whether provisions for payment of additional amounts or tax redemptions shall apply and, if such provisions shall apply, such provisions; and, if Bearer Securities of the series are to be issued, whether a procedure other than that set forth in Section 3.4(b) shall apply and, if so, such other procedure, and if the procedure set forth in Section 3.4(b) shall apply, the forms of certifications to be delivered under such procedure;

(14) if other than Dollars, the Foreign Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of the series shall be denominated or in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of the

series may be made, and the particular provisions applicable thereto and, if applicable, the amount of Debt Securities of the series which entitles the Holder of a Debt Security of the series or its proxy to one vote for purposes of Section 9.5;

(15) if the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on Debt Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a Currency other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election, in addition to or in lieu of the provisions of Section 3.10, the period or periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made and the time and the manner of determining the exchange rate or rates between the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election and the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are to be paid if such election is made;

(16) the date as of which any Debt Securities of the series shall be dated, if other than as set forth in Section 3.3;

(17) if the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, including, but not limited to, an index based on a Currency or Currencies other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable, or any other type of index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(18) if the Debt Securities of the series are denominated or payable in a Foreign Currency, any other terms concerning the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on such Debt Securities (including the Currency or Currencies of payment thereof);

(19) the designation of the original Currency Determination Agent, if any;

(20) the applicable Overdue Rate, if any;

(21) if the Debt Securities of the series do not bear interest, the applicable dates for purposes of Section 7.1;

(22) any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any term or condition relating to subordination, Events of Default or covenants provided for with respect to Debt Securities of the series, including, without limitation, Article XVII;

(23) if Bearer Securities of the series are to be issued, (x) whether interest in respect of any portion of a temporary Debt Security in global form (representing all of the Outstanding Bearer Securities of the series) payable in respect of any Interest Payment Date prior to the exchange of such temporary Debt Security for definitive Debt Securities of the series shall be paid to any clearing organization with respect to the portion of such temporary Debt

Security held for its account and, in such event, the terms and conditions (including any certification requirements) upon which any such interest payment received by a clearing organization will be credited to the Persons entitled to interest payable on such Interest Payment Date, (y) the terms upon which interests in such temporary Debt Security in global form may be exchanged for interests in a permanent Global Note or for definitive Debt Securities of the series and the terms upon which interests in a permanent Global Note, if any, may be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities of the series and (z) the cities and the Authorized Newspapers designated for the purposes of giving notices to Holders;

(24) whether the Debt Securities of the series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes and, in such case, the U.S. Depository or any Common Depository for such Global Note or Notes; and if the Debt Securities of the series are issuable only as Registered Securities, the manner in which and the circumstances under which Global Notes representing Debt Securities of the series may be exchanged for Registered Securities in definitive form, if other than, or in addition to, the manner and circumstances specified in Section 3.4(c);

(25) the designation, if any, of any depositaries, trustees (other than the applicable Trustee), Paying Agents, Authenticating Agents, Security Registrars (other than the Trustee) or other agents with respect to the Debt Securities of such series;

(26) if the Debt Securities of such series will be issuable in definitive form only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or upon satisfaction of certain conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(27) whether the Debt Securities of such series will be convertible into shares of Common Stock and, if so, the terms and conditions, which may be in addition to or in lieu of the provisions contained in the Indenture, upon which such Debt Securities will be so convertible, including the conversion price and the conversion period;

(28) the portion of the principal amount of the Debt Securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, if other than the principal amount thereof;

(29) The nature, content and date for reports by the Company to the holders of the Debt Securities;

(30) provisions relating to the subordination of the Debt Securities, if other than as set forth in Article XVII;

(31) whether Article XVIII will apply to the Debt Securities of the series, and any addition to, or modification or deletion of, Article XVIII; and

(32) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Debt Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, rate of interest, Stated Maturity and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue, which, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to

time as to Debt Securities of a series if so provided in or established pursuant to the authority granted in a Board Resolution or in any such indenture supplemental hereto, and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in such Officers' Certificate, or in any such indenture supplemental hereto. All Debt Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened for issuance of additional Debt Securities of such series.

If any of the terms of a series of Debt Securities is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

SECTION 3.2. DENOMINATIONS.

In the absence of any specification pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Debt Securities of such series shall be issuable only as Registered Securities in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof and shall be payable only in Dollars.

SECTION 3.3. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION, DELIVERY AND DATING.

The Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of any series shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman, a Vice Chairman, its President, one of its Vice Presidents or its Treasurer, under its corporate seal reproduced thereon and attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers may be manual or facsimile.

Debt Securities and Coupons bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons or did not hold such offices at the date of such Debt Securities and Coupons.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Debt Securities, with appropriate Coupons, if any, of any series, executed by the Company, to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons and the Trustee in accordance with the Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities and Coupons; provided, however, that, in connection with its sale during the "restricted period" (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury Regulations), no Bearer Security shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States; and provided, further, that a Bearer Security (other than a temporary Global Note in bearer form) may be delivered outside the United States in connection with its original issuance only if the Person entitled to receive such Bearer Security shall have furnished to the Euro-clear operator or to CEDEL a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture. If all the Debt Securities of any one series are not to be issued at one time and if a Board Resolution or supplemental indenture relating to such series shall so permit, such

Company Order may set forth procedures acceptable to the Trustee for the issuance of such Debt Securities such as interest rate, Stated Maturity, date of issuance and date from which interest, if any, shall accrue. If any Debt Security shall be represented by a permanent Global Note, then, for purposes of this Section and Section 3.4, the notation of a beneficial owner's interest therein upon original issuance of such Debt Security or upon exchange of a portion of a temporary Global Note shall be deemed to be delivery in connection with the original issuance of such beneficial owner's interest in such permanent Global Note. Except as permitted by Section 3.6 or 3.7, the Trustee shall not authenticate and deliver any Bearer Security unless all Coupons for interest then matured have been detached and canceled.

The Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, prior to the authentication and delivery of the Debt Securities and Coupons of such series, (i) the supplemental indenture or the Board Resolution by or pursuant to which the form and terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been approved and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel substantially to the effect that:

(1) the authentication order furnished by the Company to the Trustee in connection with the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons conforms to the requirements of this Indenture and constitutes sufficient authority hereunder for the Trustee to authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities and Coupons;

(2) the forms and terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons are consistent with the provisions of this Indenture;

(3) in the event that the forms or terms of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been established in a supplemental indenture, the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, such supplemental indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(4) the execution and delivery of such Debt Securities and Coupons have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and such Debt Securities and Coupons have been duly executed by the Company and, assuming due authentication by the Trustee and delivery by the Company, are valid and binding obligations enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, entitled to the benefit of the Indenture, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law)

and subject to such other exceptions as counsel shall request and as to which the Trustee shall not reasonably object; and

(5) the amount of Debt Securities Outstanding of such series, together with the amount of such Debt Securities, does not exceed any limit established under the terms of this Indenture on the amount of Debt Securities of such series that may be authenticated and delivered.

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Debt Securities and Coupons if the issuance of such Debt Securities and Coupons pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Debt Securities and this Indenture in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. Each Bearer Security (including any temporary or permanent or other definitive Bearer Security in global form) shall be dated as of the date of original issuance of the first Debt Security of such series to be issued, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Bearer Securities of any series.

No Debt Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Debt Security a certificate of authentication substantially in one of the forms provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent, and such certificate upon any Debt Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Debt Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Debt Security shall have been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Debt Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 3.8 together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 1.2) stating that such Debt Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Debt Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

SECTION 3.4. TEMPORARY DEBT SECURITIES; EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTES FOR DEFINITIVE BEARER SECURITIES; GLOBAL NOTES REPRESENTING REGISTERED SECURITIES.

(a) Pending the preparation of definitive Registered Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Registered Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination for Registered Securities of such series, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Registered Securities may determine, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Registered Securities. Every such temporary Registered Security shall be executed by the Company and shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued. In the case of any series issuable as Bearer

Securities, such temporary Debt Securities may be in global form, representing such of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series as shall be specified therein.

Except in the case of temporary Debt Securities in global form (which shall be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs), if temporary Debt Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Debt Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Debt Securities of such series, the temporary Debt Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities of such series, of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and provisions, upon surrender of the temporary Debt Securities of such series at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for such series, without charge to the Holder, except as provided in Section 3.5 in connection with a transfer. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Debt Securities of any series (accompanied by any unmatured Coupons), the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Debt Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of a like Stated Maturity and like terms and provisions; provided, however, that no definitive Bearer Security shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Registered Security; and provided, further, that a definitive Bearer Security (including a permanent Bearer Security in global form) shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Bearer Security only in compliance with the conditions set forth in Section 3.3. Until so exchanged, the temporary Registered Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Registered Securities of such series.

(b) Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, all Bearer Securities of a series shall be initially issued in the form of a single temporary Bearer Security in global form (a "temporary Global Note"). The Company shall execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate, any temporary Global Note and any permanent Bearer Security in global form (as described below, a "permanent Global Note") upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as definitive Bearer Securities, and the temporary or permanent Global Note, as the case may be, shall, unless otherwise specified therein, be delivered by the Trustee to the London office of a depositary or common depositary (the "Common Depositary"), for the benefit of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for credit to the account of the Company (in the case of sales of Bearer Securities by the Company directly to investors) or the managing underwriter (in the case of sales of Bearer Securities by the Company to underwriters) or such other accounts as the Company or the managing underwriter, respectively, may direct.

On or after the date specified in or determined pursuant to the terms of any temporary Global Note which (subject to any applicable laws and regulations) shall be at least 40 days after the issue date of a temporary Global Note (the "Exchange Date"), the Debt Securities represented by such temporary Global Note may be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (subject to the second succeeding paragraph) or Debt Securities to be represented thereafter by one or more permanent Global Notes in definitive form without interest coupons. On or after the Exchange Date such temporary Global Note shall be surrendered by the Common Depositary to the Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, at such address as the Trustee may specify and

following such surrender, the Trustee shall (1) endorse the temporary Global Note to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by an equal aggregate principal amount of such Debt Security, (2) endorse the applicable permanent Global Note, if any, to reflect the initial amount, or an increase in the amount of Debt Securities represented thereby, (3) manually authenticate such definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), (4) deliver such definitive Debt Securities to the Holder thereof or, if such definitive Debt Security is a permanent Global Note, deliver such permanent Global Note to the Common Depository to be held outside the United States for the accounts of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for credit to the respective accounts at Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, designated by or on behalf of the beneficial owners of such Debt Securities (or to such other accounts as they may direct) and (5) redeliver such temporary Global Note to the Common Depository, unless such temporary Global Note shall have been canceled in accordance with Section 3.8 hereof; provided, however, that, unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Note, upon such presentation by the Common Depository, such temporary Global Note shall be accompanied by a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by the Euro-clear Operator, as to the portion of such temporary Global Note held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), and a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by CEDEL, as to the portion of such temporary Global Note held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note), each substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B to this Indenture. Each certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, shall be based on certificates of the account holders listed in the records of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, as being entitled to all or any portion of the applicable temporary Global Note. An account holder of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, desiring to effect the exchange of an interest in a temporary Global Note for an interest in definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note) shall instruct the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, to request such exchange on its behalf and shall deliver to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto and dated no earlier than 10 days prior to the Exchange Date. Until so exchanged, temporary Global Notes shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Debt Securities (including any permanent Global Note) of the same series authenticated and delivered hereunder, except as to payment of interest, if any.

The delivery to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL of any certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto may be relied upon by the Company and the Trustee as conclusive evidence that a corresponding certificate or certificates has or have been delivered to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

On or prior to the Exchange Date, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee definitive Debt Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such temporary Global Note, executed by the Company. At any time, on or after the Exchange Date, upon 30 days' notice to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, acting at the request of or on behalf of the beneficial owner, a Debt Security represented by a temporary Global Note or a permanent Global Note, as

the case may be, may be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for definitive Debt Securities without charge and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for each portion of such temporary Global Note or such permanent Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive Debt Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, as the portion of such temporary Global Note or such permanent Global Note to be exchanged, which, unless the Debt Securities of the series are not issuable both as Bearer Securities and as Registered Securities, as contemplated by Section 3.1, shall be in the form of Bearer Securities or Registered Securities, or any combination thereof, as shall be specified by the beneficial owner thereof; provided, however, that definitive Bearer Securities shall be delivered in exchange for a portion of the temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note only in compliance with the requirements of the second preceding paragraph. On or prior to the forty-fifth day following receipt by the Trustee of such notice with respect to a Debt Security, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day, the temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, as the case may be, shall be surrendered by the Common Depositary to the Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, to be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for definitive Debt Securities without charge following such surrender, upon the request of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, and the Trustee shall (1) endorse the applicable temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by the aggregate principal amount of such Debt Security, (2) cause the terms of such Debt Security and Coupons, if any, to be entered on a definitive Debt Security, (3) manually authenticate such definitive Debt Security, and (4) if a Bearer Security is to be delivered, deliver such definitive Debt Security to an address outside the United States to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, for or on behalf of the beneficial owner thereof, in exchange for a portion of such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note.

Unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, any such exchange shall be made free of charge to the beneficial owners of such temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note, except that a Person receiving definitive Debt Securities must bear the cost of insurance, postage, transportation and the like in the event that such Person does not take delivery of such definitive Debt Securities in person at the offices of the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL. Definitive Debt Securities in bearer form to be delivered in exchange for any portion of a temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall be delivered only to an address outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of redemption or acceleration of all or any part of a temporary Global Note prior to the Exchange Date, a permanent Global Note or definitive Bearer Securities, as the case may be, will not be issuable in respect of such temporary Global Note or such portion thereof, and payment thereon will instead be made as provided in such temporary Global Note.

Until exchanged in full as hereinabove provided, any temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Debt Securities of the same series and tenor authenticated and delivered hereunder, except that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, interest payable on such temporary Global Note on an Interest Payment Date for Debt Securities of such series occurring prior to the applicable Exchange Date shall be payable to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL on such Interest Payment Date upon

delivery by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL to the Trustee of a certificate or certificates substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B to this Indenture, for credit without further interest on or after such Interest Payment Date to the respective accounts of the Persons who are the beneficial owners of such temporary Global Note on such Interest Payment Date and who have each delivered to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture.

Any definitive Bearer Security authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for a portion of a temporary Global Note or the permanent Global Note shall not bear a coupon for any interest which shall theretofore have been duly paid by the Trustee to the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, or by the Company to the Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.4.

With respect to Exhibits A and B to this Indenture, the Company may, in its discretion and if required or desirable under applicable law or as set forth in any Board Resolution or Supplemental Indenture with respect to any Series of Debt Securities, substitute one or more other forms of such exhibits for such exhibits, eliminate the requirement that any or all certificates be provided, or change the time that any certificate may be required, provided that such substitute form or forms or notice of elimination or change of such certification requirement have theretofore been delivered to the Trustee with a Company Request and such form or forms, elimination or change is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

(c) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 3.1 that the Registered Securities of a series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with Section 3.3 and the Company Order with respect to such series, authenticate and deliver one or more Global Notes in temporary or permanent form that (i) shall represent and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series to be represented by one or more Global Notes, (ii) shall be registered in the name of the U.S. Depositary for such Global Note or Notes or the nominee of such depositary, and (iii) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "This Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary, unless and until this Debt Security is exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities in definitive form."

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or Section 3.5, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Registered Securities in definitive form, a Global Note representing all or a portion of the Registered Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the U.S. Depositary for such series to a nominee of such depositary or by a nominee of such depositary to such depositary or another nominee of such depositary or by such depositary or any such nominee to a successor U.S. Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor depositary.

If at any time the U.S. Depository for the Debt Securities of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as U.S. Depository for the Debt Securities of such series or if at any time the U.S. Depository for Debt Securities of a series shall no longer be a clearing agency registered and in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation, the Company shall appoint a successor U.S. Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of such series. If a successor U.S. Depository for the Debt Securities of such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Registered Securities of any series issued in the form of one or more Global Notes shall no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If the Registered Securities of any series shall have been issued in the form of one or more Global Notes and if an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing, the Company will promptly execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Registered Securities of a series, the U.S. Depository for such series of Registered Securities may surrender a Global Note for such series of Debt Securities in exchange in whole or in part for Registered Securities of such series in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such depository. Thereupon, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without charge:

(i) to each Person specified by the U.S. Depository a new Registered Security or Securities of the same series, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

(ii) to the U.S. Depository a new Global Note in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered

Global Note and the aggregate principal amount of Registered Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Note for Registered Securities in definitive form, such Global Note shall be canceled by the Trustee. Debt Securities issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the U.S. Depository for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Debt Securities to the Persons in whose names such Debt Securities are so registered.

SECTION 3.5. REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

(a) The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register (the registers maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Registered Securities and of transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities. The Trustee is hereby appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Registered Securities and registering transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities as herein provided; provided, however, that the Company may appoint co-Security Registrars or the terms of any series of Debt Securities may provide otherwise.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Security of any series at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount of such denominations as are authorized for Registered Securities of such series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3.4 and this Section 3.5, at the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, upon surrender of the Registered Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Registered Securities are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Registered Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(b) If and to the extent specified pursuant to Section 3.1, the provisions of this Section 3.5(b) shall be applicable to Debt Securities of any series which are Bearer Securities. At the option of the Holder thereof, to the extent permitted by law, any Bearer Security of any series which by its terms is registrable as to principal and interest may be exchanged for a Registered Security of such series of like aggregate principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions upon surrender of such Bearer Security at the Corporate Trust Office or at any other office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 3.1 for the purpose of making any such exchanges. Any Coupon Security surrendered for exchange shall be surrendered with all

unmatured Coupons and any matured Coupons in default attached thereto. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured Coupon or Coupons or matured Coupon or Coupons in default, such exchange may be effected if the Bearer Securities are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing Coupon or Coupons, or the surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Bearer Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; provided, however, that except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency located outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case a Bearer Security of any series is surrendered at any such office or agency in exchange for a Registered Security of the same series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions after the close of business at such office or agency on (i) any Regular Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the relevant Interest Payment Date, or (ii) any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related proposed date for payment of Defaulted Interest, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the Coupon relating to such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be (or, if such Coupon is so surrendered with such Bearer Security, such Coupon shall be returned to the Person so surrendering the Bearer Security), and interest or Defaulted Interest, as the case may be, will not be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but will be payable only to the Holder of such Coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. The Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Registered Security or Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the exchange of Bearer Securities for Registered Securities will be subject to the provisions of United States income tax laws and regulations applicable to Debt Securities in effect at the time of such exchange.

(c) Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, in no event may Registered Securities, including Registered Securities received in exchange for Bearer Securities, be exchanged for Bearer Securities.

(d) All Debt Securities issued upon any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Debt Securities surrendered for such transfer or exchange.

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

No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities except as provided in Section 3.4(b) or 3.6. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration, transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, other than those expressly provided in this Indenture to be made at the Company's own expense or without expense or without charge to the Holders.

The Company shall not be required (i) to register, transfer or exchange Debt Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the transmission of a notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series selected for redemption under Section 13.3 and ending at the close of business on the day of such transmission, or (ii) to register, transfer or exchange any Debt Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being redeemed in part.

SECTION 3.6. MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST AND STOLEN DEBT SECURITIES.

If (i) any mutilated Debt Security or any mutilated Coupon with the Coupon Security to which it appertains (and all unmatured Coupons attached thereto) is surrendered to the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or (ii) the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Debt Security or any Coupon, and there is delivered to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless, and neither the Company nor the Trustee receives notice that such Debt Security or Coupon has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, then the Company shall execute and upon Company Request the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or in exchange for the Coupon Security to which such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Coupon appertained, a new Debt Security of the same series of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions and like principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding, and, in the case of a Coupon Security, with such Coupons attached thereto that neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such exchange or substitution.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or Coupon has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Debt Security, pay the amount due on such Debt Security or Coupon in accordance with its terms; provided, however, that principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on Bearer Securities shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 or except as otherwise provided in this Section 3.6, any interest on Bearer Securities shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the Coupons appertaining thereto.

Upon the issuance of any new Debt 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 respect thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Debt Security or Coupon of any series issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or Coupon 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 Debt Securities or Coupons 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 Debt Securities or Coupons.

SECTION 3.7. PAYMENT OF INTEREST; INTEREST RIGHTS PRESERVED.

(a) Interest on any Registered Security which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Registered Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest notwithstanding the cancellation of such Registered Security upon any transfer or exchange subsequent to the Regular Record Date. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, payment of interest on Registered Securities shall be made at the place or places specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register or, if provided pursuant to Section 3.1, by wire transfer to an account designated by the Registered Holder.

(b) Interest on any Coupon Security which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Holder of the Coupon which has matured on such Interest Payment Date upon surrender of such Coupon on such Interest Payment Date at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or at such other Place of Payment outside the United States specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

Interest on any Bearer Security (other than a Coupon Security) which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Holder of the Bearer Security upon presentation of such Bearer Security and notation thereon on such Interest Payment Date at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or at such other Place of Payment maintained by the Company outside the United States specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, at the direction of the Holder of any Bearer Security or Coupon payable in Dollars, payment on such Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by check drawn on a bank in The City of Boston or, if agreeable to the Trustee, by wire transfer to a Dollar account maintained by such Holder outside the United States. If such payment at the offices of all Paying Agents outside the United States becomes illegal or is effectively precluded because of the imposition of exchange controls or similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of such amounts in Dollars, the Company will appoint an office or agent in the United States at which such payment may be made. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, at the direction of the

Holder of any Bearer Security or Coupon payable in a Foreign Currency, payment on such Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by a check drawn on a bank outside the United States or by wire transfer to an appropriate account maintained by such Holder outside the United States. Except as provided in this paragraph, no payment on any Bearer Security or Coupon will be made by mail to an address in the United States or by wire transfer to an account in the United States.

(c) Any interest on any Debt Security which is payable but is not punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall, if such Debt Security is a Registered Security, forthwith cease to be payable to the Registered Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of his having been such Registered Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Registered Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money in the Currency or Currency unit in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which date shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holders of such Registered Securities at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Registered Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Registered Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment

pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

(d) Any Defaulted Interest payable in respect of Bearer Securities of any series shall be payable pursuant to such procedures as may be satisfactory to the Trustee in such manner that there is no discrimination between the Holders of Registered Securities (if any) and Bearer Securities of such series, and notice of the payment date therefor shall be given by the Trustee, in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5 not more than 25 days and not less than 20 days prior to the date of the proposed payment.

(e) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Debt Security delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Debt Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Debt Security.

SECTION 3.8. CANCELLATION.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, all Debt Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or credit against any sinking fund and all Coupons surrendered for payment or exchange shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee. All Registered Securities and matured Coupons so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. All Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons so delivered shall be held by the Trustee and, upon instruction by the Company Order, shall be canceled or held for reissuance. Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons held for reissuance may be reissued only in exchange for Bearer Securities of the same series and of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions pursuant to Section 3.5 or in replacement of mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed Bearer Securities of the same series and of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions or the related Coupons pursuant to Section 3.6. All Bearer Securities and unmatured Coupons held by the Trustee pending such cancellation or reissuance shall be deemed to be delivered for cancellation for all purposes of this Indenture and the Securities. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Debt Securities or Coupons previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee (or to any other Person for delivery to the Trustee) for cancellation any Debt Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Company has not issued, and all Debt Securities or Coupons so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. No Debt Securities or Coupons shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Debt Securities or Coupons canceled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Debt Securities and Coupons held by the Trustee shall be delivered to the Company upon Company Request. The acquisition of any Debt Securities or Coupons by the Company shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the indebtedness represented thereby unless and until such Debt Securities or Coupons are surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. In the case of any temporary Global Note which shall be destroyed if the entire aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities represented thereby has been exchanged, the certificate of destruction shall state that all certificates required pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof and substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, to be given by the Euro-clear Operator or

CEDEL, have been duly presented to the Trustee by the Euro-clear Operator or CEDEL, as the case may be. Permanent Global Notes shall not be destroyed until exchanged in full for definitive Debt Securities or until payment thereon is made in full.

SECTION 3.9. COMPUTATION OF INTEREST.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, interest on the Debt Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

SECTION 3.10. CURRENCY OF PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF DEBT SECURITIES.

(a) Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Bearer Securities of any series, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Bearer Securities of such series denominated in any Currency will be made in such Currency.

(b) With respect to Registered Securities of any series not permitting the election provided for in paragraph (c) below or the Holders of which have not made the election provided for in paragraph (c) below, except as provided in paragraph (e) below, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on any Registered Security of such series will be made in the Currency in which such Registered Security is payable.

(c) It may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Registered Securities of any series that Holders shall have the option, subject to paragraphs (e) and (f) below (and provided that in no instance may such election be made after a defeasance pursuant to Article XV or during the continuance of an Event of Default), to receive payments of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on such Registered Securities in any of the Currencies which may be designated for such election in the applicable supplemental indenture by delivering to the Trustee a written election, to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the applicable payment date. If a Holder so elects to receive such payments in any such Currency, such election will remain in effect for such Holder or any transferee of such Holder until changed by such Holder or such transferee by written notice to the Trustee (but any such change must be made not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the next payment date to be effective for the payment to be made on such payment date and no such change or election may be made with respect to payments to be made on any Registered Security of such series with respect to which an Event of Default has occurred or notice of redemption has been given by the Company pursuant to Article XIII). Any Holder of any such Registered Security who shall not have delivered any such election to the Trustee by the close of business on the applicable Election Date will be paid the amount due on the applicable payment date in the relevant Currency as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section 3.10.

(d) If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1, then not later than the fourth Business Day after the Election Date for each payment date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company a written notice

specifying, in the Currency in which each series of the Registered Securities is payable, the respective aggregate amounts of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Registered Securities to be paid on such payment date, specifying the amounts so payable in respect of the Registered Securities as to which the Holders of Registered Securities denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above. If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1 and if at least one Holder has made such election, then, on the second Business Day preceding each payment date, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate in respect of the Currency payments to be made on such payment date. The Currency amount receivable by Holders of Registered Securities who have elected payment in a Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above shall be determined by the Company on the basis of the applicable Market Exchange Rate in effect on the third Business Day (the "Valuation Date") immediately preceding each payment date.

(e) If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to a Foreign Currency, the ECU or any other Currency unit in which any of the Debt Securities are denominated or payable other than pursuant to an election provided for pursuant to paragraph (c) above, then with respect to each date for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the applicable Debt Securities denominated or payable in such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit occurring after the last date on which such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit was used (the "Conversion Date"), the Dollar shall be the Currency of payment for use on each such payment date. The Dollar amount to be paid by the Company to the Trustee and by the Trustee or any Paying Agent to the Holders of such Debt Securities with respect to such payment date shall be the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency or, in the case of a Currency unit, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, in each case as determined by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or, if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, in the manner provided in paragraph (g) or (h) below.

(f) If the Holder of a Registered Security denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above, and a Conversion Event occurs with respect to such elected Currency, such Holder shall receive payment in the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election. If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election, such Holder shall receive payment in Dollars as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section 3.10.

(g) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and shall be obtained for each subsequent payment date by converting the specified Foreign Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate on the Conversion Date.

(h) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) below, shall be the sum of each amount obtained by converting the Specified Amount of each Component Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate for such Component Currency on the Valuation Date with respect to each payment.

(i) For purposes of this Section 3.10 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A "Component Currency" shall mean any Currency which, on the Conversion Date, was a component Currency of the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU.

A "Specified Amount" of a Component Currency shall mean the number of units of such Component Currency or fractions thereof which were represented in the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU, on the Conversion Date. If after the Conversion Date the official unit of any Component Currency is altered by way of combination or subdivision, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be divided or multiplied in the same proportion. If after the Conversion Date two or more Component Currencies are consolidated into a single Currency, the respective Specified Amounts of such Component Currencies shall be replaced by an amount in such single Currency equal to the sum of the respective Specified Amounts of such consolidated Component Currencies expressed in such single Currency, and such amount shall thereafter be a Specified Amount and such single Currency shall thereafter be a Component Currency. If after the Conversion Date any Component Currency shall be divided into two or more Currencies, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be replaced by amounts of such two or more Currencies with appropriate Dollar equivalents at the Market Exchange Rate on the date of such replacement equal to the Dollar equivalent of the Specified Amount of such former Component Currency at the Market Exchange Rate on such date, and such amounts shall thereafter be Specified Amounts and such Currencies shall thereafter be Component Currencies. If after the Conversion Date of the relevant Currency unit, including but not limited to, the ECU, a Conversion Event (other than any event referred to above in this definition of "Specified Amount") occurs with respect to any Component Currency of such Currency unit, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall, for purposes of calculating the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, be converted into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate in effect on the Conversion Date of such Component Currency.

"Election Date" shall mean the earlier of (i) the seventh Business Day immediately preceding any payment date or (ii) the record date with respect to any payment date, and with respect to the Maturity shall mean the record date (if within 16 or fewer days prior to the Maturity) immediately preceding the Maturity, and with respect to any series of Debt Securities whose record date immediately preceding the Maturity is more than 16 days prior to the Maturity or any series of Debt Securities for which no record dates are provided with respect to interest payments, shall mean the date which is 16 days prior to the Maturity.

(j) All decisions and determinations of the Trustee or the Currency Determination Agent, if any, regarding the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit and the Market Exchange Rate shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive for all purposes

and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders of the Debt Securities denominated or payable in the relevant Currency. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to a Foreign Currency, the Company, after learning thereof, will immediately give written notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to the ECU or any other Currency unit in which Debt Securities are denominated or payable, the Company, after learning thereof, will immediately give notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give written notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date and the Specified Amount of each Component Currency on the Conversion Date. In the event of any subsequent change in any Component Currency as set forth in the definition of Specified Amount above, the Company, after learning thereof, will similarly give written notice to the Trustee. The Trustee shall be fully justified and protected in relying and acting upon information received by it from the Company and the Currency Determination Agent, if any, and shall not otherwise have any duty or obligation to determine such information independently.

(k) For purposes of any provision of the Indenture where the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities may perform an Act which requires that a specified percentage of the Outstanding Debt Securities of all series perform such Act and for purposes of any decision or determination by the Trustee of amounts due and unpaid for the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of all series in respect of which moneys are to be disbursed ratably, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Outstanding Debt Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency will be the amount in Dollars based upon the Market Exchange Rate for Debt Securities of such series, as of the date for determining whether the Holders entitled to perform such Act have performed it, or as of the date of such decision or determination by the Trustee, as the case may be.

(l) The Company hereby appoints itself as the initial Currency Determination Agent and the Company shall be entitled to remove such agent at any time; provided, however, that such removal shall not be effective and the agent may not resign until a successor has been appointed by the Company and the successor has accepted such appointment. The Trustee is under no duty or obligation to serve in the capacity of Currency Determination Agent.

SECTION 3.11. JUDGMENTS.

If for the purpose of obtaining a judgment in any court with respect to any obligation of the Company hereunder or under any Debt Security, it shall become necessary to convert into any other Currency any amount in the Currency due hereunder or under such Debt Security, then such conversion shall be made at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date the Company shall make payment to any Person in satisfaction of such judgment. If pursuant to any such judgment, conversion shall be made on a date other than the date payment is made and there shall occur a change between such Market Exchange Rate and the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date of payment, the Company agrees to pay such additional amounts (if any) as may be necessary to ensure that the amount paid is equal to the amount in such other Currency

which, when converted at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date of payment or distribution, is the amount then due hereunder or under such Debt Security. Any amount due from the Company under this Section 3.11 shall be due as a separate debt and is not to be affected by or merged into any judgment being obtained for any other sums due hereunder or in respect of any Debt Security. In no event, however, shall the Company be required to pay more in the Currency or Currency unit due hereunder or under such Debt Security at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect when payment is made than the amount of Currency stated to be due hereunder or under such Debt Security so that in any event the Company's obligations hereunder or under such Debt Security will be effectively maintained as obligations in such Currency, and the Company shall be entitled to withhold (or be reimbursed for, as the case may be) any excess of the amount actually realized upon any such conversion over the amount due and payable on the date of payment or distribution.

SECTION 3.12. EXCHANGE UPON DEFAULT.

If default is made in the payments referred to in Section 12.1, the Company hereby undertakes that upon presentation and surrender of a permanent Global Note to the Trustee (or to any other Person or at any other address as the Company may designate in writing), on any Business Day on or after the maturity date thereof the Company will issue and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the bearer of such permanent Global Note duly executed and authenticated definitive Debt Securities with the same issue date and maturity date as set out in such permanent Global Note.

ARTICLE IV.

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 4.1. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE.

This Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities of any series (if all series issued under this Indenture are not to be affected), shall, upon Company Request, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such Debt Securities herein expressly provided for and rights to receive payments of principal (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities) and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

(1) either

(A) all Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Debt Securities and Coupons of such series which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 3.6, (ii) Coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities surrendered for exchange for Registered Securities and maturing after such exchange, whose surrender is not required or has been waived under Section 3.5, (iii) Coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities called for redemption and maturing after the relevant Redemption Date, whose surrender has been waived as provided in Section 13.6, and (iv) Debt Securities

and Coupons of such series for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 12.4) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation,

(i) have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise, or

(ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year,

and the Company, either complies with any other condition or terms specified pursuant to Section 3.1, or if not so specified in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subclause (B), has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in United States Dollars, non-callable government securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Debt Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any and accrued interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Debt Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

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

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 6.7, the obligations of the Trustee to any Authenticating Agent under Section 6.14, the obligations of the Company under Section 12.1, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 4.2 and the last paragraph of Section 12.4, shall survive. If, after the deposit referred to in Section 4.1 has been made, (x) the Holder of a Debt Security is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to Section 3.10(c), to receive payment in a Currency other than that in which the deposit pursuant to Section 4.1 was made, or (y) if a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which the deposit was made or elected to be received by the Holder pursuant to Section 3.10(c), then the indebtedness represented by such Debt Security shall be fully discharged to the extent that the deposit made with respect to such Debt Security shall be converted into the Currency in which such payment is made.

SECTION 4.2. APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.1 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

ARTICLE V.

REMEDIES

SECTION 5.1. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

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

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Debt Security or any payment with respect to the Coupons, if any, of such series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Security of such series at its Maturity; or

(3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a Debt Security of such series; or

(4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which expressly has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of Debt Securities of a series other than such series), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(5) the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in an involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as

properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days; or

(6) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or the consent by it to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action; or

(7) any other Event of Default specified with respect to Debt Securities of that series pursuant to Section 3.1.

SECTION 5.2. ACCELERATION OF MATURITY; RESCISSION AND ANNULMENT.

If an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Discount Securities as may be specified in the terms of such Discount Securities or indexed securities) of all the Debt Securities of such 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) plus accrued and unpaid interest (and premium, if payable) shall become immediately due and payable, provided, however, that payment of such principal and interest, if any, on the Debt Securities of such series shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XVII. Upon payment of such amount in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), all obligations of the Company in respect of the payment of principal of the Debt Securities of such series shall terminate.

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

(1) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient to pay

- (A) all overdue installments of interest on all Debt Securities or all overdue payments with respect to any Coupons of such series,
- (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Securities of such series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Debt Securities,
- (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue installments of interest on each Debt Security of such series or upon overdue payments on any Coupons of such series at the Overdue Rate, and
- (D) all sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel; provided, however, that all sums payable under this clause (D) shall be paid in Dollars;

and

(2) All Events of Default with respect to Debt Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Debt Securities of such series which has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in

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

SECTION 5.3. COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND SUITS FOR ENFORCEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

The Company covenants that if

(1) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest on any Debt Security or any payment with respect to any Coupons when such interest or payment becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days,

(2) default is made in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Debt Security at the Maturity thereof, or

(3) default is made in the making or satisfaction of any sinking fund payment or analogous obligation when the same becomes due pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of any series,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities or of such Coupons, the amount then due and payable on such Debt Securities or matured Coupons, for the principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, interest upon the overdue principal (and premium, if any) and upon overdue installments of interest, at the Overdue Rate; and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

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

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

SECTION 5.4. TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceedings, or any voluntary or involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of a particular series or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of such Debt Securities shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (or, if the Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be due and payable with respect to such series pursuant to a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2) (and premium, if any) and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Debt Securities and Coupons of such series and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee,

its agents and counsel) and of the Holders of such Debt Securities and Coupons allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

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

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, custodian, liquidator, sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such proceeding is hereby authorized by each such Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to such Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

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

SECTION 5.5. TRUSTEE MAY ENFORCE CLAIMS WITHOUT POSSESSION OF DEBT SECURITIES.

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

SECTION 5.6. APPLICATION OF MONEY COLLECTED.

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

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

SECOND: To the payment of all Senior Indebtedness if and to the extent required by Article XVII.

THIRD: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities or

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

FOURTH: The balance, if any, to the Person or Persons entitled thereto.

SECTION 5.7. LIMITATION ON SUITS.

No Holder of any Debt Security or Coupon of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(1) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to such series;

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(4) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been 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;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Holders or of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities or Coupons of any other series, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders. For the protection and enforcement of the provisions of this Section 5.7, each and every Holder of Debt Securities or Coupons of any series and the Trustee for such series shall be entitled to such relief as can be given at law or in equity.

SECTION 5.8. UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Debt Security or of any Coupon shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7)

interest on such Debt Security or Coupon on the respective Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security or Coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment and interest thereon, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 5.9. RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

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

SECTION 5.10. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Indenture, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 5.11. DELAY OR OMISSION NOT WAIVER.

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

SECTION 5.12. CONTROL BY HOLDERS.

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

(1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture;

(2) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer or Responsible Officers of the Trustee, determine that

the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series not joining in any such direction; and

(3) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

SECTION 5.13. WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Debt Securities of any such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default

(1) in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of such series, or in the payment of any sinking fund installment or analogous obligation with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which pursuant to Article XI cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of such series affected.

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 the Debt Securities of such series under this Indenture, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 5.14. UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Debt Security or any Coupon by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit other than the Trustee of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant, but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder or group of Holders holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder of a Debt Security or Coupon for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on such Debt Security or the payment of any Coupon on or after the respective Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security or Coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

SECTION 5.15. WAIVER OF STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

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

ARTICLE VI.

THE TRUSTEE

SECTION 6.1. CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of any series,

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

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

(b) In case an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

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

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

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

(3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Debt Securities of any series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt 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;

(4) the Trustee is under no obligation or duty to pay interest on or invest any funds deposited with it except as specifically provided in this Indenture, and all investment activities undertaken by the Trustee, if any, shall be at and pursuant to the written instruction of the Company; and

(5) the Trustee shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

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

(e) Any opinion required or permitted to be delivered to the Trustee hereunder may be addressed and delivered to the entity serving as Trustee hereunder solely in its individual capacity and not in its capacity as Trustee, fiduciary or as representative of the holders of such Debt Securities and Coupons issued by the Company.

SECTION 6.2. NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series, the Trustee shall give notice to all Holders of Debt Securities and Coupons of such series of such default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security or Coupon of such series or in the payment of any sinking fund installment with respect to Debt Securities of such series, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the Holders of Debt Securities and of Coupons of such series; and provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 5.1(4) with respect to Debt Securities of such series no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 90 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of this Section, 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 Debt Securities of such series.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.2 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.3. CERTAIN RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.1:

(a) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(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 Debt Securities of any series pursuant to this Indenture, 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 shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be

entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney; and

(g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent (including any agent appointed pursuant to Section 3.10(j)) or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

SECTION 6.4. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECITALS OR ISSUANCE OF DEBT SECURITIES.

The recitals contained herein and in the Debt Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of any Debt Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 6.5. MAY HOLD DEBT SECURITIES.

The Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Debt Securities or Coupons, and, subject to Sections 6.8 and 6.13, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 6.6. MONEY HELD IN TRUST.

Money in any Currency held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for (i) interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed with the Company or (ii) losses resulting from currency fluctuations or any investments made pursuant to 6.1(c)(4).

SECTION 6.7. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.

The Company agrees:

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation in Dollars for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the trustee in Dollars upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and

disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(3) to indemnify in Dollars the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of amounts due on the Debt Securities and Coupons.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 6.7 to compensate and indemnify the Trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances shall constitute additional indebtedness under this Indenture and shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.8. DISQUALIFICATION; CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

(a) If the Trustee has or shall acquire any conflicting interest, as defined in this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, then, within 90 days after ascertaining that it has such conflicting interest, and if the default (as hereinafter defined) to which such conflicting interest relates has not been cured or duly waived or otherwise eliminated before the end of such 90-day period, the Trustee shall either eliminate such conflicting interest or, except as otherwise provided below, resign with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, and the Company shall take prompt steps to have a successor appointed, in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

(b) In the event that the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Trustee shall, within 10 days after the expiration of such 90-day period, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series notice of such failure.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.8(b) shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have, within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, the Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, if there shall exist an Event of Default (as such term is defined herein, but exclusive of any period of grace or requirement of notice) with respect to such Debt Securities and

(1) the Trustee is trustee under this Indenture with respect to the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series other than that series or is trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the Company are outstanding, unless such other indenture is a collateral trust indenture under which the only collateral consists of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture, provided that there shall be excluded from the operation of this paragraph this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of any series other than that series and any other indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Company are outstanding, if

(i) this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures (and all series of securities issuable thereunder) are wholly unsecured and rank equally and such other indenture or indentures are hereafter qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, unless the Commission shall have found and declared by order pursuant to Section 305(b) or Section 307(c) of the Trust Indenture Act that differences exist between the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and one or more other series or the provisions of such other indenture or indentures which are so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary, in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures, or

(ii) the Company shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that trusteeship under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or such other indenture or indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures;

(2) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is an underwriter for the Company;

(3) the Trustee directly or indirectly controls or is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with an underwriter for the Company;

(4) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee or representative of the Company, or of an underwriter (other than the Trustee itself) for the Company who is currently engaged in the business of underwriting, except that (i) one individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Company but may not be at the same time an executive officer of both the Trustee and the Company; (ii) if and so long as the number of directors of the Trustee in office is more than nine, one additional individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director of the Company; and (iii) the Trustee may be designated by the Company or by any underwriter for the Company to act in the capacity of transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent, escrow agent, or depository or in any other similar capacity, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, to act as trustee, whether under an indenture or otherwise;

(5) 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof, or 20% or more of such voting securities is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more of such persons; or 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by an underwriter for the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof or is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more such persons;

(6) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default (as hereinafter in this subsection defined), (i) 5% or more of the voting securities, or 10% or more of any other class of security, of the Company not including the Debt Securities issued under this Indenture and securities issued under any other indenture under which the Trustee is also trustee, or (ii) 10% or more of any class of security of an underwriter for the Company;

(7) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 5% or more of the voting securities of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 10% or more of the voting securities of, or controls directly or indirectly or is under direct or indirect common control with, the Company;

(8) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 10% or more of any class of security of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company;

(9) the Trustee owns, on the date of such Event of Default or any anniversary of such Event of Default while such Event of Default remains outstanding, in the capacity of executor, administrator, testamentary or inter vivos trustee, guardian, committee or conservator, or in any other similar capacity, an aggregate of 25% or more of the voting securities, or of any class of security, of any person, the beneficial ownership of a specified percentage of

which would have constituted a conflicting interest under paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of this subsection. As to any such securities of which the Trustee acquired ownership through becoming executor, administrator or testamentary trustee of an estate which included them, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply, for a period of not more than two years from the date of such acquisition, to the extent that such securities included in such estate do not exceed 25% of such voting securities or 25% of any such class of security. Promptly after the dates of any such Event of Default and annually in each succeeding year that such Event of Default continues, the Trustee shall make a check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of such dates. If the Company fails to make payment in full of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of the Debt Securities when and as the same becomes due and payable, and such failure continues for 30 days thereafter, the Trustee shall make a prompt check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of the date of the expiration of such 30-day period, and after such date, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, all such securities so held by the Trustee, with sole or joint control over such securities vested in it, shall be considered as though beneficially owned by the Trustee for the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection; or

(10) except under the circumstances described in paragraphs (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of Section 6.13(b) of this Indenture, the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor of the Company.

For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the term "series of securities" or "series" means a series, class or group of securities issuable under an indenture pursuant to whose terms holders of one such series may vote to direct the Trustee, or otherwise take action pursuant to a vote of such holders, separately from holders of another series; provided, that "series of securities" or "series" shall not include any series of securities issuable under an indenture if all such series rank equally and are wholly unsecured.

The specification of percentages in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be construed as indicating that the ownership of such percentages of the securities of a person is or is not necessary or sufficient to constitute direct or indirect control for the purposes of paragraph (3) or (7) of this subsection.

For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this subsection only, (i) the terms "security" and "securities" shall include only such securities as are generally known as corporate securities, but shall not include any note or other evidence of indebtedness issued to evidence an obligation to repay moneys lent to a person by one or more banks, trust companies or banking firms, or any certificate of interest or participation in any such note or evidence of indebtedness; (ii) an obligation shall be deemed to be "in default" when a default in payment of principal shall have continued for 30 days or more and shall not have been cured; and (iii) the Trustee shall not be deemed to be the owner or holder of (A) any security which it holds as collateral security, as trustee or otherwise, for an obligation which is not in default as defined in clause (ii) above, or (B) any security which it holds as collateral security under this Indenture, irrespective of any default hereunder, or (C) any security which it holds as

agent for collection, or as custodian, escrow agent or depository, or in any similar representative capacity.

(d) For the purposes of this Section:

(1) The term "underwriter" when used with reference to the Company means every person who, within one year prior to the time as of which the determination is made, has purchased from the Company with a view to, or has offered or sold for the Company in connection with, the distribution of any security of the Company outstanding at such time, or has participated or has had a direct or indirect participation in any such undertaking, or has participated or has had a participation in the direct or indirect underwriting of any such undertaking, but such term shall not include a person whose interest was limited to a commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commission.

(2) The term "director" means any director of a corporation, or any individual performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated.

(3) The term "person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, an estate, an unincorporated organization, or a government or political subdivision thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "trust" shall include only a trust where the interest or interests of the beneficiary or beneficiaries are evidenced by a security.

(4) The term "voting security" means any security presently entitling the owner or holder thereof to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person, or any security issued under or pursuant to any trust, agreement or arrangements whereby a trustee or trustees or agent or agents for the owner or holder of such security are presently entitled to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities of any series.

(6) The term "executive officer" means the president, every vice president, every trust officer, the cashier, the secretary, and the treasurer of a corporation, and any individual customarily performing similar functions with respect to any organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, but shall not include the chairman of the board of directors.

(e) The percentages of voting securities and other securities specified in this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) A specified percentage of the voting securities of the Trustee, the Company or any other person referred to in this Section (each of whom is referred to as a "person" in this paragraph) means such amount of the

outstanding voting securities of such person as entitles the holder or holders thereof to cast such specified percentage of the aggregate votes which the holders of all the outstanding voting securities of such person are entitled to cast in the direction or management of the affairs of such person.

(2) A specified percentage of a class of securities of a person means such percentage of the aggregate amount of securities of the class outstanding.

(3) The term "amount", when used with regard to securities means the principal amount if relating to evidences of indebtedness, the number of shares if relating to capital shares, and the number of units if relating to any other kind of security.

(4) The term "outstanding" means issued and not held by or for the account of the issuer. The following securities shall not be deemed outstanding within the meaning of this definition:

(i) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to securities of the issuer of the same class;

(ii) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to another class of securities of the issuer, if the obligation evidenced by such other class of securities is not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise;

(iii) securities pledged by the issuer thereof as security for an obligation of the issuer not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise; and

(iv) securities held in escrow if placed in escrow by the issuer thereof;

provided, however, that any voting securities of an issuer shall be deemed outstanding if any person other than the issuer is entitled to exercise the voting rights thereof.

(5) A security shall be deemed to be of the same class as another security if both securities confer upon the holder or holders thereof substantially the same rights and privileges; provided, however, that, in the case of secured evidences of indebtedness, all of which are issued under a single indenture, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates of various series thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute such series different classes; and provided, further, that, in the case of unsecured evidences of indebtedness, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute them securities of different classes, whether or not they are issued under a single indenture.

(f) Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Debt Security of any series, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase

fund installment, the Trustee shall not be required to resign as provided by this Section if the Trustee shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that:

(1) the Event of Default may be cured or waived during a reasonable period and under the procedures described in such application; and

(2) a stay of the Trustee's duty to resign will not be inconsistent with the interests of Holders of the Debt Securities.

The filing of such an application shall automatically stay the performance of the duty to resign until the Commission orders otherwise.

SECTION 6.9. CORPORATE TRUSTEE REQUIRED; ELIGIBILITY.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$75,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State or District of Columbia authority. If such Corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. Neither the Company nor any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Company shall serve as Trustee upon any Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.10. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee under Section 6.11.

(b) The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If an instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and a successor Trustee appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Company.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 6.8(a) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 6.9 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

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

then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, or (ii) subject to Section 5.14, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of any series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 6.11. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders of such series and accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months may, subject to Section 5.14, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(f) The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Each

notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 6.11. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY SUCCESSOR.

(a) In the case of an appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, each such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee, but, on request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee, and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder, subject nevertheless to its claim, if any, provided for in Section 6.7.

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Debt Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall 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, it being understood that nothing herein or in any such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any other trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of any such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

(c) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such

successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

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

SECTION 6.12. MERGER, CONVERSION, CONSOLIDATION OR SUCCESSION TO BUSINESS.

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

SECTION 6.13. PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST COMPANY.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this Section, if the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor, directly or indirectly, secured or unsecured, of the Company within three months prior to a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, or subsequent to such default, then, unless and until such default shall be cured, the Trustee shall set apart and hold in a special account for the benefit of the Trustee individually, the Holders of the Debt Securities and of the Coupons, if any, and the holders of other indenture securities (as defined in subsection (c) of this Section):

(1) an amount equal to any and all reductions in the amount due and owing upon any claim as such creditor in respect of principal or interest, effected after the beginning of such three-month period and valid as against the Company and its other creditors, except any such reduction resulting from the receipt or disposition of any property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or from the exercise of any right of set-off which the Trustee could have exercised if a voluntary or involuntary case had been commenced in respect of the Company under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law upon the date of such default; and

(2) all property received by the Trustee in respect of any claim as such creditor, either as security therefor, or in satisfaction or composition thereof, or otherwise, after the beginning of such three-month period, or an amount equal to

the proceeds of any such property, if disposed of, subject, however, to the rights, if any, of the Company and its other creditors in such property or such proceeds.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall affect the right of the Trustee:

(A) to retain for its own account (i) payments made on account of any such claim by any Person (other than the Company) who is liable thereon, and (ii) the proceeds of the bona fide sale of any such claim by the Trustee to a third Person, and (iii) distributions made in cash, securities or other property in respect of claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings or reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law;

(B) to realize, for its own account, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such property was so held prior to the beginning of such three-month period;

(C) to realize, for its own account, but only to the extent of the claim hereinafter mentioned, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such claim was created after the beginning of such three-month period and such property was received as security therefor simultaneously with the creation thereof, and if the Trustee shall sustain the burden of proving that at the time such property was so received the Trustee had no reasonable cause to believe that a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, would occur within three months, or

(D) to receive payment on any claim referred to in paragraph (B) or (C) against the release of any property held as security for such claim as provided in paragraph (B) or (C), as the case may be, to the extent of the fair value of such property.

For the purposes of paragraphs (B), (C) and (D), property substituted after the beginning of such three-month period for property held as security at the time of such substitution shall, to the extent of the fair value of the property released, have the same status as the property released, and, to the extent that any claim referred to in any of such paragraphs is created in renewal of or in substitution for or for the purpose of repaying or refunding any pre-existing claim of the Trustee as such creditor, such claim shall have the same status as such pre-existing claim.

If the Trustee shall be required to account, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned among the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities in such manner that the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities realize, as a result of payments from such special account and payments of dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, the same percentage of their respective claims, figured before crediting to the claim of the Trustee anything on

account of the receipt by it from the Company of the funds and property in such special account and before crediting to the respective claims of the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, but after crediting thereon receipts on account of the indebtedness represented by their respective claims from all sources other than from such dividends and from the funds and property so held in such special account. As used in this paragraph, with respect to any claim, the term "dividends" shall include any distribution with respect to such claim, in bankruptcy or receivership or proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, whether such distribution is made in cash, securities, or other property, but shall not include any such distribution with respect to the secured portion, if any, of such claim. The court in which such bankruptcy, receivership or proceedings for reorganization is pending shall have jurisdiction (i) to apportion among the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the funds and property held in such special account and proceeds thereof, or (ii) in lieu of such apportionment, in whole or in part, to give to the provisions of this paragraph due consideration in determining the fairness of the distributions to be made to the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities with respect to their respective claims, in which event it shall not be necessary to liquidate or to appraise the value of any securities or other property held in such special account or as security for any such claim, or to make a specific allocation of such distributions as between the secured and unsecured portions of such claim, or otherwise to apply the provisions of this paragraph as a mathematical formula.

Any Trustee which has resigned or been removed after the beginning of such three-month period shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection as though such resignation or removal had not occurred. If any Trustee has resigned or been removed prior to the beginning of such three-month period, it shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection if and only if the following conditions exist:

(i) the receipt of property or reduction of claim, which would have given rise to the obligation to account, if such Trustee had continued as Trustee, occurred after the beginning of such three-month period; and

(ii) such receipt of property or reduction of claim occurred within three months after such resignation or removal.

(b) There shall be excluded from the operation of subsection (a) of this Section a creditor relationship arising from:

(1) the ownership or acquisition of securities issued under any indenture, or any security or securities having a maturity of one year or more at the time of acquisition by the Trustee;

(2) advances authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction or by this Indenture, for the purpose of preserving any

property which shall at any time be subject to the Lien of this Indenture or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon, if notice of such advances and of the circumstances surrounding the making thereof is given to the Holders at the time and in the manner provided in this Indenture;

(3) disbursements made in the ordinary course of business in the capacity of trustee under an indenture, transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent or depositary, or other similar capacity;

(4) an indebtedness created as a result of services rendered or premises rented, or an indebtedness created as a result of goods or securities sold in a cash transaction as defined in subsection (c) of this Section;

(5) the ownership of stock or of other securities of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, which is directly or indirectly a creditor of the Company; and

(6) The acquisition, ownership, acceptance or negotiation of any drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances or obligations which fall within the classification of self-liquidating paper as defined in subsection (c) of this Section.

(c) for the purposes of this Section only:

(1) The term "default" means any failure to make payment in full of the principal of or interest on any of the Debt Securities or upon the other indenture securities when and as such principal or interest becomes due and payable.

(2) The term "other indenture securities" means securities upon which the Company is an obligor outstanding under any other indenture (i) under which the Trustee is also trustee, (ii) which contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of this Section, and (iii) under which a default exists at the time of the apportionment of the funds and property held in such special account.

(3) The term "cash transaction" means any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks and payable upon demand.

(4) The term "self-liquidating paper" means any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing the purchase, processing, manufacturing, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation

of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.14. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHENTICATING AGENT.

As long as any Debt Securities of a series remain Outstanding, upon a Company Request, there shall be an authenticating agent (the "Authenticating Agent") appointed, for such period as the Company shall elect, by the Trustee for such series of Debt Securities to act as its agent on its behalf and subject to its direction in connection with the authentication and delivery of each series of Debt Securities for which it is serving as Trustee. Debt Securities of each such series authenticated by such Authenticating Agent shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by such Trustee. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Debt Securities of any series by the Trustee for such series or to the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee for such series by an Authenticating Agent for such series and a Certificate of Authentication executed on behalf of such Trustee by such Authenticating Agent, except that only the Trustee may authenticate Debt Securities upon original issuance and pursuant to Section 3.6 hereof. Such Authenticating Agent shall at all times be a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$10,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any Corporation into which any Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted, or with which it may be consolidated, or any Corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which any Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any Corporation succeeding to the corporate agency business of any Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be the Authenticating Agent with respect to all series of Debt Securities for which it served as Authenticating Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee for such series or such Authenticating Agent. Any Authenticating Agent may at any time, and if it shall cease to be eligible shall, resign by giving written notice of resignation to the applicable Trustee and to the Company.

Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time any Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.14 with respect to one or more or all series of Debt

Securities, the Trustee for such series shall upon Company Request appoint a successor Authenticating Agent, and the Company shall provide notice of such appointment to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as Authenticating Agent herein. The Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series agrees to pay to the Authenticating Agent for such series from time to time reasonable compensation for its services, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payment, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7. The Authenticating Agent for the Debt Securities of any series shall have no responsibility or liability for any action taken by it as such at the direction of the Trustee for such series.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series is made pursuant to this Section, the Debt Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

As Trustee

By: _____
As Authenticating Agent

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ARTICLE VII.

HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND COMPANY

SECTION 7.1. COMPANY TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HOLDERS.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee with respect to Registered Securities of each series for which it acts as Trustee:

(a) semi-annually on a date not more than 15 days after each Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date, if any, for the Registered Securities of such series (or on semi-annual dates in each year to be determined pursuant to Section 3.1 if the Registered Securities of such series do not bear interest), a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Registered Holders as of the date 15 days next preceding each such Regular Record Date (or such semi-annual dates, as the case may be); and

(b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Security Registrar for such series, no such list need be furnished.

The Company shall also be required to furnish to the Trustee at all such times set forth above all information in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Paying Agents other than the Trustee as to the names and addresses of the Holders of Bearer Securities of all series; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to investigate any matter relating to any Holders of Bearer Securities of any series.

SECTION 7.2. PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION; COMMUNICATION TO HOLDERS.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 7.1 received by it in the capacity of Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder, and filed with it within the two preceding years pursuant to Section 7.3(c)(2).

The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 7.1 upon receipt of a new list so furnished, destroy any information received by it as Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder upon delivering to itself as Trustee, not earlier than 45 days after an Interest Payment Date, a list containing the names and addresses of the Holders obtained from such information since the delivery of the next previous list, if any, destroy any list delivered to itself as Trustee which was compiled from information received by it as Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder upon the receipt of a new list so delivered, and destroy not earlier than two years after filing, any information filed with it pursuant to Section 7.3(c)(2).

(b) If three or more Holders (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee, and furnish to the Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Debt Security for a period of at least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other Holders of Debt Securities of a particular series (in which case the applicants must hold Debt Securities of such series) or with all Holders of Debt Securities with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Debt Securities and is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Trustee shall, within five Business Days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either

(i) afford such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), or

(ii) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of Holders of Debt Securities of such series or of all Debt Securities, as the case may be,

whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such Holders the form of proxy or other communication, specified in such application.

If the Trustee shall elect not to afford such applicants access to such information, the Trustee shall, upon written request of such applicants, mail to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, the Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Commission, together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission, after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met and shall enter an order so declaring, the Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such Holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise the Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Every Holder of Debt Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with Section 7.2(b), regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing of any material pursuant to a request made under Section 7.2(b).

SECTION 7.3. REPORTS BY TRUSTEE.

(a) Within 60 days after January 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 2000, the Trustee shall, to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series with respect to which it acts as Trustee, in the manner hereinafter provided in this Section 7.3, a brief report dated such date with respect to any of the following events which may have occurred within the previous 12 months (but if no such event has occurred within such period no report need be transmitted):

(1) any change to its eligibility under Section 6.9 and its qualifications under Section 6.8;

(2) the creation of or any material change to a relationship specified in paragraph (1) through (10) of Section 6.8(c) of this Indenture;

(3) the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) which remain unpaid on the date of such report, and for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on any property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, except that the Trustee shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances so remaining unpaid aggregate not more than 1/2 of 1% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the date of such report;

(4) any change to the amount, interest rate and maturity date of all other indebtedness owing by the Company (or any other obligor on the Debt Securities of such series) to the Trustee in its individual capacity, on the date of such report, with a brief description of any property held as collateral security therefor, except an indebtedness based upon a creditor relationship arising in any manner described in Section 6.13(b)(2), (3), (4) or (6);

(5) any change to the property and funds, if any, physically in the possession of the Trustee as such on the date of such report;

(6) any additional issue of Debt Securities which the Trustee has not previously reported; and

(7) any action taken by the Trustee in the performance of its duties hereunder which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Debt Securities of such series, except action in respect of a default, notice of which has been or is to be withheld by the Trustee in accordance with Section 6.2.

(b) The Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series (whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a)) for which it acts as the Trustee, as hereinafter provided, a brief report with respect to the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) since the date of the last report transmitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section (or if no such report has yet been so transmitted, since the date of execution of this instrument) for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, and which it has not previously reported pursuant to this subsection, except that the Trustee for each series shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances remaining unpaid at any time aggregate 10% or less of the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series Outstanding at such time, such report to be transmitted within 90 days after such time.

(c) Reports pursuant to this Section 7.3 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Holders of Registered Securities, as the names and addresses of such Holders of Registered Securities appear in the Security Register;

(2) to such Holders of Bearer Securities of any series as have, within two years preceding such transmission, filed their names and addresses with the Trustee for such series for that purpose; and

(3) except in the cases of reports pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 7.3, to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a).

(d) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed with the Company and the Company shall file such report with each stock exchange upon which any Debt Securities of such series are listed, with the Commission and also with the Company. The Company will notify the Trustee when any series of Debt Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

SECTION 7.4. REPORTS BY COMPANY.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to a particular series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, the Company will:

(1) file with the Trustee, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, 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 Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Notwithstanding that the Company may not be required to remain subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Company shall continue to file with the Commission and provide the Trustee and the Holders of each series of Debt Securities with, without cost to each Holder, (a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, annual reports on Form 10-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in such successor or comparable form); (b) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, reports on Form 10-Q (or any successor or comparable form); and (c) promptly from time to time after the occurrence of an event required to be therein reported, such other reports on Form 8-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in any successor or comparable form); provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file such reports with the Commission if the Commission does not permit such filings. The Company will in all cases,

without cost to each recipient, provide copies of such information to the Holders of the Debt Securities of each series and, if they are not permitted to file such reports with the Commission, shall make available information to prospective purchasers and to securities analysts and broker-dealers upon their request;

(2) file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants of this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(3) transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 7.3, within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONCERNING THE HOLDERS

SECTION 8.1. ACTS OF HOLDERS.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent or proxy duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee, and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may take any Act, the fact that the Holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced (a) by the instrument or instruments executed by Holders in person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing, or (b) by the record of Holders voting in favor thereof at any meeting of such Holders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of Holders.

SECTION 8.2. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP; PROOF OF EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY HOLDER.

The ownership of Registered Securities of any series shall be proved by the Security Register for such series or by a certificate of the Security Registrar for such series.

The ownership of Bearer Securities shall be proved by production of such Bearer Securities or by a certificate executed by any bank or trust company, which certificate shall be dated and shall state that on the date thereof a Bearer Security bearing a specified identifying number or other mark was deposited with or exhibited to the person executing such certificate by the person named in such certificate, or by any other proof of possession reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee. The holding by the person named in any such certificate of any Bearer Security specified therein shall be presumed to continue for a period of one year unless at the time of determination of such holding (1) another certificate bearing a later date issued in respect of the same Bearer Security shall be produced, (2) such Bearer Security shall be produced by some other person, (3) such Bearer Security shall have been registered on the Security Register, if, pursuant to Section 3.1, such Bearer Security can be so registered, or (4) such Bearer Security shall have been canceled or paid.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 9.5, proof of the execution of a writing appointing an agent or proxy and of the execution of any instrument by a Holder or his agent or proxy shall be sufficient and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company if made in the following manner:

The fact and date of the execution by any such person of any instrument may be proved by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, that the person executing such instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution sworn to before any such notary or other such officer. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or association or a member of a partnership on behalf of such corporation, association or partnership, as the case may be, or by any other person acting in a representative capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

The record of any Holders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.6.

The Trustee may in any instance require further proof with respect to any of the matters referred to in this Section so long as the request is a reasonable one.

SECTION 8.3. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS.

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Registered Security is registered as the owner of such Registered Security for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7) interest, if any, on such Registered Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Registered Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. The Company, the Trustee, and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Holder of any Bearer Security or of any Coupon as the absolute owner of such Bearer Security or Coupon for the purposes of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Bearer Security or Coupon be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to

the contrary. All payments made to any Holder, or upon his order, shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon such Debt Security or Coupon.

SECTION 8.4. REVOCATION OF CONSENTS; FUTURE HOLDERS BOUND.

At any time prior to (but not after) the evidencing to the Trustee, as provided in Section 8.1, of the taking of any Act by the Holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities specified in this Indenture in connection with such Act, any Holder of a Debt Security the number, letter or other distinguishing symbol of which is shown by the evidence to be included in the Debt Securities the Holders of which have consented to such Act may, by filing written notice with the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office and upon proof of ownership as provided in Section 8.2, revoke such Act so far as it concerns such Debt Security. Except as aforesaid, any such Act taken by the Holder of any Debt Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and, subject to the provisions of Section 5.8, upon all future Holders of such Debt Security and all past, present and future Holders of Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto and of any Debt Securities and Coupons issued on transfer or in lieu thereof or in exchange or substitution therefor, irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Debt Security or Coupons or such other Debt Securities or Coupons.

ARTICLE IX.

HOLDERS' MEETINGS

SECTION 9.1. PURPOSES OF MEETINGS.

A meeting of Holders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article IX for any of the following purposes:

(1) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee for such series, or to give any directions to the Trustee for such series, or to consent to the waiving of any default hereunder and its consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by Holders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article V;

(2) to remove the Trustee for such series and appoint a successor Trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article VI;

(3) to consent to the execution of an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.2; or

(4) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the Holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any one or more or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.

SECTION 9.2. CALL OF MEETINGS BY TRUSTEE.

The Trustee for any series may at any time call a meeting of Holders of such series to take any action specified in Section 9.1, to be held at such time or times and at such place or places as the Trustee for such series shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the Holders of any series, setting forth the time and the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be given to Holders of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Such notice shall be given not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

SECTION 9.3. CALL OF MEETINGS BY COMPANY OR HOLDERS.

In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of a series or of all series, as the case may be, shall have requested the Trustee for such series to call a meeting of Holders of any or all such series by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have given the notice of such meeting within 10 days after the receipt of such request, then the Company or such Holders may determine the time or times and the place or places for such meetings and may call such meetings to take any action authorized in Section 9.1, by giving notice thereof as provided in Section 9.2.

SECTION 9.4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING.

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders a Person shall be (a) a Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or (b) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as agent or proxy by such Holder. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee for the series with respect to which such meeting is being held and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

SECTION 9.5. REGULATIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee for any series may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of such series, in regard to proof of the holding of Debt Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies, and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem appropriate.

The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Holders of such series as provided in Section 9.3, in which case the Company or the Holders calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by a majority vote of the meeting.

Subject to the provisos in the definition of "Outstanding," at any meeting each Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or proxy therefor shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount (or such other amount as shall be specified pursuant to Section 3.1) of Debt Securities of such series held or represented by him; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Debt Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote other than by virtue of Outstanding Debt Securities of such series held by him or instruments in writing duly designating him as the person to vote on behalf of Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Any meeting of Holders with respect to which a meeting was duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 or 9.3 may be adjourned from time to time by a majority of such Holders present and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 9.6. VOTING.

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders with respect to which such meeting is being held shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of such Holders or of their representatives by proxy and the serial number or numbers of the Debt Securities held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders shall be taken and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was transmitted as provided in Section 9.2. The record shall show the serial numbers of the Debt Securities voting in favor of or against any resolution. The record shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee.

Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

ARTICLE X.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 10.1. COMPANY MAY CONSOLIDATE, ETC., ONLY ON CERTAIN TERMS.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or sell, assign, convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, unless:

(1) the Corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety (the "successor corporation") shall be a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State or territory thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the Debt Securities and coupons, if any, and the performance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing;

(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(4) such other conditions as may be specified under Section 3.1 with respect to any series of Debt Securities.

SECTION 10.2. SUCCESSOR CORPORATION SUBSTITUTED.

Upon any consolidation with or merger into any other Corporation, or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 10.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor corporation had been named as the Company herein.

ARTICLE XI.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 11.1. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(1) to evidence the succession of another corporation to the rights of the Company and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Company contained herein and in the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any;

(2) to add to the covenants of the Company, for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Debt Securities and the Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series), or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company;

(3) to add any additional Events of Default (and if such Events of Default are to be applicable to less than all series, stating that such Events of Default are expressly being included solely to be applicable to such series);

(4) to add or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the issuance of Debt Securities of any series in bearer form, registrable or not registrable, and with or without Coupons, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Registered Securities, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Bearer Securities of other authorized denominations or to permit the issuance of Debt Securities of any series in uncertificated form, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of any series or any related Coupons in any material respect;

(5) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there is no Outstanding Debt Security or Coupon of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision and as to which such supplemental indenture would apply;

(6) to secure the Debt Securities or to provide that any of the Company's obligations under any series of the Debt Securities shall be guaranteed and the terms and conditions for the release or substitution of such security or guarantee;

(7) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Article IV or XV, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or any other series of Debt Securities or any related Coupons in any material respect;

(8) to establish the form or terms of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of any series as permitted by Sections 2.1 and 3.1;

(9) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to one or more series of Debt Securities 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, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.10;

(10) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, to eliminate any conflict between the terms hereof and the Trust Indenture Act or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture which shall not be inconsistent with any provision of this Indenture; or

(11) to modify the provisions of Section 17 (except, with respect to any Outstanding Securities, to the extent prohibited by clause 5 of Section 11.2);

provided such other provisions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities or Coupons, if any, of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture in any material respect.

SECTION 11.2. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

With the written consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture voting separately, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders under this Indenture of such Debt Securities and Coupons, if any; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each such series affected thereby,

(1) conflict with the required provisions of the Trust Indenture Act;

(2) except as specifically provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest, if any, on, any Debt Security, or (b) reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof (provided that a requirement to offer to repurchase Debt Securities shall not be deemed a redemption for this purpose), or (c) change the Stated Maturity of or reduce the amount of any payment to be made with respect to any Coupon, or (d) change the Currency or Currencies in which the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on such Debt Security is denominated or payable, or (e) reduce the amount of the principal of a Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, or (f) reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, any payment under any sinking fund or analogous provisions for any Debt Security, or (g) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or (h) limit the obligation of the Company to maintain a paying agency outside the United States for payment on Bearer Securities as provided in Section 12.3, or (i) adversely affect the right to convert any Debt Security into shares of Common Stock of the Company as may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1;

(3) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(4) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 5.13 or Section 12.7, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each series affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 12.7, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 6.10 and 11.1(9); or

(5) modify the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the subordination of the Outstanding Securities of any series in a manner adverse to the Holders thereof.

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

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture with respect to one or more particular series of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Debt Securities and Coupons of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Debt securities and Coupons, if any, of any other series.

SECTION 11.3. EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) 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 and that the supplemental indenture conforms to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which adversely affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise in a material way.

SECTION 11.4. EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.5. CONFORMITY WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 11.6. REFERENCE IN DEBT SECURITIES TO SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.7. NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the appropriate Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to Section 11.2, the Company shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5, to all Holders of any series of the Debt Securities affected thereby, a notice setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture.

ARTICLE XII.

COVENANTS

SECTION 12.1. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities in accordance with the terms of the Debt Securities, the Coupons and this Indenture. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 with respect to any series of Debt Securities or except as otherwise provided in Section 3.6, any interest due on Bearer Securities on or before Maturity shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the several Coupons for such interest installments as are evidenced thereby as they severally mature. If so provided in the terms of any series of Debt Securities established as provided in Section 3.1, the interest, if any, due in respect of any temporary Global Note or permanent Global Note, together with any additional amounts payable in respect thereof, as provided in the terms and conditions of such Debt Security, shall be payable only upon presentation of such Debt Security to the Trustee for notation thereon of the payment of such interest.

SECTION 12.2. OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO DEFAULT.

Unless otherwise specifically provided for with respect to any series of Debt Securities under Section 3.1, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, on or before a date

not more than four months after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (which on the date hereof is the calendar year) ending after the date hereof, a certificate of the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signer thereof the Company is in compliance with all covenants and conditions under this Indenture, and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature thereof of which such signer may have knowledge. For purposes of this Section, such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture.

SECTION 12.3. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY.

If Debt Securities of a series are issuable only as Registered Securities, the Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for such series an office or agency where Debt Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, where Debt Securities of that series that are convertible may be surrendered for conversion, if applicable, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. If Debt Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, the Company will maintain (A) in the Borough of Manhattan, The City and State of New York, an office or agency where any Registered Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange or redemption, where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served and where Bearer Securities of that series and related Coupons may be presented or surrendered for payment in the circumstances described in the following paragraph (and not otherwise), (B) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, in a Place of Payment for that series which is located outside the United States, an office or agency where Debt Securities of that series and related Coupons may be presented and surrendered for payment (including payment of any additional amounts payable on Debt Securities of that series, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1); provided, however, that if the Debt Securities of that series are listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States and such stock exchange shall so require, the Company will maintain a Paying Agent for the Debt Securities of that series in London, Luxembourg or any other required city located outside the United States, as the case may be, so long as the Debt Securities of that series are listed on such exchange, and (C) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, in a Place of Payment for that series located outside the United States an office or agency where any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange or redemption and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency.

No payment of principal, premium or interest on Bearer Securities shall be made at any office or agency of the Company in the United States or by check mailed to any

address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained with a bank located in the United States; provided, however, that, if the Debt Securities of a series are denominated and payable in Dollars, payment of principal of and any premium and interest on any Bearer Security (including any additional amounts payable on Securities of such series, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1) shall be made at the office of the Company's Paying Agent in the Borough of Manhattan, The City and State of New York, if (but only if) payment in Dollars of the full amount of such principal, premium, interest or additional amounts, as the case may be, at all offices or agencies outside the United States maintained for the purpose by the Company in accordance with this Indenture is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions.

The Company may also from time to time designate different or additional offices or agencies to be maintained for such purposes (in or outside of such Place of Payment), and may from time to time rescind any such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations described in the preceding paragraph. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such additional designation or rescission of designation and any change in the location of any such different or additional office or agency.

SECTION 12.4. MONEY FOR DEBT SECURITIES; PAYMENTS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

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

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents with respect to any series of Debt Securities and Coupons, it will, by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) or on each due date of the principal (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Securities of such series, deposit with any such Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, and (unless any such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation (i) to maintain any office or to act in any capacity as an agent for any purpose under this Indenture (or any supplement hereto) outside the United States, or (ii) to act as a Paying Agent in respect of any currency other than Dollars.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent with respect to any series of Debt Securities other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will:

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

(2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities of such series) in the making of any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of such series; and

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

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

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 (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company upon Company Request, or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Debt Security or Coupon shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, 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, shall 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 transmitted in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 1.5, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

SECTION 12.5. CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

Subject to Article X, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right or franchise if the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company.

SECTION 12.6. PURCHASE OF DEBT SECURITIES BY COMPANY.

If the Debt Securities of a series are listed on The Stock Exchange of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and such stock exchange shall so require, the Company will not purchase any Debt Securities of that series by private treaty at a price (exclusive of expenses and accrued interest) which exceeds 120% of the mean of the nominal quotations of the Debt Securities of that series as shown in The Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the last trading day preceding the date of purchase.

SECTION 12.7. WAIVER OF CERTAIN COVENANTS.

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Sections 12.5 and 12.6 (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other covenant not set forth herein and specified pursuant to Section 3.1 to be applicable to the Securities of any series, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series if before the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent expressly so waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XIII.

REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 13.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Debt Securities of any series which are redeemable before their Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 13.2. ELECTION TO REDEEM; NOTICE TO TRUSTEE.

The election of the Company to redeem (or, in the case of Discount Securities, to permit the Holders to elect to surrender for redemption) any Debt Securities shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company of less than all of the Debt Securities of any series pursuant to Section 13.3, the Company shall, at least 30 days before the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Debt Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Debt Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restrictions.

SECTION 13.3. SELECTION BY TRUSTEE OF DEBT SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

Except in the case of a redemption in whole of the Bearer Securities or the Registered Securities of such series, if less than all the Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed at the election of the Company, the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series in a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated. The portions of the principal amount of Debt Securities so selected for partial redemption shall be equal to the minimum authorized denominations for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated or any integral multiple thereof, except as otherwise set forth in the applicable form of Debt Securities. In any case when more than one Registered Security of such series is registered in the same name, the Trustee in its discretion may treat the aggregate principal amount so registered as if it were represented by one Registered Security of such series.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Debt Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Debt Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

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

SECTION 13.4. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to the Holders of Debt Securities of any series to be redeemed in whole or in part pursuant to this Article XIII, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. Failure to give such notice, or any defect in such notice to the Holder of any Debt Security of a series designated for redemption, in whole or in part, shall not affect the sufficiency of any notice of redemption with respect to the Holder of any other Debt Security of such series.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price,

(3) that Debt Securities of such series are being redeemed by the Company pursuant to provisions contained in this Indenture or the terms of the Debt Securities of such series or a supplemental indenture establishing such series, if such be the case, together with a brief statement of the facts permitting such redemption,

(4) if less than all Outstanding Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the principal amounts) of the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed,

(5) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Debt Security to be redeemed, and that interest thereon, if any, shall cease to accrue on and after said date,

(6) that, unless otherwise specified in such notice, Coupon Securities of any series, if any, surrendered for redemption must be accompanied by all Coupons maturing subsequent to the date fixed for redemption, failing which the amount of any such missing Coupon or Coupons will be deducted from the Redemption Price,

(7) the Place or Places of Payment where such Debt Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price,

(8) if Bearer Securities of any series are to be redeemed and any Registered Securities of such series are not to be redeemed, and if such Bearer Securities may be exchanged for Registered Securities not subject to redemption on this Redemption Date pursuant to Section 3.5(b) or otherwise, the last date on which such exchanges may be made, and

(9) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case.

SECTION 13.5. DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

On or prior to 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date for any Debt Securities, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) an amount of money in the Currency or Currencies in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of such Debt Securities or any portions thereof which are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 13.6. DEBT SECURITIES PAYABLE ON REDEMPTION DATE.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, any Debt Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Debt

Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Debt Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Debt Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price; provided, however, that installments of interest on Bearer Securities whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States (except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3) and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, only upon presentation and surrender of Coupons for such interest; and provided, further, that, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, installments of interest on Registered Securities which have a Stated Maturity on or prior to the Redemption Date for such Debt Securities shall be payable according to the terms of such Debt Securities and the provisions of Section 3.7.

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

If any Coupon Security surrendered for redemption shall not be accompanied by all Coupons appertaining thereto maturing on or after the Redemption Date, the Redemption Price for such Coupon Security may be reduced by an amount equal to the face amount of all such missing Coupons. If thereafter the Holder of such Coupon shall surrender to any Paying Agent outside the United States any such missing Coupon in respect of which a deduction shall have been made from the Redemption Price, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount so deducted. The surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee, if there be furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless.

SECTION 13.7. DEBT SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Any Debt Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Corporate Trust Office or such other office or agency of the Company as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Registered Securities) and at an office of the Trustee, or at such other office or agency of the Company outside the United States as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Bearer Securities) with, if the Company, the Security Registrar or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Security Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Debt Security without service charge, a new Debt Security or Debt Securities of the same series, of like tenor and form, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Debt Security so surrendered, and, in the case of a Coupon Security, with appropriate Coupons attached. In the case of a Debt Security providing appropriate space for such notation, at the option of the Holder thereof, the Trustee, in lieu of delivering a new Debt Security or Debt Securities as aforesaid, may make a notation on such Debt Security of the payment of the redeemed portion thereof.

ARTICLE XIV.

SINKING FUNDS

SECTION 14.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of Debt Securities of a series except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment," and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series, the amount of any cash sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 14.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Debt Securities of any series as provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of such series.

SECTION 14.2. SATISFACTION OF MANDATORY SINKING FUND PAYMENTS WITH DEBT SECURITIES.

In lieu of making all or any part of a mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to any Debt Securities of a series in cash, the Company may at its option, at any time no more than sixteen months and no less than 45 days prior to the date on which such sinking fund payment is due, deliver to the Trustee Debt Securities of such series (together with the unmatured Coupons, if any, appertaining thereto) theretofore purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company, except Debt Securities of such series which have been redeemed through the application of mandatory sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of such series, accompanied by a Company Order instructing the Trustee to credit such obligations and stating that the Debt Securities of such series were originally issued by the Company by way of bona fide sale or other negotiation for value, provided that such Debt Securities shall not have been previously so credited. Such Debt Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such mandatory sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

SECTION 14.3. REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES FOR SINKING FUND.

Not less than 60 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any series of Debt Securities (unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing 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 in the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 14.2 and whether the Company intends to exercise its rights to make a permitted optional sinking

fund payment with respect to such series. Such certificate shall be irrevocable and upon its delivery the Company shall be obligated to make the cash payment or payments therein referred to, if any, on or before the next succeeding sinking fund payment date. In the case of the failure of the Company to deliver such certificate, the sinking fund payment due on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date for such series shall be paid entirely in cash and shall be sufficient to redeem the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series subject to a mandatory sinking fund payment without the right to deliver or credit Debt Securities as provided in Section 14.2 and without the right to make any optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series at such time.

Any sinking fund payment or payments (mandatory or optional) made in cash plus any unused balance of any preceding sinking fund payments made with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) on the sinking fund payment date on which such payment is made (or, if such payment is made before a sinking fund payment date, on the sinking fund payment date immediately following the date of such payment) to the redemption of Debt Securities of such series at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities with respect to the sinking fund. Any sinking fund moneys not so applied or allocated by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) to the redemption of Debt Securities shall be added to the next sinking fund payment received by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) for such series and, together with such payment (or such amount so segregated) shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any and all sinking fund moneys with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series held by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) on the last sinking fund payment date with respect to Debt Securities of such series and not held for the payment or redemption of particular Debt Securities of such series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent), together with other moneys, if necessary, to be deposited (or segregated) sufficient for the purpose, to the payment of the principal of the Debt Securities of such series at Maturity.

The Trustee shall select or cause to be selected the Debt Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 13.3 and the Company shall cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the manner provided in Section 13.4. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Debt Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Section 13.6.

On or before 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on each sinking fund payment date, the Company shall pay to the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or, if the

Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, the Company shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) in cash a sum, in the Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), equal to the principal and any interest accrued to the Redemption Date for Debt Securities or portions thereof to be redeemed on such sinking fund payment date pursuant to this Section.

Neither the Trustee, any Paying Agent nor the Company shall redeem any Debt Securities of a series with sinking fund moneys or mail any notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series by operation of the sinking fund for such series during the continuance of a default in payment of interest, if any, on any Debt Securities of such series or of any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default occurring as a consequence of this paragraph) with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, except that if the notice of redemption shall have been provided in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Trustee or applicable Paying Agent (or the Company, if the Company is then acting as its own Paying Agent) shall redeem such Debt Securities if cash sufficient for that purpose shall be deposited with the Trustee or such other Paying Agent as provided above (or segregated by the Company) for that purpose in accordance with the terms of this Article. Except as aforesaid, any moneys in the sinking fund for such series at the time when any such default or Event of Default shall occur and any moneys thereafter paid into such sinking fund shall, during the continuance of such default or Event of Default, be held as security for the payment of the Debt Securities and Coupons, if any, of such series; provided, however, that in case such default or Event of Default shall have been cured or waived as provided herein, such moneys shall thereafter be applied on or prior to the next sinking fund payment date for the Debt Securities of such series on which such moneys may be applied pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

ARTICLE XV.

DEFEASANCE

SECTION 15.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

If, pursuant to Section 3.1, provision is made for the defeasance of Debt Securities of a series, and if the Debt Securities of such series are Registered Securities and denominated and payable only in Dollars (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1 and subject to the proviso in the last sentence of this paragraph) then the provisions of this Article shall be applicable except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series. Defeasance provisions, if any, for Debt Securities denominated and/or payable in a Foreign Currency or Currencies or for Bearer Securities may be specified pursuant to Section 3.1; provided, however, that nothing herein or therein shall obligate the Trustee (without its consent, at its sole option) to hold or maintain any account, or act as Paying Agent with respect to, any Foreign Currency or Currencies.

SECTION 15.2. DEFEASANCE UPON DEPOSIT OF MONEYS OR U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS.

At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have been Discharged (as defined below) from its obligations with respect to Debt Securities of any series ("legal defeasance option") or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Section 10.1 with respect to Debt Securities of any series (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other obligation of the Company or restrictive covenant added for the benefit of such series pursuant to Section 3.1) ("covenant defeasance option") at any time after the applicable conditions set forth below have been satisfied:

(1) the Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series (i) money in an amount, or (ii) U.S. Government Obligations (as defined below) which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii), sufficient, in the opinion (with respect to (i) and (ii)) of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge each installment of principal (including any mandatory sinking fund payments) of and premium, if any, and interest on, the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the dates such installments of interest or principal and premium are due;

(2) such deposit shall not cause the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that series to have a conflicting interest as defined in Section 6.8 and for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act with respect to the Debt Securities of any series;

(3) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(4) if the Debt Securities of such series are then listed on any national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a letter or other document from such exchange to the effect that the Company's exercise of its option under this Section would not cause such Debt Securities to be delisted;

(5) no Event of Default or event (including such deposit) which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit and, with respect to the legal defeasance option only, no Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after such date;

(6) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance or Discharge; and

(7) no event or condition shall exist that, pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, would prevent the Company from making payments of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Securities of such series and coupons appertaining thereto on the date of such deposit.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option and an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after the date of such deposit, the obligations of the Company referred to under the definition of covenant defeasance option with respect to such Debt Securities shall be reinstated.

Notwithstanding the Company's exercise of the covenant defeasance option, the Company may subsequently exercise the legal defeasance option.

"Discharged" means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the Debt Securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under this Indenture relating to the Debt Securities of such series (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except (A) the rights of Holders of Debt Securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described in clause (1) above, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities when such payments are due, (B) the Company's obligations with respect to the Debt Securities of such series under Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 15.3 and (C) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

SECTION 15.3. DEPOSITED MONEYS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

All moneys and U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 15.2 in respect of Debt Securities of a series shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of such Debt Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Debt Securities, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 15.4. REPAYMENT TO COMPANY.

The Trustee and any Paying Agent shall promptly pay or return to the Company upon Company Request any moneys or U.S. Government Obligations held by them at any time that are not required for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of any series for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

The provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4 shall apply to any money held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent under this Article that remains unclaimed for two years after the Maturity of any series of Debt Securities for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

ARTICLE XVI.

CONVERSION

SECTION 16.1. APPLICABILITY; CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, the provisions of this Article XVI shall be applicable to any Debt Securities that are convertible into Common Stock. If so provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Holder of a Debt Security of such series shall have the right, at such Holder's option, to convert, in accordance with the terms of such series of Debt Securities and this Article XVI, all or any part (in a denomination of, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Securities of such series, \$1,000 in principal amount or any integral multiple thereof) of such Debt Security into shares of Common Stock or, as to any Debt Securities called for redemption, at any time prior to the time and date fixed for such redemption (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price, in which case such right shall not terminate at such time and date).

SECTION 16.2. CONVERSION PROCEDURE; CONVERSION PRICE; FRACTIONAL SHARES.

(a) Each Debt Security to which this Article is applicable shall be convertible at the office of the Conversion Agent, and at such other place or places, if any, specified in pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of such

series, into fully paid and nonassessable shares (calculated to the nearest 1/100th of a share) of Common Stock. The Debt Securities will be converted into shares of Common Stock at the Conversion Price therefor. No payment or adjustment shall be made in respect of dividends on the Common Stock or accrued interest on a converted Debt Security except as described in Section 16.9. The Company may, but shall not be required, in connection with any conversion of Debt Securities, to issue a fraction of a share of Common Stock and, if the Company shall determine not to issue any such fraction, the Company shall, subject to Section 16.3(4), make a cash payment (calculated to the nearest cent) equal to such fraction multiplied by the Closing Price of the Common Stock on the last Trading Day prior to the date of conversion.

(b) Before any Holder of a Debt Security shall be entitled to convert the same into Common Stock, such Holder shall surrender such Debt Security duly endorsed to the Company or in blank, or, in the case of Bearer Securities, together with all unmatured Coupons and any matured Coupons in default attached thereto, at the office of the Conversion Agent or at such other place or places, if any, specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Registered Securities) and at an office of the Conversion Agent or at such other place or places, if any, outside of the United States as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 (in the case of Bearer Securities), and shall give written notice to the Company at said office or place that he elects to convert the same and shall state in writing therein the principal amount of Debt Securities to be converted and the name or names (with addresses) in which he wishes the certificate or certificates for Common Stock to be issued; provided, however, that no Debt Security or portion thereof shall be accepted for conversion unless the principal amount of such Debt Security or such portion, when added to the principal amount of all other Debt Securities or portions thereof then being surrendered by the Holder thereof for conversion, exceeds the then effective Conversion Price with respect thereto. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured Coupon or Coupons or matured Coupon or Coupons in default, such conversion may be effected if the Bearer Securities to be surrendered for conversion are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing Coupon or Coupons, or the surrender of such missing Coupon or Coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Bearer Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing Coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; provided, however that except as otherwise provided in Section 12.3, interest represented by Coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those Coupons at an office or agency located outside the United States. If more than one Debt Security shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same Holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock which shall be deliverable upon conversion shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities (or specified portions thereof to the extent permitted thereby) so surrendered. Subject to the next succeeding sentence, the Company will, as soon as practicable thereafter, issue and deliver at said office or place to such Holder of a Debt Security, or to his nominee or nominees, certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock to which he shall be entitled as aforesaid, together, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (a) above, with cash in lieu of any fraction of a share to which he would otherwise be entitled. The Company shall not be required to deliver certificates

for shares of Common Stock while the stock transfer books for such stock or the Security Register are duly closed for any purpose, but certificates for shares of Common Stock shall be issued and delivered as soon as practicable after the opening of such books or Security Register. A Debt Security shall be deemed to have been converted as of the close of business on the date of the surrender of such Debt Security for conversion as provided above, and the Person or Persons entitled to receive the Common Stock issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record Holder or Holders of such Common Stock as of the close of business on such date. In case any Debt Security shall be surrendered for partial conversion, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the written order of the Holder of the Debt Securities so surrendered, without charge to such Holder (subject to the provisions of Section 16.8), a new Debt Security or Securities in authorized denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unconverted portion of the surrendered Debt Security.

SECTION 16.3. ADJUSTMENT OF CONVERSION PRICE FOR COMMON STOCK.

The Conversion Price with respect to any Debt Security which is convertible into Common Stock shall be adjusted from time to time as follows:

(1) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, (i) pay a dividend in shares of its Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, (ii) combine its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, (iii) subdivide its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a greater number of shares of Common Stock or (iv) make a distribution in shares of Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, then the Conversion Price in effect immediately before such action shall be adjusted so that the Holders of such Debt Securities, upon conversion thereof into Common Stock immediately following such event, shall be entitled to receive the kind and amount of shares of capital stock of the Company which they would have owned or been entitled to receive upon or by reason of such event if such Debt Securities had been converted immediately before the record dated (or, if no record date, the effective date) for such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3(1) shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date in the case of a dividend or distribution and shall become effective retroactively immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision or combination. For the purposes of this Section 16.3(1), each Holder of Debt Securities shall be deemed to have failed to exercise any right to elect the kind or amount of securities receivable upon the payment of any such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution (provided that if the kind or amount of securities receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities or other property receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares).

(2) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, issue rights or warrants to all

holders of shares of its Common Stock entitling them (for a period expiring within 45 days after the record date for such issuance) to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock at such record date (treating the price per share of the securities convertible into Common Stock as equal to (x) the sum of (i) the price for a unit of the security convertible into Common Stock and (ii) any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion of such security into Common Stock divided by (y) the number of shares of Common Stock initially underlying such convertible security), the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities shall be adjusted so that it shall equal the price determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of issuance of such rights or warrants by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of such rights or warrants plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock offered for subscription or purchase (or into which the convertible securities so offered are initially convertible), and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of securities which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares of securities so offered for subscription or purchase (or the aggregate purchase price of the convertible securities so offered plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon conversion of such securities into Common Stock) would purchase at such Current Market Price of the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants.

(3) In the case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, distribute to all holders of shares of its Common Stock (including any such distribution made in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing corporation and the Common Stock is not changed or exchanged) cash, evidences of its indebtedness, securities or assets (excluding (i) regular periodic cash dividends in amounts, if any, determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, (ii) dividends payable in shares of Common Stock for which adjustment is made under Section 16.3(1) or (iii) rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company (excluding those referred to in Section 16.3(2))), then in each such case the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of such distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date referred to below, and the denominator of which shall be such Current Market Price of the Common Stock less the then fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose determination shall be conclusive) of the portion of the cash or assets or evidences of indebtedness or securities so distributed or of such subscription rights or warrants applicable to one share of Common Stock (provided that such denominator shall never be less than 1.0); provided however, that no adjustment shall be made with respect to any distribution of rights to purchase securities of the Company if a Holder of Debt

Securities would otherwise be entitled to receive such rights upon conversion at any time of such Debt Securities into Common Stock unless such rights are subsequently redeemed by the Company, in which case such redemption shall be treated for purposes of this section as a dividend on the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution; and in the event that such distribution is not so made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

(4) The Company shall be entitled to make such additional adjustments in the Conversion Price, in addition to those required by subsections 16.3(1), 16.3(2), and 16.3(3), as shall be necessary in order that any dividend or distribution of Common Stock, any subdivision, reclassification or combination of shares of Common Stock or any issuance of rights or warrants referred to above shall not be taxable to the holders of Common Stock for United States Federal income tax purposes.

(5) In any case in which this Section 16.3 shall require that any adjustment be made effective as of or retroactively immediately following a record date, the Company may elect to defer (but only for five (5) Trading Days following the filing of the statement referred to in Section 16.5) issuing to the Holder of any Debt Securities converted after such record date the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion over and above the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion on the basis of the Conversion Price prior to adjustment; provided, however, that the Company shall deliver to such Holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such Holder's right to receive such additional shares upon the occurrence of the event requiring such adjustment.

(6) All calculations under this Section 16.3 shall be made to the nearest cent or one-hundredth of a share of security, with one-half cent and 0.005 of a share, respectively, being rounded upward. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 16.3, the Company shall not be required to make any adjustment of the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such price. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% in such price. Any adjustments under this Section 16.3 shall be made successively whenever an event requiring such an adjustment occurs.

(7) In the event that at any time, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3, the Holder of any Debt Security thereafter surrendered for conversion shall become entitled to receive any shares of stock of the Company other than shares of Common Stock into which the Debt Securities originally were convertible, the Conversion Price of such other shares so receivable upon conversion of any such Debt Security shall be subject to

adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to Common Stock contained in subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Section 16.3, and the provisions of Sections 16.1, 16.2 and 16.4 through 16.9 with respect to the Common Stock shall apply on like or similar terms to any such other shares and the determination of the Board of Directors as to any such adjustment shall be conclusive.

(8) No adjustment shall be made pursuant to this Section: (i) if the effect thereof would be to reduce the Conversion Price below the par value (if any) of the Common Stock or (ii) subject to 16.3(5) hereof, with respect to any Debt Security that is converted prior to the time such adjustment otherwise would be made.

SECTION 16.4. CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER OF THE COMPANY.

In case of either (a) any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party, other than a merger or consolidation in which the company is the surviving or continuing corporation and which does not result in a reclassification of, or change (other than a change in par value or from par value to no par value or from no par value to par value, as a result of a subdivision or combination) in, outstanding shares of Common Stock or (b) any sale or conveyance of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company to another Person, then each Debt Security then outstanding shall be convertible from and after such merger, consolidation, sale or conveyance of property and assets into the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities and property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Debt Securities would have been converted immediately prior to such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, subject to adjustments which shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practicable to the adjustments provided for in this Article XVI (and assuming such holder of Common Stock failed to exercise his rights of election, if any, as to the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance (provided that, if the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares or securities)). The Company shall not enter into any of the transactions referred to in clause (a) or (b) of the preceding sentence unless effective provision shall be made so as to give effect to the provisions set forth in this Section 16.4. The provisions of this Section 16.4 shall apply similarly to successive consolidations, mergers, sales or conveyances.

SECTION 16.5. NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT.

Whenever an adjustment in the Conversion Price with respect to a series of Debt Securities is required:

(1) the Company shall forthwith place on file with the Trustee and any Conversion Agent for such Securities a certificate of the Treasurer of the Company, stating the adjusted Conversion Price determined as provided herein and setting forth in reasonable detail such facts as shall be necessary to show the reason for and the manner of computing such adjustment, such certificate to be conclusive evidence that the adjustment is correct; and

(2) a notice stating that the Conversion Price has been adjusted and setting forth the adjusted Conversion Price shall forthwith be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice.

SECTION 16.6. NOTICE IN CERTAIN EVENTS.

In case:

(1) of a consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party and for which approval of any shareholders of the Company is required, or of the sale or conveyance to another Person or entity or group of Persons or entities acting in concert as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company; or

(2) of the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company; or

(3) of any action triggering an adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI;

then, in each case, the Company shall cause to be filed with the Trustee and the Conversion Agent for the applicable Debt Securities, and shall cause to be given, to the Holders of record of applicable Debt Securities in the manner provided in Section 1.5, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the applicable date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of any distribution or grant of rights or warrants triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI, or, if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of record or Common Stock entitled to such distribution, rights or warrants are to be determined, or (y) the date on which any reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI is expected to become effective, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their Common Stock for securities or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up.

Failure to give such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the legality or validity of the proceedings described in clause (1), (2), or (3) of this Section.

SECTION 16.7. COMPANY TO RESERVE STOCK; REGISTRATION; LISTING.

(a) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the Debt Securities, such number of its duly authorized shares of Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all applicable outstanding Debt Securities into such Common Stock at any time (assuming that, at the time of the computation of such number of shares or securities, all such Debt Securities would be held by a single holder); provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company from satisfying its obligations in respect of the conversion of the Debt Securities by delivery of purchased shares of Common Stock which are held in the treasury of the Company. The Company shall from time to time, in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, use its best efforts to cause the authorized amount of the Common Stock to be increased if the aggregate of the authorized amount of the Common Stock remaining unissued and the issued shares of such Common Stock in its treasury (other than any such shares reserved for issuance in any other connection) shall not be sufficient to permit the conversion of all Debt Securities.

(b) If any shares of Common Stock which would be issuable upon conversion of Debt Securities hereunder require registration with or approval of any governmental authority before such shares or securities may be issued upon such conversion, the Company will in good faith and as expeditiously as possible endeavor to cause such shares or securities to be duly registered or approved, as the case may be. The Company will endeavor to list the shares of Common Stock required to be delivered upon conversion of the Debt Securities prior to such delivery upon the principal national securities exchange upon which the outstanding Common Stock is listed at the time of such delivery.

SECTION 16.8. TAXES ON CONVERSION.

The Company shall pay any and all documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer taxes that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock on conversion of Debt Securities pursuant hereto. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any such tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock or the portion, if any, of the Debt Securities which are not so converted in a name other than that in which the Debt Securities so converted were registered (in case of Registered Securities), and no such issue or delivery shall be made unless and until the Person requesting such issue has paid to the Company the amount of such tax or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

SECTION 16.9. CONVERSION AFTER RECORD DATE.

If any Debt Securities are surrendered for conversion subsequent to the record date preceding an Interest Payment Date but on or prior to such Interest Payment Date (except Debt Securities called for redemption on a Redemption Date between such record date and Interest Payment Date), the Holder of such Debt Securities at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on such

Debt Securities on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the conversion thereof. Debt Securities surrendered for conversion during the period from the close of business on any record date next preceding any Interest Payment Date to the opening of business on such Interest Payment Date shall (except in the case of Debt Securities which have been called for redemption on a Redemption Date within such period) be accompanied by payment in New York Clearing House funds or other funds and in the Currency acceptable to the Company of an amount equal to the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date on the Debt Securities being surrendered for conversion. Except as provided in this Section 16.9, no adjustments in respect of payments of interest on Debt Securities surrendered for conversion or any dividends or distributions of interest on the Common Stock issued upon conversion shall be made upon the conversion of any Debt Securities.

SECTION 16.10. COMPANY DETERMINATION FINAL.

Any determination that the Company or the Board of Directors must make pursuant to this Article is conclusive.

SECTION 16.11. TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee has no duty to determine when an adjustment under this Article should be made, how it should be made or what it should be. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or value of any securities or assets issued upon conversion of Debt Securities. The Trustee shall not be responsible for the Company's failure to comply with this Article. Each Conversion Agent other than the Company shall have the same protection under this Section as the Trustee.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBORDINATION

SECTION 17.1. AGREEMENT TO SUBORDINATE.

The Company agrees, and each Holder by accepting any Debt Securities agrees, that, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the indebtedness evidenced by the Debt Securities is subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Article XVII, to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, and that the subordination is for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable directly by, the holders of Senior Indebtedness, without any act or notice of acceptance hereof or reliance hereon.

SECTION 17.2. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

"Senior Indebtedness" means the principal, premium, if any, and interest on (i) all indebtedness of the Company, whether outstanding on the date hereof or thereafter created, incurred or assumed (including, without limitation, such indebtedness issued or to be issued under the Company's Senior Indenture dated _____, 200_), that is for borrowed money, or evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any business, properties or assets, including securities, (ii) any indebtedness of any other Person of the kind described in the preceding clause (i) for the

payment of which the Company is responsible or liable as guarantor or otherwise and (iii) amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, deferrals and refundings of any such indebtedness. Senior Indebtedness shall continue to be Senior Indebtedness and to be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions of this Article XVII irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of the Senior Indebtedness or extension or renewal of the Senior Indebtedness. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Senior Indebtedness shall not include (A) indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for services obtained in the ordinary course of business and (B) any indebtedness which by its terms is expressly made *pari passu* with or subordinated to the Securities.

SECTION 17.3. LIQUIDATION; DISSOLUTION; BANKRUPTCY; ETC.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, in the event of:

(1) any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, composition or other similar proceeding relating to the Company, its creditors or its property;

(2) any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the Company, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings;

(3) any assignment by the company for the benefit of creditors; or

(4) any other marshalling of the assets of the Company,

all Senior Indebtedness (including, without limitation, interest accruing after the commencement of any such proceeding, assignment or marshalling of assets) shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made by the Company on account of the Debt Securities. In any such event, any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property (other than securities of the Company or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or a readjustment, the payment of which is subordinate, at least to the extent provided in the subordination provisions of this Indenture with respect to the indebtedness evidenced by the Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding and to any securities issued in respect thereof under any such plan of reorganization or readjustment), which would otherwise (but for the provisions of this Article XVII) be payable or deliverable in respect of the Debt Securities (including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other indebtedness of the Company being subordinated to the payment of the Securities) shall be paid or delivered directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, or to their representative or trustee, in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders until all Senior Indebtedness shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 17.4. DEFAULT ON SENIOR INDEBTEDNESS.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, if (i) the Company defaults in the payment of any principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Senior Indebtedness when the same becomes due and payable,

whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or declaration or otherwise or (ii) an event of default occurs with respect to any Senior Indebtedness permitting the holders thereof to accelerate the maturity thereof and written notice of such event of default (requesting that payments on the Debt Securities cease) is given to the Company by the holders of Senior Indebtedness, then unless and until such default in payment or event of default shall have been cured or waived or shall have ceased to exist, no direct or indirect payment (in cash, property or securities, by set-off or otherwise) shall be made or agreed to be made on account of the Debt Securities or interest thereon or in respect of any repayment, redemption, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of the Debt Securities.

SECTION 17.5. WHEN DISTRIBUTION MUST BE PAID OVER.

If a distribution is made to the Trustee or any Holder at a time when a Responsible Officer of the Trustee or such Holder has actual knowledge that because of this Article XVII such distribution should not have been made to it, the Trustee or such Holder who receives the distribution shall hold it in trust for the benefit of, and, upon written request, shall pay it over to, the holders of Senior Indebtedness as their interests may appear, or their agent or representative or the trustee under the indenture or other agreement (if any) pursuant to which Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, as their respective interests may appear, for application to the payment of all principal, premium, if any, and interest then payable with respect to any Senior Indebtedness.

With respect to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, the Trustee undertakes to perform only such obligations on the part of the Trustee as are specifically set forth in this Article XVII, and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to the holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, and shall not be liable to any such holders if the Trustee shall pay over or distribute to or on behalf of Holders or the Company or any other person money or assets to which any holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled by virtue of this Article XVII, except if such payment is made as a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Trustee.

SECTION 17.6. NOTICE BY COMPANY.

The Company shall promptly notify in writing the Trustee and any Paying Agent of any facts known to the Company that would cause a payment with respect to the Debt Securities to violate this Article XVII, but failure to give such notice shall not affect the subordination of the Debt Securities to the Senior Indebtedness provided in this Article XVII.

SECTION 17.7. SUBROGATION.

Senior Indebtedness shall not be deemed to have been paid in full unless the holders thereof shall have received cash, securities or other property equal to the amount of such Senior Indebtedness then outstanding. After all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full and until the Debt Securities are paid in full, Holders shall be subrogated (equally

and ratably with all other indebtedness as to which the right to receive payment is pari passu with the Debt Securities) to the rights of holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive distributions applicable to Senior Indebtedness to the extent that distributions otherwise payable to the Holders have been applied to the payment of Senior Indebtedness, and such payments or distributions received by any Holder of Securities, by reason of such subrogation, of cash, securities or other property which otherwise would be paid or distributed to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, shall, as between the Company and its creditors other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, on the one hand, and the Holders of Debt Securities, on the other, be deemed to be a payment by the Company on account of Senior Indebtedness, and not on account of Debt Securities.

SECTION 17.8. RELATIVE RIGHTS.

This Article XVII defines the relative rights of Holders and holders of Senior Indebtedness. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, nothing in this Indenture shall:

(1) impair, as between the Company and Holders, the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay principal of and interest on the Debt Securities in accordance with their terms;

(2) affect the relative rights of Holders and creditors of the Company other than their rights in relation to holders of Senior Indebtedness; or

(3) prevent the Trustee or any Holder from exercising its available remedies upon a Default or Event of Default, subject to the rights of holders and owners of Senior Indebtedness to receive distributions and payments otherwise payable to Holders.

If the Company fails because of this Article XVII to pay principal of or interest on Debt Securities on the due date, the failure is still a Default or Event of Default.

SECTION 17.9. SUBORDINATION MAY NOT BE IMPAIRED BY COMPANY.

No present or future holder of any Senior Indebtedness shall be prejudiced in the right to enforce subordination of the indebtedness constituting the Securities by any act or failure to act on the part of the Company.

SECTION 17.10. DISTRIBUTION.

Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article XVII, the Trustee and the Holders shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction or upon any certificate of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making any distribution to the Trustee or to the Holders for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness and other Debt of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article XVII.

SECTION 17.11. RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE AND PAYING AGENT.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article XVII or any other provision of this Indenture, neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts which would prohibit the making of any payment or distribution by the Trustee or such Paying Agent, or the taking of any action by the Trustee or such Paying Agent, and the Trustee or such Paying Agent may continue to make payments on the Debt Securities unless, in the case of the Trustee, and in the case of such Paying Agent as long as the Trustee is such Paying Agent, a Responsible Officer shall have received at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and in the case of a Paying Agent other than the Trustee, it shall have received, in each case at least two Business Days prior to the date of such payment, written notice of facts that would cause any such payment with respect to the Securities to violate this Article XVII. The Trustee or any Paying Agent, as applicable, shall promptly provide a copy of such notice to the Holders. Nothing in this Article XVII shall limit the right of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to recover payments as contemplated elsewhere in this Article XVII or impair the claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 6.7 hereof.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may hold Senior Indebtedness with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee subject to Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(b) and 311. Any Paying Agent may do the same.

SECTION 17.12. AUTHORIZATION TO EFFECT SUBORDINATION.

Each Holder of Debt Securities by his acceptance thereof authorizes and directs the Trustee on his behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article XVII (to the extent the same may be modified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities), and appoints the Trustee his attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EXTENDED INTEREST PERIOD

SECTION 18.1. EXTENSION OF INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD.

So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company shall have the right, at any time and from time to time during the term of the Debt Securities of any series, to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period of such Debt Securities for an Extended Interest Period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters, during which Extended Interest Period no interest shall be due and payable; provided that no Extended Interest Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity for the principal of the Debt Securities of such series. At the end of the Extended Interest Period, the Company shall calculate (and deliver such calculation to the Trustee) and pay on the next Interest Payment Date all interest accrued and unpaid on the Debt Securities of such series, including any Additional Payments and Additional Interest (together, the "Deferred Payments") that shall be payable to the Holders of Registered Securities of such series on the first Regular Record Date after the end of the Extended Interest Period. Before the termination of any Extended Interest Period, the Company may further extend such period, provided that such period together with all such further extensions thereof shall not exceed 20 consecutive quarters, or extend beyond the Maturity Date of such Debt Securities. Upon the termination of any Extended Interest Period and upon the payment of all Deferred Payments then due, the Company may commence a new Extended Interest Period, subject to the foregoing requirements. No interest or Additional Interest shall be due and payable during an Extended Interest Period, except at the end thereof, but the Company may prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest and Additional Interest accrued during an Extended Interest Period.

SECTION 18.2. NOTICE OF EXTENSION.

(a) The Company shall give the Holders of such Debt Securities and the Trustee written notice of its selection of such Extended Interest Period at least two Business Days before the earlier of (i) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; or (ii) the date the Company is required to give notice of the record or payment date of such interest payment to The New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq or other applicable national exchange or self-regulatory organization or to holders of the Debentures.

(b) The quarter in which any notice is given pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 18.2 shall be counted as one of the 20 quarters permitted in the maximum Extended Interest Period permitted under Section 18.1.

SECTION 18.3. LIMITATION ON TRANSACTIONS.

If (a) the Company shall exercise its right to defer payment of interest as provided in Section 18.1; or (b) there shall have occurred any Event of Default, then (i) the Company shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make

any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (A) dividends or distributions in common stock of the Company, or any declaration of a non-cash dividend in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan, or the issuance of stock under any such plan in the future, or the redemption or repurchase of any such rights pursuant thereto, and (B) purchases of common stock of the Company related to the rights under any of the Company's benefit plans for its directors, officers or employees); (ii) the Company shall not make any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by the Company which rank pari passu with or junior in interest to the Debt Securities of a series issued under this Indenture; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing the Company may make payments pursuant to its obligations under the applicable Preferred Securities Guarantee; and (iii) the Company shall not redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series.

SECTION 18.4. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the provisions of this Article XVIII only shall apply to Debt Securities of any series to which this Article expressly is made applicable, as specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for any such series of Debt Securities.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the day and year first above written.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

By: _____
Title: _____

Attest:

Title:

Seal

as Trustee

By: -----

Title: -----

Attest:

Title:

Seal

STATE OF)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF)

On the day of , 200 , before me personally came , to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he or she resides at ; that he or she is of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, one of the corporations described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he or she knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he or she signed his or her name thereto by like authority.

Notary Public

SEAL

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SEAL

[FORMS OF CERTIFICATION]

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY
PERSON ENTITLED TO RECEIVE BEARER SECURITY
OR INTEREST PRIOR TO AN EXCHANGE DATE]

CERTIFICATE

[Insert title or sufficient description
of Securities to be delivered]

This is to certify that as of the date hereof and except as set forth below principal amount of the above captioned Debt Securities held by you for our account (i) is owned by person(s) that are not United States person(s) (as defined below), (ii) is owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) of the United States Treasury regulations) ("financial institutions") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the Debt Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Debt Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution hereby agrees, on its own behalf or through its agent, that you may advise the Company or the Company's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Code, as amended, and the Treasury regulations thereunder), or (iii) is owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury regulations), and in addition if the owner of the Debt Securities is a United States or foreign financial institution described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) this is to further certify that such financial institution has not acquired the Debt Securities for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

We undertake to advise you promptly by tested telex on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the beneficial interest in the temporary global Debt Securities held by you for our account in accordance with your operating procedures if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

This certificate excepts and does not relate to principal amount of Debt Securities held by you for our account as to which we are not able to provide a certificate in this form. We understand that exchange of such portion of the temporary global Note for definitive Bearer Securities or interests in a permanent global Note cannot be made until we are able to provide a certificate in this form.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations of the United States. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

"United States person" means any citizen or resident of the United States, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source. "United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia) and its "possessions" which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated: _____, 2000

[To be dated no earlier than the 10th day before the Exchange Date]

By: _____
As, or as agent for, the
beneficial
owner(s) of the
portion of the
temporary global
Note to which this
certificate relates.

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN BY EURO-CLEAR AND
CEDEL, S.A. IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXCHANGE OF
A PORTION OF A TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE]

CERTIFICATE

[Insert title or sufficient description
of Securities to be delivered]

The undersigned certifies that, based solely on certifications we have received in writing, by tested telex or by electronic transmission from member organizations appearing in our records as persons being entitled to a portion of the principal amount set forth below (our "Member Organizations") substantially to the effect set forth in the Indenture as of the date hereof, principal amount of the above-captioned Debt Securities (i) is owned by person(s) that are not United States person(s) (as defined below), (ii) is owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) of the United States Treasury regulations) ("financial institutions") purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the Debt Securities through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the Debt Securities through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution has agreed, on its own behalf or through its agent, that we may advise the Company or the Company's agent that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the Code, and the Treasury regulations thereunder), or (iii) is owned by United States or foreign financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury regulations), and in addition United States or foreign financial institutions described in clause (iii) above (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)) have certified that they have not acquired the Debt Securities for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States or its possessions.

We further certify (i) that we are not making available for exchange or collection of any interest any portion of the temporary Global Note excepted in such certifications and (ii) that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of our Member Organizations to the effect that the statements made by such Member Organizations with respect to any portion of the part submitted herewith for exchange or collection of any interest are no longer true and cannot be relied upon as of the date hereof.

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Dated : _____, 19

[To be dated no earlier than the
Exchange Date]

By: _____
[MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST
COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
BRUSSELS OFFICE, as
Operator of the Euro-Clear
System] [CEDEL, S.A.]

Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939
and Indenture, dated as of _____, 200

Trust Indenture Act Section -----	Indenture Section -----
ss. 310 (a)(1)	6.9
(a)(2)	6.9
(a)(3)	Not Applicable
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	6.9
(b)	6.8, 6.10
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 311 (a)	6.13(a)
(b)	6.13(b)
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 312 (a)	7.1, 7.2(a)
(b)	7.2(b)
(c)	7.2(c)
ss. 313 (a)	7.3(a)
(b)	7.3(b)
(c)	7.3(a), 7.3(c)
(d)	7.3(d)
ss. 314 (a)	7.4, 12.2
(b)	Not Applicable
(c)(1)	1.2
(c)(2)	1.2
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)	Not Applicable
(e)	1.2
ss. 315 (a)	6.1(a), 6.1(c)
(b)	6.2, 7.3(a)(7)
(c)	6.1(b)
(d)(1)	6.1(a)
(d)(2)	6.1(c)(2)
(d)(3)	6.1(c)(3)
(e)	5.14
ss. 316 (a)(1)(A)	5.2, 5.12
(a)(1)(B)	5.13
(a)(2)	Not Applicable
(b)	5.8
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 317 (a)(1)	5.3
(a)(2)	5.4
(b)	12.4
ss. 318	1.6

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

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

To

The Bank of New York,

as Trustee

Junior Subordinated Indenture

Dated as of December 18, 2001

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JUNIOR SUBORDINATED INDENTURE dated as of December 18, 2001, (hereinafter the "Indenture") between REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, a Missouri corporation (hereinafter called the "Company"), having its principal executive office at 1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039 and The Bank of New York, a New York banking corporation (hereinafter called the "Trustee"), having its principal office at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286.

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of its junior subordinated debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness (herein generally called the "Debt Securities"), to be issued in one or more series, as in this Indenture provided.

All things necessary have been done to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

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

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

SECTION 1.1. DEFINITIONS.

For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article, and include the plural as well as the singular;

(2) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, and, except as otherwise herein provided or as provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the term "generally accepted accounting principles" or "GAAP" with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder with respect to

any series of Debt Securities, shall mean such as set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession which are in effect as of the issuance date of such series of Debt Securities; and

(4) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

Certain terms, used principally in Article III or Article VI, are defined in those respective Articles.

"Act" when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 8.1.

"Additional Interest" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.2.

"Additional Payments" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3.11.

"Administrative Trustee" shall have the meaning set forth in the applicable Trust Agreement.

"Additional Taxes" means any additional taxes, duties and other governmental charges to which the applicable RGA Capital Trust has become subject from time to time as a result of a Tax Event.

"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" 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, by agreement or otherwise, provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the voting securities of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Authenticating Agent" has the meaning specified in Section 6.14.

"Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company, or any committee of that board duly authorized to act hereunder or any director or directors and/or officer or officers of the

Company to whom that board or committee shall have delegated its authority.

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

"Business Day" when used with respect to any Place of Payment or any other particular location referred to in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in that Place of Payment or other location are authorized or obligated by law to close, except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Closing Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the last reported sale price of such stock (regular way) as shown on the Composite Tape of the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on the New York Stock Exchange (or, if such stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, on the principal national securities exchange on which such stock is listed or admitted to trading), or, if it is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as reported in The Nasdaq Stock Market, or if such stock is not so reported, the average of the closing bid and asked prices as furnished by any member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., selected from time to time by the Company for that purpose.

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

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties on such date.

"Common Securities" means undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable RGA Capital Trust which rank *pari passu* with the Preferred Securities issued by such RGA Capital Trust; provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the rights of holders of Common Securities to payment in respect of (i) distributions, and (ii) payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise, are subordinated to the rights of holders of Preferred Securities.

"Common Stock" shall mean the class of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company authorized at the date of this Indenture as originally signed, or any other class of stock resulting from successive changes or reclassifications of such Common Stock, and in any such case including any shares thereof authorized after the date of this Indenture, and any other shares of stock of the Company which do not have any priority in the payment of dividends or upon liquidation over any other class of stock.

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

"Company Request" and "Company Order" mean, respectively, a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer or a Vice President and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Component Currency" has the meaning in Section 3.10(i).

"Conversion Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to receive Debt Securities to be converted into Common Stock on behalf of the Company. The Company initially authorizes the Trustee to act as Conversion Agent for the Debt Securities on its behalf. The Company may at any time from time to time authorize one or more Persons to act as Conversion Agent in addition to or in place of the Trustee with respect to any series of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture.

"Conversion Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(e).

"Conversion Event" means the cessation of (i) a Foreign Currency to be used both by the government of the country which issued such Currency and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, (ii) the ECU to be used both within the European Monetary System and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Communities or (iii) any Currency unit other than the ECU to be used for the purposes for which it was established. Notwithstanding any term herein, or in any supplement hereto, to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation to determine or monitor whether a Conversion Event has occurred. Upon receipt by the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate of the Company certifying to the effect that a Conversion Event has occurred, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely exclusively thereon without independent investigation on its part.

"Conversion Price" means, with respect to any series of Debt Securities which are convertible into Common Stock, the price per share of Common Stock at which the Debt Securities of such series are so convertible pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to such series, as the same may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 16.3.

"Conversion Request" means (a) the irrevocable request to be given by a Holder of Debt Securities of a series that by its terms is convertible into Common Stock, as specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof, directing the Conversion Agent to convert such Debt Securities into shares of Common Stock, and (b) the irrevocable request to be given by a holder of the Preferred Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust to the Conversion Agent directing the Conversion Agent to exchange such Common Stock for such Preferred Securities on behalf of such holder.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of this instrument is located at 101 Barclay Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10286, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration Department.

"Corporation" includes corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, associations, companies and business trusts.

"Currency" means Dollars or Foreign Currency.

"Currency Determination Agent" means the New York Clearing House bank, if any, from time to time selected by the Company for purposes of Section 3.10; provided that such agent shall accept such appointment in writing and the terms of such appointment shall be acceptable to the Company and shall, in the opinion of the Company and the Trustee at the time of such appointment, require such agent to make the determinations required by this Indenture by a method consistent with the method provided in this Indenture for the making of such decision or determination.

"Current Market Price" on any date shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for any thirty (30) consecutive Trading Days selected by the Company prior to the date in question, which thirty (30) consecutive Trading Day period shall not commence more than forty-five (45) Trading Days prior to the day in question; provided that with respect to Section 16.3(3), the "Current Market Price" of the Common Stock shall mean the average of the daily Closing Prices per share of Common Stock for the five (5) consecutive

Trading Days ending on the date of the distribution referred to in Section 16.3(3) (or if such date shall not be a Trading Day, on the Trading Day immediately preceding such date).

"Debt Securities" has the meaning stated in the first recital of this Indenture and more particularly means any Debt Securities (including any Global Notes) authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning specified in Section 3.7.

"Deferred Payments" has the meaning specified in Section 18.1.

"Depository" means a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor thereto, which shall in either case be designated by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 until a successor Depository shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter. "Depository" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Depository hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Depository" as used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of that series.

"Discharged" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"Discount Security" means any Debt Security which is issued with "original issue discount" within the meaning of Section 1273(a) of the Code (or any successor provision) and the regulations thereunder.

"Dissolution Event" means that as a result of the occurrence and continuation of a Special Event, the applicable RGA Capital Trust is to be dissolved in accordance with the applicable Trust Agreement and the Debentures held by the Property Trustee are to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Securities issued by such Trust pro rata in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

"Dollar" or "\$" means a dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(h).

"Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(g).

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as defined and revised from time to time by the Council of the European Communities.

"Election Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Euro-clear Operator" means Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Brussels office, or its successor as operator of the Euro-clear System.

"European Communities" means the European Economic Community, the European Coal and Steel Community and the European Atomic Energy Community.

"European Monetary System" means the European Monetary System established by the Resolution of December 5, 1978 of the Council of the European Communities.

"Election Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(i).

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 5.1.

"Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate" means a telex or a certificate setting forth (i) the applicable Market Exchange Rate and (ii) the Dollar, Foreign Currency or Currency unit amounts of principal, premium, if any, and any interest respectively (on an aggregate basis and on the basis of a Debt Security having the lowest denomination principal amount determined in accordance with Section 3.2 in the relevant Currency or Currency unit), payable on the basis of such Market Exchange Rate sent (in the case of a telex) or signed (in the case of a certificate) by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the Company.

"Extended Interest Period" has the meaning specified in Section 3.1.

"Fixed Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a fixed rate.

"Floating Rate Security" means a Debt Security which provides for the payment of interest at a variable rate determined periodically by reference to an interest rate index or any other index specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Foreign Currency" means a currency issued by the government of any country other than the United States or a composite currency or currency unit the value of which is determined by reference to the values of the currencies of any group of countries.

"Global Note" means a Registered Security evidencing all or part of a series of Debt Securities, including, without limitation, any temporary or permanent Global Note.

"Holder" means, with respect to a Registered Security, the Registered Holder.

"Indenture" means this Junior Subordinated Indenture as originally executed, or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and, unless the context otherwise requires, shall include the terms of a particular series of Debt Securities as established pursuant to Section 3.1.

The term "interest," when used with respect to a Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only on a certain date, means interest payable after such date, if so provided pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Interest Payment Date" with respect to any Debt Security means the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Debt Security; provided, that (if it is provided pursuant to Section 3.1 that Article XVIII shall apply to the Debt Securities of such series) an Interest Payment Date may be extended pursuant to Section 18.1, in which event such Stated Maturity as so extended shall be an Interest Payment Date.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as in effect at the date of execution of this instrument.

"Investment Company Event" means the receipt by the applicable RGA Capital Trust of an Opinion of Counsel, rendered by a law firm having a recognized tax and securities law practice, to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a change in interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court, governmental agency or regulatory authority (a "Change in 1940 Act Law"), such RGA Capital Trust is or shall be considered an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, which Change in 1940 Act Law becomes effective on or after the date of original issuance of the Preferred Securities under the applicable Trust Agreement.

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

"Market Exchange Rate" means (i) for any conversion involving a Currency unit on the one hand and Dollars or any Foreign Currency on the other, the exchange rate between the relevant Currency unit and Dollars or such Foreign Currency calculated by the method specified

pursuant to Section 3.1 for the securities of the relevant series, (ii) for any conversion of Dollars into any Foreign Currency, the noon (New York City time) buying rate for such Foreign Currency for cable transfers quoted in New York City as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and (iii) for any conversion of one Foreign Currency into Dollars or another Foreign Currency, the spot rate at noon local time in the relevant market at which, in accordance with normal banking procedures, the Dollars or Foreign Currency into which conversion is being made could be purchased with the Foreign Currency from which conversion is being made from major banks located in either New York City, London or any other principal market for Dollars or such purchased Foreign Currency. In the event of the unavailability of any of the exchange rates provided for in the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then 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 New York City, London or other principal market for such Currency or Currency unit in question, or such other quotations as the Currency Determination Agent or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall deem appropriate. Unless otherwise specified by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, if there is more than one market for dealing in any Currency or Currency unit by reason of foreign exchange regulations or otherwise, the market to be used in respect of such Currency or Currency unit shall be that upon which a nonresident issuer of securities designated in such Currency or Currency unit would purchase such Currency or Currency unit in order to make payments in respect of such securities.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by the Chairman, a Vice Chairman, the President, the Chief Financial Officer or a Vice President, and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel, who may be counsel to the Company (including an employee of the Company) and who shall be satisfactory to the Trustee, which is delivered to the Trustee.

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

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

(ii) Debt Securities for whose redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Company) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Debt Securities; provided, however, that if such Debt Securities are to be redeemed notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made and the date for such redemption has passed; and

(iii) Debt Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 3.6 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Debt Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Debt Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Debt Securities are held by a bona fide purchaser in whose hands such Debt Securities are valid obligations of the Company; provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Debt Securities Outstanding have performed any Act hereunder, Debt Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding (provided, that in connection with any offer by the Company or any obligor to purchase Debt Securities, Debt Securities tendered by a Holder shall be Outstanding until the date of purchase), except that, (i) in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such Act, only Debt Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded and (ii) the foregoing shall not apply at any time when all of the Outstanding Debt Securities are owned by the Company, the Trustee and/or any such Affiliate. Debt Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to such Debt Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor. In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities have performed any Act hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose 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 5.2 and the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in a Foreign Currency that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose shall be the amount calculated pursuant to Section 3.10(k).

"Overdue Rate" when used with respect to any series of the Debt Securities, means the rate designated as such in or pursuant to the Board Resolution or the supplemental indenture, as the case may be, relating to such series as contemplated by Section 3.1.

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

"Permanent Global Note" shall have the meaning given such term in Section 3.4(b).

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

"Place of Payment" when used with respect to the Debt Securities of any series means the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of that series are payable as specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Predecessor Security" of any particular Debt Security means every previous Debt Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Debt Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Debt Security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.6 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Debt Security.

"Preferred Securities" means undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable RGA Capital Trust which rank pari passu with Common Securities issued by such RGA Capital Trust; provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the rights of holders of Common Securities to payment in respect of (i) distributions, and (ii) payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise, are subordinated to the rights of holders of Preferred Securities.

"Preferred Securities Guarantee" means any guarantee that the Company may enter into with the Trustee or other Persons that operates directly or indirectly for the benefit of holders of Preferred Securities issued by the applicable RGA Capital Trust.

"Property Trustee" means the entity performing the function of the Property Trustee under the Trust Agreement of the applicable RGA Capital Trust.

"Redemption Date" means (i) the date fixed for redemption of any Debt Security pursuant to this Indenture which, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be an Interest Payment Date only or (ii) with respect to events described in Section 13.8, the date fixed for payment of any Special Redemption Price.

"Redemption Price" means, in the case of a Discount Security, the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the Redemption Date upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, and in the case of any other Debt Security, the principal amount thereof, plus, in each case, premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

"Registered Holder" means the Person in whose name a Registered Security is registered in the Security Register.

"Registered Security" means any Debt Security in the form established pursuant to Section 2.1 which is registered as to principal and interest in the Security Register.

"Regular Record Date" for the interest payable on the Registered Securities of any series on any Interest Payment Date means the date specified for that purpose pursuant to Section 3.1 for such Interest Payment Date.

"Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Trustee means any vice president, the secretary, any assistant secretary or any assistant vice president or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"RGA Capital Trust" means such statutory business trust created under the laws of Delaware specified in a Board Resolution of the Company establishing a particular series of Debentures pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof.

"Security Register" and "Security Registrar" have the respective meanings specified in Section 3.5(a).

"Senior Indebtedness" has the meaning specified in Section 17.2.

"Special Event" means a Tax Event or an Investment Company Event.

"Special Record Date" for the payment of any Defaulted Interest means a date fixed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 3.7.

"Special Redemption Price" has the meaning specified in Section 13.8.

"Specified Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 13.10(i).

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

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person, (i) 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) and (ii) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Tax Event" means the receipt by the applicable RGA Capital Trust of an Opinion of Counsel, rendered by a law firm having a recognized tax and securities practice, to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulations thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of issuance of the Preferred Securities under the applicable Trust Agreement, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) such RGA Capital Trust is, or shall be within 90 days after the date of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to United States federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the Debt Securities; (ii) interest payable by the Company on the Debt Securities is not, or within 90 days after the date of such Opinion of Counsel, shall not be, deductible by the Company, in whole or in part, for United States federal income tax purposes; or (iii) such RGA Capital Trust is, or shall be within 90 days after the date of such Opinion of Counsel, subject to more than a de minimis amount of other taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges. An RGA Capital Trust or the Company shall request and receive such Opinion of Counsel with regard to such matters within a reasonable period of time after such RGA Capital Trust or the Company shall have become aware of any of the events described in clauses (i) through (iii) above.

"Trading Day" shall mean, with respect to the Common Stock, so long as the Common Stock is listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not listed or admitted to trading on the New York Stock Exchange, a day on

which the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed is open for the transaction of business, or, if the Common Stock is not so listed or admitted for trading on any national securities exchange, a day on which The Nasdaq Stock Market is open for the transaction of business.

"Trust Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of a particular RGA Capital Trust.

"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 or include 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 Debt Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Debt Securities of such series.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended and as in force at the date as of which this instrument was executed, except as provided in Section 11.5.

"Trust Securities" means the applicable Common Securities and Preferred Securities, collectively.

"United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), and its possessions, which include Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"U.S. Government Obligations" has the meaning specified in Section 15.2.

"U.S. Person" means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or an estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source.

"Valuation Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.10(d).

"Vice President" includes with respect to the Company and the Trustee, any Vice President of the Company or the Trustee, as the case may be, whether or not designated by a number or word or words added before or after the title "Vice President."

SECTION 1.2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this

Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than certificates provided pursuant to Section 12.2) shall include:

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

SECTION 1.3. FORM OF DOCUMENTS DELIVERED TO TRUSTEE.

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

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

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

SECTION 1.4. NOTICES, ETC., TO TRUSTEE AND COMPANY.

Any Act of Holders or other document provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee by any Holder or by the Company shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, Attention: Corporate Trust Department, or

(2) the Company by the Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid or airmail postage prepaid if sent from outside the United States, to the Company addressed to it at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument, to the attention of its Treasurer, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.

Any such Act or other document shall be in the English language, except that any published notice may be in an official language of the country of publication.

SECTION 1.5. NOTICE TO HOLDERS; WAIVER.

When this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, (1) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Registered Holders (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to such Registered Holders as their names and addresses appear in the Security Register, within the time prescribed; provided, however, that, in any case, any notice to Holders of Floating Rate Securities regarding the determination of a periodic rate of interest, if such notice is required pursuant to Section 3.1, shall be sufficiently given if given in the manner specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

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

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 on such waiver. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given. In any case where notice to

Holder is given by publication, any defect in any notice so published as to any particular Holder shall not affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice which is published in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given.

SECTION 1.6. CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed on any person by the provisions of Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control.

SECTION 1.7. EFFECT OF HEADINGS AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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

SECTION 1.8. ASSIGNMENT; SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

The Company shall have the right at all times to assign any of its respective rights or obligations under this Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company, provided that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company shall remain liable for all such obligations. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the parties hereto shall bind their respective successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of their permitted successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 1.9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Debt 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 1.10. BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, any Security Registrar, any Paying Agent and their successors hereunder, and the Holders (and with respect to the provisions of Article XVII, the holders of Senior Indebtedness), any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

SECTION 1.11. GOVERNING LAW.

This Indenture and the Debt Securities shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York.

SECTION 1.12. LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or in any Debt Security, in any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of any Debt Security of any series shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of that series, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture

or of the Debt Securities) payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or at the Stated Maturity, and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be, to such Business Day if such payment is made or duly provided for on such Business Day.

SECTION 1.13. NO SECURITY INTEREST CREATED.

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Debt Securities, express or implied, shall be construed to constitute a security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code or similar legislation, as now or hereafter enacted and in effect in any jurisdiction where property of the Company or its Subsidiaries is or may be located.

SECTION 1.14. LIABILITY SOLELY CORPORATE.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Securities, or any part thereof, or of the indebtedness represented thereby, or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, against any incorporator, or against any shareholder, officer or director, as such, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or through the Company (or any such predecessor or successor corporation), whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Indenture and all the Debt Securities are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, or be incurred by, any such incorporator, shareholder, officer or director, past, present or future, of the Company (or any incorporator, shareholder, officer or director of any such predecessor or successor corporation), either directly or indirectly through the Company or any such predecessor or successor corporation, because of the indebtedness hereby authorized or under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants, promises or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Debt Securities or to be implied herefrom or therefrom; and that any such personal liability is hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as part of the consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issue of Debt Securities; provided, however, that nothing herein or in the Debt Securities contained shall be taken to prevent recourse to and the enforcement of the liability, if any, of any shareholder or subscriber to capital stock upon or in respect of the shares of capital stock not fully paid.

SECTION 1.15. TREATMENT OF DEBT SECURITIES AS DEBT.

It is intended that the Debt Securities shall be treated as indebtedness and not as equity for federal income tax purposes. The provisions of this Indenture shall be interpreted to further this intention.

ARTICLE II.

DEBT SECURITY FORMS

SECTION 2.1. FORMS GENERALLY.

The Debt Securities of each series shall be substantially in one of the forms (including global form) established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or one or more indentures supplemental hereto, and shall have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any securities exchange or self-regulatory organization on or in which any series of the Debt Securities may be listed or included, or to conform to usage, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities. If the form of a series of Debt Securities (or any Global Note) is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be delivered to the Trustee, together with an Officers' Certificate setting forth the form of such series, at or prior to the delivery of the Company Order contemplated by Section 3.3 for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities (or any such Global Note).

The definitive Debt Securities of each series shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods on steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Debt Securities, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Debt Securities.

SECTION 2.2. FORM OF TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION.

The form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by the Debt Securities shall be substantially as follows:

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

By-----
Authorized Signatory

SECTION 2.3. SECURITIES IN GLOBAL FORM.

If any Debt Security of a series is issuable in global form (a "Global Note"), such Global Note may provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and may also provide that the aggregate amount of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced to reflect exchanges. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, of Outstanding Debt Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee and in such manner as shall be specified in such Global Note. Any instructions by the Company with respect to a Global Note, after its initial issuance, shall be in writing but need not comply with Section 1.2.

Global Notes may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. Permanent Global Notes will be issued in definitive form.

ARTICLE III.

THE DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 3.1. AMOUNT UNLIMITED; ISSUABLE IN SERIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Debt Securities of any series:

- (1) the title of the Debt Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Debt Securities of such series from all other series of Debt Securities);

(2) the aggregate principal amount of such series of Debt Securities and any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Debt Securities authenticated and delivered upon transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 11.6 or 13.7);

(3) the percentage of the principal amount at which the Debt Securities of such series will be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount thereof payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity or upon redemption thereof or the method by which such portion shall be determined.

(4) the date or dates on which or periods during which the Debt Securities of the series may be issued, and the date or dates or the method by which such date or dates will be determined, on which the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the Debt Securities of such series are or may be payable (which, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time as set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time);

(5) the rate or rates (which may be variable or fixed) at which the Debt Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined (which, in either case or both, if so provided in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Debt Securities of the series issued from time to time); and the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable (or the method of determination thereof), subject to the right, if any such right is provided pursuant to this Section 3.1, of the Company to defer or extend an Interest Payment Date and the duration of such deferral or extension (an "Extended Interest Period") and the Regular Record Dates, if any, for the interest payable on such Interest Payment Dates and the notice, if any, to Holders regarding the determination of interest, the manner of giving such notice, the basis upon which interest shall be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and any conditions or contingencies as to the payment of interest in cash or otherwise, if any;

(6) the place or places, if any, in addition to or instead of the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee (in the case of Registered Securities) where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Debt Securities of the series shall be payable; the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on any Global Note on an Interest Payment Date will be paid, if other than in the manner provided in Section 3.7; the extent, if any, to which the provisions of the last sentence of Section 12.1 shall apply to the Debt Securities of the series; and the manner in which any principal of, or premium, if any, on, any Global Note will be paid, if other than as set forth elsewhere herein and

whether any Global Note will require any notation to evidence payment of principal or interest;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay, purchase or offer to purchase Debt Securities of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or analogous provisions or upon other conditions or at the option of the Holder thereof and the period or periods within which or the dates on which, the prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Debt Securities of the series shall be redeemed, repaid, purchased or offered to be purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem the Debt Securities of such series at its option and the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which such Debt Securities may be redeemed, if any, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company or otherwise, and such right as it may pertain to a Special Event Redemption;

(9) if the coin or Currency in which the Debt Securities shall be issuable is in Dollars, the denominations of such Debt Securities if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof (except as provided in Section 3.4);

(10) whether the Debt Securities of the series are to be issued as Discount Securities and the amount of discount with which such Debt Securities may be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Debt Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2;

(11) provisions, if any, for the defeasance or discharge of certain of the Company's obligations with respect to Debt Securities of the series;

(12) if the Debt Securities of such series are to be deposited as trust assets in an RGA Capital Trust, the name of the applicable RGA Capital Trust (which shall distinguish such statutory business trust from all other RGA Capital Trusts) into which the Debt Securities of such series are to be deposited as trust assets and the date of its Trust Agreement;

(13) whether provisions for payment of additional amounts or tax redemptions shall apply and, if such provisions shall apply, such provisions;

(14) if other than Dollars, the Foreign Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of the series shall be denominated or in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be made, and the particular provisions applicable thereto and, if applicable, the amount of Debt Securities of the series which entitles the Holder of a Debt Security of the series or its proxy to one vote for purposes of Section 9.5;

(15) if the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on Debt Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a Currency other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election, in addition to or in lieu of the provisions of Section 3.10, the period or periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made and the time and the manner of determining the exchange rate or rates between the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable without such election and the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities are to be paid if such election is made;

(16) the date as of which any Debt Securities of the series shall be dated, if other than as set forth in Section 3.3;

(17) if the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, including, but not limited to, an index based on a Currency or Currencies other than that in which the Debt Securities are denominated or payable, or any other type of index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(18) if the Debt Securities of the series are denominated or payable in a Foreign Currency, any other terms concerning the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or any interest on such Debt Securities (including the Currency or Currencies of payment thereof);

(19) the designation of the original Currency Determination Agent, if any;

(20) the applicable Overdue Rate, if any;

(21) if the Debt Securities of the series do not bear interest, the applicable dates for purposes of Section 7.1;

(22) any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any term or condition relating to subordination, Events of Default or covenants provided for with respect to Debt Securities of the series, including, without limitation, Article XVII;

(23) whether Article XVIII will apply to the Debt Securities of the series, and any addition to, or modification or deletion of, Article XVIII;

(24) whether the Debt Securities of the series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes and, in such case, the Depositary for such Global Note or Notes; and the manner in which and the circumstances under which Global Notes representing Debt Securities of the series may be exchanged for Registered Securities in definitive form, if other than, or in addition to, the manner and circumstances specified in Section 3.4(c);

(25) the designation, if any, of any depositaries, trustees (other than the applicable Trustee), Paying Agents, Authenticating Agents, Security Registrars (other than the Trustee) or other agents with respect to the Debt Securities of such series;

(26) if the Debt Securities of such series will be issuable in definitive form only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or upon satisfaction of certain conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(27) whether the Debt Securities of such series will be convertible into shares of Common Stock and, if so, the terms and conditions, which may be in addition to or in lieu of the provisions contained in the Indenture, upon which such Debt Securities will be so convertible, including the conversion price and the conversion period;

(28) the portion of the principal amount of the Debt Securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof, if other than the principal amount thereof;

(29) the nature, content and date for reports by the Company to the holders of the Debt Securities;

(30) provisions relating to the subordination of the Debt Securities, if other than as set forth in Article XVII; and

(31) any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Debt Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, rate of interest, Stated Maturity and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue, which, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to time as to Debt Securities of a series if so provided in or established pursuant to the authority granted in a Board Resolution or in any such indenture supplemental hereto, and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution and (subject to Section 3.3) set forth in such Officers' Certificate, or in any such indenture supplemental hereto. All Debt Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened for issuance of additional Debt Securities of such series.

If any of the terms of a series of Debt Securities is established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of such Board Resolution shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

SECTION 3.2. DENOMINATIONS.

In the absence of any specification pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Debt Securities of such series shall be issuable only as Registered Securities in denominations of \$1,000, as determined by a Board Resolution, and any integral multiple thereof and shall be payable only in Dollars.

SECTION 3.3. EXECUTION, AUTHENTICATION, DELIVERY AND DATING.

The Debt Securities of any series shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman, a Vice Chairman, its President, one of its Vice Presidents or its Treasurer, under its corporate seal (which may be a facsimile thereof) reproduced thereon and attested by its Secretary or one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers may be manual or facsimile.

Debt Securities bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Debt Securities.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Debt Securities of any series, executed by the Company, to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities and the Trustee in accordance with the Company Order shall authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities. If all the Debt Securities of any one series are not to be issued at one time and if a Board Resolution or supplemental indenture relating to such series shall so permit, such Company Order may set forth procedures acceptable to the Trustee for the issuance of such Debt Securities such as interest rate, Stated Maturity, date of issuance and date from which interest, if any, shall accrue. If any Debt Security shall be represented by a permanent Global Note, then, for purposes of this Section and Section 3.4, the notation of a beneficial owner's interest therein upon original issuance of such Debt Security or upon exchange of a portion of a temporary Global Note shall be deemed to be delivery in connection with the original issuance of such beneficial owner's interest in such permanent Global Note.

The Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, prior to the authentication and delivery of the Debt Securities of such series, (i) the supplemental indenture or the Board Resolution by or pursuant to which the form and terms of such Debt Securities have been approved and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel substantially to the effect that:

(1) the authentication order furnished by the Company to the Trustee in connection with the authentication and delivery of such Debt Securities conforms to the requirements of this Indenture and constitutes sufficient authority hereunder for the Trustee to authenticate and deliver such Debt Securities;

(2) the forms and terms of such Debt Securities are consistent with the provisions of this Indenture;

(3) in the event that the forms or terms of such Debt Securities have been established in a supplemental indenture, the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, such supplemental indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee, is a valid and binding obligation enforceable against the

Company in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(4) the execution and delivery of such Debt Securities have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company and such Debt Securities have been duly executed by the Company and, assuming due authentication by the Trustee and delivery by the Company, are valid and binding obligations enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, entitled to the benefit of the Indenture, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law) and subject to such other exceptions as counsel shall request and as to which the Trustee shall not reasonably object; and

(5) the amount of Debt Securities Outstanding of such series, together with the amount of such Debt Securities, does not exceed any limit established under the terms of this Indenture on the amount of Debt Securities of such series that may be authenticated and delivered.

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Debt Securities if the issuance of such Debt Securities pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Debt Securities and this Indenture in a manner which is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.

No Debt Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Debt Security a certificate of authentication substantially in one of the forms provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent, and such certificate upon any Debt Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Debt Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Debt Security shall have been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder but never issued and sold by the Company, and the Company shall deliver such Debt Security to the Trustee for cancellation as provided in Section 3.8 together with a written statement (which need not comply with Section 1.2) stating that such Debt Security has never been issued and sold by the Company, for all purposes of this Indenture such Debt Security shall be deemed never to have been authenticated and delivered hereunder and shall never be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

SECTION 3.4. TEMPORARY DEBT SECURITIES; GLOBAL NOTES REPRESENTING REGISTERED SECURITIES.

(a) Pending the preparation of definitive Registered Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Registered Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten,

mimeographed or otherwise produced, in any authorized denomination for Registered Securities of such series, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Registered Securities may determine, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Registered Securities. Every such temporary Registered Security shall be executed by the Company and shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as the definitive Registered Securities in lieu of which they are issued.

Except in the case of temporary Debt Securities in global form (which shall be exchanged in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs), if temporary Debt Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Debt Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Debt Securities of such series, the temporary Debt Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Debt Securities of such series, of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and provisions, upon surrender of the temporary Debt Securities of such series at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for such series, without charge to the Holder, except as provided in Section 3.5 in connection with a transfer. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Debt Securities of any series, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Debt Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of a like Stated Maturity and like terms and provisions.

(b) [reserved]

(c) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 3.1 that the Registered Securities of a series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Notes, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with Section 3.3 and the Company Order with respect to such series, authenticate and deliver one or more Global Notes in temporary or permanent form that (i) shall represent and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series to be represented by one or more Global Notes, (ii) shall be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Note or Notes or the nominee of such depository, and (iii) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "This Debt Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or another nominee of the Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such successor Depository, unless and until this Debt Security is exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities in definitive form."

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or Section 3.5, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Registered Securities in definitive form, a Global Note representing all or a portion of the Registered Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such series to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of

such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository for such series or a nominee of such successor depository.

If at any time the Depository for the Debt Securities of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for the Debt Securities of such series or if at any time the Depository for Debt Securities of a series shall no longer be a clearing agency registered and in good standing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation, the Company shall appoint a successor Depository with respect to the Debt Securities of such series. If a successor Depository for the Debt Securities of such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Registered Securities of any series issued in the form of one or more Global Notes shall no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If the Registered Securities of any series shall have been issued in the form of one or more Global Notes and if an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing, the Company will promptly execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Note or Notes representing such series in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Registered Securities of a series, the Depository for such series of Registered Securities may surrender a Global Note for such series of Debt Securities in exchange in whole or in part for Registered Securities of such series in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such depository. Thereupon, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without charge:

(i) to each Person specified by the Depository a new Registered Security or Securities of the same series, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and

(ii) to the Depositary a new Global Note in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate principal amount of Registered Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Note for Registered Securities in definitive form, such Global Note shall be canceled by the Trustee. Debt Securities issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this subsection (c) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Debt Securities to the Persons in whose names such Debt Securities are so registered.

SECTION 3.5. REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

(a) The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee a register (the registers maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Registered Securities and of transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities. The Trustee is hereby appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Registered Securities and registering transfers and exchanges of Registered Securities as herein provided; provided, however, that the Company may appoint co-Security Registrars or the terms of any series of Debt Securities may provide otherwise.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Security of any series at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount of such denominations as are authorized for Registered Securities of such series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3.4 and this Section 3.5, at the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of any series may be exchanged for other Registered Securities of the same series of like aggregate principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, upon surrender of the Registered Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Registered Securities are surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Registered Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

(b) [reserved]

(c) [reserved]

(d) All Debt Securities issued upon any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and

entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Debt Securities surrendered for such transfer or exchange.

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

No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of Debt Securities except as provided in Section 3.6. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration, transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, other than those expressly provided in this Indenture to be made at the Company's own expense or without expense or without charge to the Holders.

The Company shall not be required (i) to register, transfer or exchange Debt Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the transmission of a notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series selected for redemption under Sections 13.3 or 13.8 and ending at the close of business on the day of such transmission, or (ii) subject to the condition that any redemption pursuant to Section 13.8 be only in whole, and not in part, to register, transfer or exchange any Debt Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being redeemed in part.

SECTION 3.6. MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST AND STOLEN DEBT SECURITIES.

If (i) any mutilated Debt Security is surrendered to the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or (ii) the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Debt Security, and there is delivered to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless, and neither the Company nor the Trustee receives notice that such Debt Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, then the Company shall execute and upon Company Request the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security, a new Debt Security of the same series of like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions and like principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding.

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

Upon the issuance of any new Debt 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 respect thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Debt Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Debt 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 Debt 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 Debt Securities.

SECTION 3.7. PAYMENT OF INTEREST; INTEREST RIGHTS PRESERVED.

(a) Interest on any Registered Security which is payable and is punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Registered Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest notwithstanding the cancellation of such Registered Security upon any transfer or exchange subsequent to the Regular Record Date. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, payment of interest on Registered Securities shall be made at the place or places specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register or, if provided pursuant to Section 3.1, by wire transfer to an account designated by the Registered Holder.

(b) [reserved]

(c) Subject to Article XVIII (if it is provided pursuant to Section 3.1 that Article XVIII shall apply to the Debt Securities of such series), any interest on any Debt Security which is payable but is not punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Registered Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of his having been such Registered Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Registered Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided.

Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which date shall be not more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holders of such Registered Securities at their addresses as they appear in the Security Register, not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Registered Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Registered Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Registered Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

(d) [reserved]

(e) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Debt Security delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Debt Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Debt Security.

SECTION 3.8. CANCELLATION.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, all Debt Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange or credit against any sinking fund shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee. All Registered Securities so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Debt Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee (or to any other Person for delivery to the Trustee) for cancellation any Debt Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Company has not issued, and all Debt Securities so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee. No Debt Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Debt Securities canceled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Debt Securities held by the Trustee shall be delivered to the Company upon Company Request. The acquisition of any Debt Securities by the Company shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the indebtedness represented thereby unless and until such Debt Securities are surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. Permanent

Global Notes shall not be destroyed until exchanged in full for definitive Debt Securities or until payment thereon is made in full.

SECTION 3.9. COMPUTATION OF INTEREST.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, interest on the Debt Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

SECTION 3.10. CURRENCY OF PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF DEBT SECURITIES.

(a) [reserved]

(b) With respect to Registered Securities of any series not permitting the election provided for in paragraph (c) below or the Holders of which have not made the election provided for in paragraph (c) below, except as provided in paragraph (e) below, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on any Registered Security of such series will be made in the Currency in which such Registered Security is payable.

(c) It may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Registered Securities of any series that Holders shall have the option, subject to paragraphs (e) and (f) below (and provided that in no instance may such election be made after a defeasance pursuant to Article XV or during the continuance of an Event of Default), to receive payments of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on such Registered Securities in any of the Currencies which may be designated for such election in the applicable supplemental indenture by delivering to the Trustee a written election, to be in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee, not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the applicable payment date. If a Holder so elects to receive such payments in any such Currency, such election will remain in effect for such Holder or any transferee of such Holder until changed by such Holder or such transferee by written notice to the Trustee (but any such change must be made not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the next payment date to be effective for the payment to be made on such payment date and no such change or election may be made with respect to payments to be made on any Registered Security of such series with respect to which an Event of Default has occurred or notice of redemption has been given by the Company pursuant to Article XIII). Any Holder of any such Registered Security who shall not have delivered any such election to the Trustee by the close of business on the applicable Election Date will be paid the amount due on the applicable payment date in the relevant Currency as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section 3.10.

(d) If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1, then not later than the fourth Business Day after the Election Date for each payment date, the Trustee will deliver to the Company a written notice specifying, in the Currency in which each series of the Registered Securities is payable, the respective aggregate amounts of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the Registered Securities to be paid on such payment date, specifying the amounts so payable in respect of the Registered Securities as to which the Holders of Registered

Securities denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above. If the election referred to in paragraph (c) above has been provided for pursuant to Section 3.1 and if at least one Holder has made such election, then, on the second Business Day preceding each payment date, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Exchange Rate Officer's Certificate in respect of the Currency payments to be made on such payment date. The Currency amount receivable by Holders of Registered Securities who have elected payment in a Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above shall be determined by the Company on the basis of the applicable Market Exchange Rate in effect on the third Business Day (the "Valuation Date") immediately preceding each payment date.

(e) If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to a Foreign Currency, the ECU or any other Currency unit in which any of the Debt Securities are denominated or payable other than pursuant to an election provided for pursuant to paragraph (c) above, then with respect to each date for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and any interest on the applicable Debt Securities denominated or payable in such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit occurring after the last date on which such Foreign Currency, the ECU or such other Currency unit was used (the "Conversion Date"), the Dollar shall be the Currency of payment for use on each such payment date. The Dollar amount to be paid by the Company to the Trustee and by the Trustee or any Paying Agent to the Holders of such Debt Securities with respect to such payment date shall be the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency or, in the case of a Currency unit, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, in each case as determined by the Currency Determination Agent, if any, or, if there shall not be a Currency Determination Agent, then by the Trustee, in the manner provided in paragraph (g) or (h) below.

(f) If the Holder of a Registered Security denominated in any Currency shall have elected to be paid in another Currency as provided in paragraph (c) above, and a Conversion Event occurs with respect to such elected Currency, such Holder shall receive payment in the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election. If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which payment would have been made in the absence of such election, such Holder shall receive payment in Dollars as provided in paragraph (e) of this Section 3.10.

(g) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and shall be obtained for each subsequent payment date by converting the specified Foreign Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate on the Conversion Date.

(h) The "Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit" shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent, and subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) below, shall be the sum of each amount obtained by converting the Specified Amount of each Component Currency into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate for such Component Currency on the Valuation Date with respect to each payment.

(i) For purposes of this Section 3.10 the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A "Component Currency" shall mean any Currency which, on the Conversion Date, was a component Currency of the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU.

A "Specified Amount" of a Component Currency shall mean the number of units of such Component Currency or fractions thereof which were represented in the relevant Currency unit, including, but not limited to, the ECU, on the Conversion Date. If after the Conversion Date the official unit of any Component Currency is altered by way of combination or subdivision, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be divided or multiplied in the same proportion. If after the Conversion Date two or more Component Currencies are consolidated into a single Currency, the respective Specified Amounts of such Component Currencies shall be replaced by an amount in such single Currency equal to the sum of the respective Specified Amounts of such consolidated Component Currencies expressed in such single Currency, and such amount shall thereafter be a Specified Amount and such single Currency shall thereafter be a Component Currency. If after the Conversion Date any Component Currency shall be divided into two or more Currencies, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall be replaced by amounts of such two or more Currencies with appropriate Dollar equivalents at the Market Exchange Rate on the date of such replacement equal to the Dollar equivalent of the Specified Amount of such former Component Currency at the Market Exchange Rate on such date, and such amounts shall thereafter be Specified Amounts and such Currencies shall thereafter be Component Currencies. If after the Conversion Date of the relevant Currency unit, including but not limited to, the ECU, a Conversion Event (other than any event referred to above in this definition of "Specified Amount") occurs with respect to any Component Currency of such Currency unit, the Specified Amount of such Component Currency shall, for purposes of calculating the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit, be converted into Dollars at the Market Exchange Rate in effect on the Conversion Date of such Component Currency.

"Election Date" shall mean the earlier of (i) the seventh Business Day immediately preceding any payment date or (ii) the record date with respect to any payment date, and with respect to the Maturity shall mean the record date (if within 16 or fewer days prior to the Maturity) immediately preceding the Maturity, and with respect to any series of Debt Securities whose record date immediately preceding the Maturity is more than 16 days prior to the Maturity or any series of Debt Securities for which no record dates are provided with respect to interest payments, shall mean the date which is 16 days prior to the Maturity.

(j) All decisions and determinations of the Trustee or the Currency Determination Agent, if any, regarding the Dollar Equivalent of the Foreign Currency, the Dollar Equivalent of the Currency Unit and the Market Exchange Rate shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders of the Debt Securities denominated or payable in the relevant Currency. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to a Foreign Currency, the Company, after learning thereof, will

immediately give written notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date. In the event of a Conversion Event with respect to the ECU or any other Currency unit in which Debt Securities are denominated or payable, the Company, after learning thereof, will immediately give notice thereof to the Trustee (and the Trustee will promptly thereafter give written notice in the manner provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders) specifying the Conversion Date and the Specified Amount of each Component Currency on the Conversion Date. In the event of any subsequent change in any Component Currency as set forth in the definition of Specified Amount above, the Company, after learning thereof, will similarly give written notice to the Trustee. The Trustee shall be fully justified and protected in relying and acting upon information received by it from the Company and the Currency Determination Agent, if any, and shall not otherwise have any duty or obligation to determine such information independently.

(k) For purposes of any provision of the Indenture where the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities may perform an Act which requires that a specified percentage of the Outstanding Debt Securities of all series perform such Act and for purposes of any decision or determination by the Trustee of amounts due and unpaid for the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of all series in respect of which moneys are to be disbursed ratably, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Outstanding Debt Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency will be the amount in Dollars based upon the Market Exchange Rate for Debt Securities of such series, as of the date for determining whether the Holders entitled to perform such Act have performed it, or as of the date of such decision or determination by the Trustee, as the case may be.

(l) The Company hereby appoints itself as the initial Currency Determination Agent and the Company shall be entitled to remove such agent at any time; provided, however, that such removal shall not be effective and the agent may not resign until a successor has been appointed by the Company and the successor has accepted such appointment. The Trustee is under no duty or obligation to serve in the capacity of Currency Determination Agent.

SECTION 3.11. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

If, at any time while the Property Trustee is the holder of any Debt Securities, the applicable RGA Capital Trust or the Property Trustee is required to pay any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (other than withholding taxes) imposed by the United States, or any other taxing authority, then, in any case, the Company shall pay as Additional Payments on the Debt Securities held by the Property Trustee, such additional amounts as shall be required so that the net amounts received and retained by the Trust and the Property Trustee after paying such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges shall be equal to the amounts the Trust and the Property Trustee would have received had no such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges been imposed. "Additional Payments" shall also include amounts necessary to cover the costs and expenses of collection of overdue installments of principal (and premium, if any) and of interest (including any Additional Interest),

including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, as set forth in Section 5.3.

SECTION 3.12. EXCHANGE UPON DEFAULT.

If default is made in the payments referred to in Section 12.1, the Company hereby undertakes that upon presentation and surrender of a permanent Global Note to the Trustee (or to any other Person or at any other address as the Company may designate in writing), on any Business Day on or after the maturity date thereof the Company will issue and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the holder of such permanent Global Note duly executed and authenticated definitive Debt Securities with the same issue date and maturity date as set out in such permanent Global Note.

ARTICLE IV.

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 4.1. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE.

This Indenture, with respect to the Debt Securities of any series (if all series issued under this Indenture are not to be affected), shall, upon Company Request, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such Debt Securities herein expressly provided for and rights to receive payments of principal (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities) and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

(1) either

(A) all Debt Securities of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Debt Securities of such series which have been destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 3.6, and (i) Debt Securities of such series for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 12.4) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all Debt Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation,

(i) have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise, or

(ii) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year,

and the Company, either complies with any other condition or terms specified pursuant to Section 3.1, or if not so specified in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii) of this subclause (B), has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the

Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in United States Dollars, non-callable government securities or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Debt Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any and accrued interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Debt Securities which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

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

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 6.7, the obligations of the Trustee to any Authenticating Agent under Section 6.14, the obligations of the Company under Section 12.1, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 4.2 and the last paragraph of Section 12.4, shall survive. If, after the deposit referred to in Section 4.1 has been made, (x) the Holder of a Debt Security is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to Section 3.10(c), to receive payment in a Currency other than that in which the deposit pursuant to Section 4.1 was made, or (y) if a Conversion Event occurs with respect to the Currency in which the deposit was made or elected to be received by the Holder pursuant to Section 3.10(c), then the indebtedness represented by such Debt Security shall be fully discharged to the extent that the deposit made with respect to such Debt Security shall be converted into the Currency in which such payment is made.

SECTION 4.2. APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.

Subject to the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 4.1 shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Debt Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee.

ARTICLE V.

REMEDIES

SECTION 5.1. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

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

(1) default in the payment of any interest upon any Debt Security of such series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Security of such series at its Maturity; or

(3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due by the terms of a Debt Security of such series; or

(4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which expressly has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of Debt Securities of a series other than such series), and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(5) the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in an involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or a decree or order adjudging the Company a bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable Federal or State law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days; or

(6) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other

applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or the consent by it to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law or to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action; or

(7) any other Event of Default specified with respect to Debt Securities of that series pursuant to Section 3.1.

SECTION 5.2. ACCELERATION OF MATURITY; RESCISSION AND ANNULMENT.

If an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount of such Discount Securities or indexed securities) of all the Debt Securities of such 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) plus accrued and unpaid interest (and premium, if payable) shall become immediately due and payable, provided, however, that payment of such principal and interest, if any, on the Debt Securities of such series shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in Article XVII. Upon payment of such amount in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), all obligations of the Company in respect of the payment of principal of the Debt Securities of such series shall terminate.

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

(1) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum in the Currency in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10) sufficient to pay

- (A) all overdue installments of interest on all Debt Securities of such series,
- (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Securities of such series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon at the rate or rates prescribed therefor in such Debt Securities,

(C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue installments of interest on each Debt Security of such series at the Overdue Rate ("Additional Interest"), and

(D) all Additional Payments; provided, however, that all sums payable under this clause (D) shall be paid in Dollars;

and

(2) All Events of Default with respect to Debt Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Debt Securities of such series which has become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.13.

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

SECTION 5.3. COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS AND SUITS FOR ENFORCEMENT BY TRUSTEE.

The Company covenants that if

(1) default is made in the payment of any installment of interest on any Debt Security when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days,

(2) default is made in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Debt Security at the Maturity thereof, or

(3) default is made in the making or satisfaction of any sinking fund payment or analogous obligation when the same becomes due pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of any series,

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities, the amount then due and payable on such Debt Securities for the principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, Additional Interest; and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover any Additional Payments, including, without limitation, the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

If the Company fails to pay such amount forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Company or any other obligor upon such Debt Securities, and collect the moneys adjudged or

decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon such Debt Securities wherever situated.

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

SECTION 5.4. TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceedings, or any voluntary or involuntary case under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities of a particular series or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of such Debt Securities shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (or, if the Debt Securities of such series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be due and payable with respect to such series pursuant to a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2) (and premium, if any) and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Debt Securities of such series and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the Holders of such Debt Securities allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

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

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, custodian, liquidator, sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such proceeding is hereby authorized by each such Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to such Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Debt Securities of such series or

the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

SECTION 5.5. TRUSTEE MAY ENFORCE CLAIMS WITHOUT POSSESSION OF DEBT SECURITIES.

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

SECTION 5.6. APPLICATION OF MONEY COLLECTED.

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

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 6.7.

SECOND: To the payment of all Senior Indebtedness if and to the extent required by Article XVII.

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

FOURTH: The balance, if any, to the Person or Persons entitled thereto.

SECTION 5.7. LIMITATION ON SUITS.

No Holder of any Debt Security of any series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(1) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to such series;

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(4) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been 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;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other such Holders or of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities of any other series, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all of such Holders. For the protection and enforcement of the provisions of this Section 5.7, each and every Holder of Debt Securities of any series and the Trustee for such series shall be entitled to such relief as can be given at law or in equity.

SECTION 5.8. UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Debt Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7 and Article XVIII (if it is provided pursuant to Section 3.1 that Article XVIII shall apply to the Debt Securities of such series)) interest on such Debt Security on the respective Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment and interest thereon, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 5.9. RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

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

SECTION 5.10. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided elsewhere in this Indenture, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 5.11. DELAY OR OMISSION NOT WAIVER.

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

SECTION 5.12. CONTROL BY HOLDERS.

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

(1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture;

(2) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer or Responsible Officers of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series not joining in any such direction; and

(3) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

SECTION 5.13. WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Debt Securities of any such series waive any past default hereunder with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default

(1) in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of such series, or in the payment of any sinking

fund installment or analogous obligation with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, or

(2) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which pursuant to Article XI cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of such series affected.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Debt Securities of any series are held as trust assets of the applicable RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust, any such waiver or modification shall not be effective until the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the Trust Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust shall have consented to such waiver or modification; provided, that if the Debt Securities of any series are held as trust assets of an RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust, and if the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security is required, such waiver shall not be effective until each Holder of the Trust Securities of the related RGA Capital Trust shall have consented to such waiver. 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 the Debt Securities of such series under this Indenture, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

SECTION 5.14. UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Debt Security by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit other than the Trustee of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant, but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder or group of Holders holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder of a Debt Security for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest thereon on, or after the Stated Maturity or Maturities expressed in such Debt Security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

SECTION 5.15. WAIVER OF STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

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

ARTICLE VI.

THE TRUSTEE

SECTION 6.1. CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of any series,

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

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

(b) In case an Event of Default with respect to Debt Securities of any series has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

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

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

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

(3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Debt Securities of any series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt 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;

(4) the Trustee is under no obligation or duty to pay interest on or invest any funds deposited with it except as specifically provided in this

Indenture, and all investment activities undertaken by the Trustee, if any, shall be at and pursuant to the written instruction of the Company; and

(5) the Trustee shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

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

(e) Any opinion required or permitted to be delivered to the Trustee hereunder may be addressed and delivered to the entity serving as Trustee hereunder solely in its individual capacity and not in its capacity as Trustee, fiduciary or as representative of the holders of such Debt Securities issued by the Company.

SECTION 6.2. NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Debt Securities of any series, the Trustee shall give notice to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series of such default hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of such series or in the payment of any sinking fund installment with respect to Debt Securities of such series, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series; and provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in Section 5.1(4) with respect to Debt Securities of such series no such notice to Holders shall be given until at least 90 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of this Section, 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 Debt Securities of such series.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.2 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register; and

(2) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.3. CERTAIN RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.1:

(a) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order and any resolution of the Board of Directors shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;

(d) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(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 Debt Securities of any series pursuant to this Indenture, 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 shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney; and

(g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent (including any agent appointed pursuant to Section 3.10(j)) or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.

SECTION 6.4. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECITALS OR ISSUANCE OF DEBT SECURITIES.

The recitals contained herein and in the Debt Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication, shall be taken as the statements of the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Debt Securities of any series. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of any Debt Securities or the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 6.5. MAY HOLD DEBT SECURITIES.

The Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Debt Securities, and, subject to Sections 6.8 and 6.13, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

SECTION 6.6. MONEY HELD IN TRUST.

Money in any Currency held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. Neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be under any liability for (i) interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed with the Company or (ii) losses resulting from currency fluctuations or any investments made pursuant to 6.1(c)(4).

SECTION 6.7. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.

The Company agrees:

(1) to pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation in Dollars for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the trustee in Dollars upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(3) to indemnify in Dollars the Trustee for, and to hold it harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on its part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust or performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee shall have a claim prior to the Debt Securities upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of amounts due on the Debt Securities.

The obligations of the Company under this Section 6.7 to compensate and indemnify the Trustee for expenses, disbursements and advances shall constitute additional indebtedness under this Indenture and shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

SECTION 6.8. DISQUALIFICATION; CONFLICTING INTERESTS.

(a) If the Trustee has or shall acquire any conflicting interest, as defined in this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, then, within 90 days after ascertaining that it has such conflicting interest, and if the default (as hereinafter defined) to which such conflicting interest relates has not been cured or duly waived or otherwise eliminated before the end of such 90-day period, the Trustee shall either eliminate such conflicting interest or, except as otherwise provided below, resign with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, and the Company shall take prompt steps to have a successor appointed, in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.

(b) In the event that the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Trustee shall, within 10 days after the expiration of such 90-day period, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series notice of such failure.

Notice given pursuant to this Section 6.8(b) shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Registered Holders, as the names and addresses of the Registered Holders appear in the Security Register; and

(2) to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a) of this Indenture.

(c) For the purposes of this Section, the Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, if there shall exist an Event of Default (as such term is defined herein, but exclusive of any period of grace or requirement of notice) with respect to such Debt Securities and

(1) the Trustee is trustee under this Indenture with respect to the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series other than that series or is trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the Company are outstanding, unless such other indenture is a collateral trust indenture under which the only collateral consists of Debt Securities issued under this Indenture, provided that there shall be excluded from the operation of this paragraph this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of any series other than that series and any other indenture or indentures under which other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in other securities, of the Company are outstanding, if

(i) this Indenture and such other indenture or indentures (and all series of securities issuable thereunder) are wholly unsecured and rank equally and such other indenture or indentures are hereafter qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, unless the Commission shall have found and declared by order pursuant to Section 305(b) or Section 307(c) of the Trust Indenture Act that differences exist between the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such

series and one or more other series or the provisions of such other indenture or indentures which are so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary, in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures, or

(ii) the Company shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that trusteeship under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or such other indenture or indentures is not so likely to involve a material conflict of interest as to make it necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors to disqualify the Trustee from acting as such under this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such other series or under such other indenture or indentures;

(2) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is an underwriter for the Company;

(3) the Trustee directly or indirectly controls or is directly or indirectly controlled by or is under direct or indirect common control with an underwriter for the Company;

(4) the Trustee or any of its directors or executive officers is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee or representative of the Company, or of an underwriter (other than the Trustee itself) for the Company who is currently engaged in the business of underwriting, except that (i) one individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Company but may not be at the same time an executive officer of both the Trustee and the Company; (ii) if and so long as the number of directors of the Trustee in office is more than nine, one additional individual may be a director or an executive officer, or both, of the Trustee and a director of the Company; and (iii) the Trustee may be designated by the Company or by any underwriter for the Company to act in the capacity of transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent, escrow agent, or depositary or in any other similar capacity, or, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection, to act as trustee, whether under an indenture or otherwise;

(5) 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof, or 20% or more of such voting securities is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more of such persons; or 10% or more of the voting securities of the Trustee is beneficially owned either by an underwriter for the Company or by any director, partner or executive officer thereof or is beneficially owned, collectively, by any two or more such persons;

(6) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of, or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default (as hereinafter in this subsection defined), (i) 5% or more of the voting securities, or 10% or more of any other class of security, of the Company not including the Debt Securities issued under this Indenture and securities issued under any other indenture under which the Trustee is also trustee, or (ii) 10% or more of any class of security of an underwriter for the Company;

(7) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 5% or more of the voting securities of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 10% or more of the voting securities of, or controls directly or indirectly or is under direct or indirect common control with, the Company;

(8) the Trustee is the beneficial owner of or holds as collateral security for an obligation which is in default, 10% or more of any class of security of any person who, to the knowledge of the Trustee, owns 50% or more of the voting securities of the Company;

(9) the Trustee owns, on the date of such Event of Default or any anniversary of such Event of Default while such Event of Default remains outstanding, in the capacity of executor, administrator, testamentary or inter vivos trustee, guardian, committee or conservator, or in any other similar capacity, an aggregate of 25% or more of the voting securities, or of any class of security, of any person, the beneficial ownership of a specified percentage of which would have constituted a conflicting interest under paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of this subsection. As to any such securities of which the Trustee acquired ownership through becoming executor, administrator or testamentary trustee of an estate which included them, the provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply, for a period of not more than two years from the date of such acquisition, to the extent that such securities included in such estate do not exceed 25% of such voting securities or 25% of any such class of security. Promptly after the dates of any such Event of Default and annually in each succeeding year that such Event of Default continues, the Trustee shall make a check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of such dates. If the Company fails to make payment in full of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of the Debt Securities when and as the same becomes due and payable, and such failure continues for 30 days thereafter, the Trustee shall make a prompt check of its holdings of such securities in any of the above-mentioned capacities as of the date of the expiration of such 30-day period, and after such date, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, all such securities so held by the Trustee, with sole or joint control over such securities vested in it, shall be considered as though beneficially owned by the Trustee for the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection; or

(10) except under the circumstances described in paragraphs (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of Section 6.13(b) of this Indenture, the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor of the Company.

For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this subsection, the term "series of securities" or "series" means a series, class or group of securities issuable under an indenture pursuant to whose terms holders of one such series may vote to direct the Trustee, or otherwise take action pursuant to a vote of such holders, separately from holders of another series; provided, that "series of securities" or "series" shall not include any series of securities issuable under an indenture if all such series rank equally and are wholly unsecured.

The specification of percentages in paragraphs (5) to (9), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be construed as indicating that the ownership of such percentages of the securities of a person is or is not necessary or sufficient to constitute direct or indirect control for the purposes of paragraph (3) or (7) of this subsection.

For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this subsection only, (i) the terms "security" and "securities" shall include only such securities as are generally known as corporate securities, but shall not include any note or other evidence of indebtedness issued to evidence an obligation to repay moneys lent to a person by one or more banks, trust companies or banking firms, or any certificate of interest or participation in any such note or evidence of indebtedness; (ii) an obligation shall be deemed to be "in default" when a default in payment of principal shall have continued for 30 days or more and shall not have been cured; and (iii) the Trustee shall not be deemed to be the owner or holder of (A) any security which it holds as collateral security, as trustee or otherwise, for an obligation which is not in default as defined in clause (ii) above, or (B) any security which it holds as collateral security under this Indenture, irrespective of any default hereunder, or (C) any security which it holds as agent for collection, or as custodian, escrow agent or depository, or in any similar representative capacity.

(d) For the purposes of this Section:

(1) The term "underwriter" when used with reference to the Company means every person who, within one year prior to the time as of which the determination is made, has purchased from the Company with a view to, or has offered or sold for the Company in connection with, the distribution of any security of the Company outstanding at such time, or has participated or has had a direct or indirect participation in any such undertaking, or has participated or has had a participation in the direct or indirect underwriting of any such undertaking, but such term shall not include a person whose interest was limited to a commission from an underwriter or dealer not in excess of the usual and customary distributors' or sellers' commission.

(2) The term "director" means any director of a corporation, or any individual performing similar functions with respect to any organization whether incorporated or unincorporated.

(3) The term "person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, an estate, an unincorporated organization, or a government or political subdivision thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "trust" shall include only a trust where the

interest or interests of the beneficiary or beneficiaries are evidenced by a security.

(4) The term "voting security" means any security presently entitling the owner or holder thereof to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person, or any security issued under or pursuant to any trust, agreement or arrangements whereby a trustee or trustees or agent or agents for the owner or holder of such security are presently entitled to vote in the direction or management of the affairs of a person.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities of any series.

(6) The term "executive officer" means the president, every vice president, every trust officer, the cashier, the secretary, and the treasurer of a corporation, and any individual customarily performing similar functions with respect to any organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, but shall not include the chairman of the board of directors.

(e) The percentages of voting securities and other securities specified in this Section shall be calculated in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) A specified percentage of the voting securities of the Trustee, the Company or any other person referred to in this Section (each of whom is referred to as a "person" in this paragraph) means such amount of the outstanding voting securities of such person as entitles the holder or holders thereof to cast such specified percentage of the aggregate votes which the holders of all the outstanding voting securities of such person are entitled to cast in the direction or management of the affairs of such person.

(2) A specified percentage of a class of securities of a person means such percentage of the aggregate amount of securities of the class outstanding.

(3) The term "amount", when used with regard to securities means the principal amount if relating to evidences of indebtedness, the number of shares if relating to capital shares, and the number of units if relating to any other kind of security.

(4) The term "outstanding" means issued and not held by or for the account of the issuer. The following securities shall not be deemed outstanding within the meaning of this definition:

(i) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to securities of the issuer of the same class;

(ii) securities of an issuer held in a sinking fund relating to another class of securities of the issuer, if the obligation evidenced by such other class of securities is not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise;

(iii) securities pledged by the issuer thereof as security for an obligation of the issuer not in default as to principal or interest or otherwise; and

(iv) securities held in escrow if placed in escrow by the issuer thereof;

provided, however, that any voting securities of an issuer shall be deemed outstanding if any person other than the issuer is entitled to exercise the voting rights thereof.

(5) A security shall be deemed to be of the same class as another security if both securities confer upon the holder or holders thereof substantially the same rights and privileges; provided, however, that, in the case of secured evidences of indebtedness, all of which are issued under a single indenture, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates of various series thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute such series different classes; and provided, further, that, in the case of unsecured evidences of indebtedness, differences in the interest rates or maturity dates thereof shall not be deemed sufficient to constitute them securities of different classes, whether or not they are issued under a single indenture.

(f) Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Debt Security of any series, or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment, the Trustee shall not be required to resign as provided by this Section if the Trustee shall have sustained the burden of proving, on application to the Commission and after opportunity for hearing thereon, that:

(1) the Event of Default may be cured or waived during a reasonable period and under the procedures described in such application; and

(2) a stay of the Trustee's duty to resign will not be inconsistent with the interests of Holders of the Debt Securities.

The filing of such an application shall automatically stay the performance of the duty to resign until the Commission orders otherwise.

SECTION 6.9. CORPORATE TRUSTEE REQUIRED; ELIGIBILITY.

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$75,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by Federal, State or District of Columbia authority. If such Corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so

published. Neither the Company nor any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Company shall serve as Trustee upon any Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.10. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL; APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee under Section 6.11.

(b) The Trustee may resign at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If an instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 30 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee may be removed at any time with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and a successor Trustee appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series, delivered to the Trustee and to the Company.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with Section 6.8(a) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months, or

(2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 6.9 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

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

then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove the Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, or (ii) subject to Section 5.14, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of any series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series.

(e) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for any cause, with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly

appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series) and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 6.11. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee, the successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and to that extent supersede the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If no successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders of such series and accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Debt Security of such series for at least six months may, subject to Section 5.14, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series.

(f) The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of any series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5 to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

SECTION 6.11. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY SUCCESSOR.

(a) In the case of an appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Debt Securities, each such successor Trustee so appointed shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee, but, on request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee, and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder, subject nevertheless to its claim, if any, provided for in Section 6.7.

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor

Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Debt Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall 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, it being understood that nothing herein or in any such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any other trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of any such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Debt Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

(c) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

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

SECTION 6.12. MERGER, CONVERSION, CONSOLIDATION OR SUCCESSION TO BUSINESS.

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

SECTION 6.13. PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST COMPANY.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this Section, if the Trustee shall be or shall become a creditor, directly or indirectly, secured or unsecured, of the Company within three months prior to a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, or subsequent to such default, then, unless and until such default shall be cured, the Trustee shall set apart and hold in a special account for the benefit of the Trustee individually, the Holders of the Debt Securities and the holders of other indenture securities (as defined in subsection (c) of this Section):

(1) an amount equal to any and all reductions in the amount due and owing upon any claim as such creditor in respect of principal or interest, effected after the beginning of such three-month period and valid as against the Company and its other creditors, except any such reduction resulting from the receipt or disposition of any property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or from the exercise of any right of set-off which the Trustee could have exercised if a voluntary or involuntary case had been commenced in respect of the Company under the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law upon the date of such default; and

(2) all property received by the Trustee in respect of any claim as such creditor, either as security therefor, or in satisfaction or composition thereof, or otherwise, after the beginning of such three-month period, or an amount equal to the proceeds of any such property, if disposed of, subject, however, to the rights, if any, of the Company and its other creditors in such property or such proceeds.

Nothing herein contained, however, shall affect the right of the Trustee:

(A) to retain for its own account (i) payments made on account of any such claim by any Person (other than the Company) who is liable thereon, and (ii) the proceeds of the bona fide sale of any such claim by the Trustee to a third Person, and (iii) distributions made in cash, securities or other property in respect of claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings or reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law;

(B) to realize, for its own account, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such property was so held prior to the beginning of such three-month period;

(C) to realize, for its own account, but only to the extent of the claim hereinafter mentioned, upon any property held by it as security for any such claim, if such claim was created after the beginning of such three-month period and such property was received as security therefor simultaneously with the creation thereof, and if the Trustee shall sustain the burden of proving that at the time such property was so received the Trustee had no reasonable cause to

believe that a default, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, would occur within three months, or

(D) to receive payment on any claim referred to in paragraph (B) or (C) against the release of any property held as security for such claim as provided in paragraph (B) or (C), as the case may be, to the extent of the fair value of such property.

For the purposes of paragraphs (B), (C) and (D), property substituted after the beginning of such three-month period for property held as security at the time of such substitution shall, to the extent of the fair value of the property released, have the same status as the property released, and, to the extent that any claim referred to in any of such paragraphs is created in renewal of or in substitution for or for the purpose of repaying or refunding any pre-existing claim of the Trustee as such creditor, such claim shall have the same status as such pre-existing claim.

If the Trustee shall be required to account, the funds and property held in such special account and the proceeds thereof shall be apportioned among the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities in such manner that the Trustee, the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities realize, as a result of payments from such special account and payments of dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, the same percentage of their respective claims, figured before crediting to the claim of the Trustee anything on account of the receipt by it from the Company of the funds and property in such special account and before crediting to the respective claims of the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities dividends on claims filed against the Company in bankruptcy or receivership or in proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, but after crediting thereon receipts on account of the indebtedness represented by their respective claims from all sources other than from such dividends and from the funds and property so held in such special account. As used in this paragraph, with respect to any claim, the term "dividends" shall include any distribution with respect to such claim, in bankruptcy or receivership or proceedings for reorganization pursuant to the Federal bankruptcy laws, as now or hereafter constituted, or any other applicable Federal or State bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, whether such distribution is made in cash, securities, or other property, but shall not include any such distribution with respect to the secured portion, if any, of such claim. The court in which such bankruptcy, receivership or proceedings for reorganization is pending shall have jurisdiction (i) to apportion among the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, the funds and property held in such special account and proceeds thereof, or (ii) in lieu of such apportionment, in whole or in part, to give to the provisions of this paragraph due consideration in determining the fairness of the distributions to be made to the Trustee and the Holders and the holders of other indenture securities with respect to their respective claims, in which event it shall not be necessary to liquidate or to appraise the value of any securities or other property held in such special account or as security for any such claim, or to make a specific allocation of

such distributions as between the secured and unsecured portions of such claim, or otherwise to apply the provisions of this paragraph as a mathematical formula.

Any Trustee which has resigned or been removed after the beginning of such three-month period shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection as though such resignation or removal had not occurred. If any Trustee has resigned or been removed prior to the beginning of such three-month period, it shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection if and only if the following conditions exist:

(i) the receipt of property or reduction of claim, which would have given rise to the obligation to account, if such Trustee had continued as Trustee, occurred after the beginning of such three-month period; and

(ii) such receipt of property or reduction of claim occurred within three months after such resignation or removal.

(b) There shall be excluded from the operation of subsection (a) of this Section a creditor relationship arising from:

(1) the ownership or acquisition of securities issued under any indenture, or any security or securities having a maturity of one year or more at the time of acquisition by the Trustee;

(2) advances authorized by a receivership or bankruptcy court of competent jurisdiction or by this Indenture, for the purpose of preserving any property which shall at any time be subject to the Lien of this Indenture or of discharging tax liens or other prior liens or encumbrances thereon, if notice of such advances and of the circumstances surrounding the making thereof is given to the Holders at the time and in the manner provided in this Indenture;

(3) disbursements made in the ordinary course of business in the capacity of trustee under an indenture, transfer agent, registrar, custodian, paying agent, fiscal agent or depositary, or other similar capacity;

(4) an indebtedness created as a result of services rendered or premises rented, or an indebtedness created as a result of goods or securities sold in a cash transaction as defined in subsection (c) of this Section;

(5) the ownership of stock or of other securities of a corporation organized under the provisions of Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, which is directly or indirectly a creditor of the Company; and

(6) The acquisition, ownership, acceptance or negotiation of any drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances or obligations which fall within the classification of self-liquidating paper as defined in subsection (c) of this Section.

(c) for the purposes of this Section only:

(1) The term "default" means any failure to make payment in full of the principal of or interest on any of the Debt Securities or upon the other indenture securities when and as such principal or interest becomes due and payable.

(2) The term "other indenture securities" means securities upon which the Company is an obligor outstanding under any other indenture (i) under which the Trustee is also trustee, (ii) which contains provisions substantially similar to the provisions of this Section, and (iii) under which a default exists at the time of the apportionment of the funds and property held in such special account.

(3) The term "cash transaction" means any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks and payable upon demand.

(4) The term "self-liquidating paper" means any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing the purchase, processing, manufacturing, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

(5) The term "Company" means any obligor upon the Debt Securities.

SECTION 6.14. APPOINTMENT OF AUTHENTICATING AGENT.

As long as any Debt Securities of a series remain Outstanding, upon a Company Request, there shall be an authenticating agent (the "Authenticating Agent") appointed, for such period as the Company shall elect, by the Trustee for such series of Debt Securities to act as its agent on its behalf and subject to its direction in connection with the authentication and delivery of each series of Debt Securities for which it is serving as Trustee. Debt Securities of each such series authenticated by such Authenticating Agent shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by such Trustee. Wherever reference is made in this Indenture to the authentication and delivery of Debt Securities of any series by the Trustee for such series or to the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication, such reference shall be deemed to include authentication and delivery on behalf of the Trustee for such series by an Authenticating Agent for such series and a Certificate of Authentication executed on behalf of such Trustee by such Authenticating Agent, except that only the Trustee may authenticate Debt Securities upon original issuance and pursuant to Section 3.6 hereof. Such Authenticating Agent shall at all times be a Corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any State,

authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$10,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such Authenticating Agent shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any Corporation into which any Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted, or with which it may be consolidated, or any Corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which any Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any Corporation succeeding to the corporate agency business of any Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be the Authenticating Agent with respect to all series of Debt Securities for which it served as Authenticating Agent without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee for such series or such Authenticating Agent. Any Authenticating Agent may at any time, and if it shall cease to be eligible shall, resign by giving written notice of resignation to the applicable Trustee and to the Company.

Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time any Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 6.14 with respect to one or more or all series of Debt Securities, the Trustee for such series shall upon Company Request appoint a successor Authenticating Agent, and the Company shall provide notice of such appointment to all Holders of Debt Securities of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all rights, powers, duties and responsibilities of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as Authenticating Agent herein. The Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series agrees to pay to the Authenticating Agent for such series from time to time reasonable compensation for its services, and the Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for such payment, subject to the provisions of Section 6.7. The Authenticating Agent for the Debt Securities of any series shall have no responsibility or liability for any action taken by it as such at the direction of the Trustee for such series.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series is made pursuant to this Section, the Debt Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certificate of authentication, an alternative certificate of authentication in the following form:

This is one of the series of Debt Securities issued under the within mentioned Indenture.

As Trustee

By: _____
As Authenticating Agent

By: _____
Authorized Signatory

ARTICLE VII.

HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND COMPANY

SECTION 7.1. COMPANY TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF HOLDERS.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee with respect to Registered Securities of each series for which it acts as Trustee:

(a) semi-annually on a date not more than 15 days after each Regular Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date, if any, for the Registered Securities of such series (or on semi-annual dates in each year to be determined pursuant to Section 3.1 if the Registered Securities of such series do not bear interest), a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the Registered Holders as of the date 15 days next preceding each such Regular Record Date (or such semi-annual dates, as the case may be); and

(b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that if and so long as the Trustee shall be the Security Registrar for such series, no such list need be furnished.

SECTION 7.2. PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION; COMMUNICATION TO HOLDERS.

(a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of Holders contained in the most recent list furnished to the Trustee as provided in Section 7.1 received by it in the capacity of Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder, and filed with it within the two preceding years pursuant to Section 7.3(c)(2).

The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 7.1 upon receipt of a new list so furnished, destroy any information received by it as Paying Agent

(if so acting) hereunder upon delivering to itself as Trustee, not earlier than 45 days after an Interest Payment Date, a list containing the names and addresses of the Holders obtained from such information since the delivery of the next previous list, if any, destroy any list delivered to itself as Trustee which was compiled from information received by it as Paying Agent (if so acting) hereunder upon the receipt of a new list so delivered.

(b) If three or more Holders (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee, and furnish to the Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Debt Security for a period of at least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other Holders of Debt Securities of a particular series (in which case the applicants must hold Debt Securities of such series) or with all Holders of Debt Securities with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Debt Securities and is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then the Trustee shall, within five Business Days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either

(i) afford such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), or

(ii) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of Holders of Debt Securities of such series or of all Debt Securities, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such Holders the form of proxy or other communication, specified in such application.

If the Trustee shall elect not to afford such applicants access to such information, the Trustee shall, upon written request of such applicants, mail to the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a), a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to the Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, the Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Commission, together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of the Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or all Holders, as the case may be, or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission, after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met and shall enter an order so declaring, the Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such Holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise the Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Every Holder of Debt Securities, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee that neither the Company nor the Trustee shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with Section 7.2(b), regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing of any material pursuant to a request made under Section 7.2(b).

SECTION 7.3. REPORTS BY TRUSTEE.

(a) Within 60 days after January 15 of each year, commencing January 15, 2000, the Trustee shall, to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act, transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series with respect to which it acts as Trustee, in the manner hereinafter provided in this Section 7.3, a brief report dated such date with respect to any of the following events which may have occurred within the previous 12 months (but if no such event has occurred within such period no report need be transmitted):

(1) any change to its eligibility under Section 6.9 and its qualifications under Section 6.8;

(2) the creation of or any material change to a relationship specified in paragraph (1) through (10) of Section 6.8(c) of this Indenture;

(3) the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) which remain unpaid on the date of such report, and for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on any property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, except that the Trustee shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances so remaining unpaid aggregate not more than 1/2 of 1% of the principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the date of such report;

(4) any change to the amount, interest rate and maturity date of all other indebtedness owing by the Company (or any other obligor on the Debt Securities of such series) to the Trustee in its individual capacity, on the date of such report, with a brief description of any property held as collateral security therefor, except an indebtedness based upon a creditor relationship arising in any manner described in Section 6.13(b)(2), (3), (4) or (6);

(5) any change to the property and funds, if any, physically in the possession of the Trustee as such on the date of such report;

(6) any additional issue of Debt Securities which the Trustee has not previously reported; and

(7) any action taken by the Trustee in the performance of its duties hereunder which it has not previously reported and which in its opinion materially affects the Debt Securities of such series, except action in respect of a default, notice of which has been or is to be withheld by the Trustee in accordance with Section 6.2.

(b) The Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Holders of Debt Securities of any series (whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a)) for which it acts as the Trustee, as hereinafter provided, a brief report with respect to the character and amount of any advances (and if the Trustee elects so to state, the circumstances surrounding the making thereof) made by the Trustee (as such) since the date of the last report transmitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section (or if no such report has yet been so transmitted, since the date of execution of this instrument) for the reimbursement of which it claims or may claim a lien or charge, prior to that of the Debt Securities of such series, on property or funds held or collected by it as Trustee, and which it has not previously reported pursuant to this subsection, except that the Trustee for each series shall not be required (but may elect) to report such advances if such advances remaining unpaid at any time aggregate 10% or less of the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series Outstanding at such time, such report to be transmitted within 90 days after such time.

(c) Reports pursuant to this Section 7.3 shall be transmitted by mail:

(1) to all Holders of Registered Securities, as the names and addresses of such Holders of Registered Securities appear in the Security Register; and

(2) except in the cases of reports pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section 7.3, to each Holder of a Debt Security of any series whose name and address appear in the information preserved at the time by the Trustee in accordance with Section 7.2(a).

(d) A copy of each such report shall, at the time of such transmission to Holders, be filed with the Company and the Company shall file such report with each stock exchange upon which any Debt Securities of such series are listed, with the Commission and also with the Company. The Company will notify the Trustee when any series of Debt Securities are listed on any stock exchange.

SECTION 7.4. REPORTS BY COMPANY.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to a particular series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, the Company will:

(1) file with the Trustee, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, 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 Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the

Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Notwithstanding that the Company may not be required to remain subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise report on an annual and quarterly basis on forms provided for such annual and quarterly reporting pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, the Company shall continue to file with the Commission and provide the Trustee and the Holders of each series of Debt Securities with, without cost to each Holder, (a) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, annual reports on Form 10-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in such successor or comparable form); (b) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year, reports on Form 10-Q (or any successor or comparable form); and (c) promptly from time to time after the occurrence of an event required to be therein reported, such other reports on Form 8-K (or any successor or comparable form) containing the information required to be contained therein (or required in any successor or comparable form); provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file such reports with the Commission if the Commission does not permit such filings. The Company will in all cases, without cost to each recipient, provide copies of such information to the Holders of the Debt Securities of each series and, if they are not permitted to file such reports with the Commission, shall make available information to prospective purchasers and to securities analysts and broker-dealers upon their request;

(2) file with the Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants of this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(3) transmit to all Holders of Debt Securities, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 7.3, within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

ARTICLE VIII.

CONCERNING THE HOLDERS

SECTION 8.1. ACTS OF HOLDERS.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent or proxy duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee, and, where it is hereby expressly

required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series may take any Act, the fact that the Holders of such specified percentage have joined therein may be evidenced (a) by the instrument or instruments executed by Holders in person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing, or (b) by the record of Holders voting in favor thereof at any meeting of such Holders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of Holders.

SECTION 8.2. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP; PROOF OF EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS BY HOLDER.

The ownership of Registered Securities of any series shall be proved by the Security Register for such series or by a certificate of the Security Registrar for such series.

Subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 9.5, proof of the execution of a writing appointing an agent or proxy and of the execution of any instrument by a Holder or his agent or proxy shall be sufficient and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company if made in the following manner:

The fact and date of the execution by any such person of any instrument may be proved by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds, that the person executing such instrument acknowledged to him the execution thereof, or by an affidavit of a witness to such execution sworn to before any such notary or other such officer. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or association or a member of a partnership on behalf of such corporation, association or partnership, as the case may be, or by any other person acting in a representative capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

The record of any Holders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.6.

The Trustee may in any instance require further proof with respect to any of the matters referred to in this Section so long as the request is a reasonable one.

SECTION 8.3. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS.

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Registered Security is registered as the owner of such Registered Security for the purpose of receiving payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 3.7) interest, if any, on such Registered Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Registered Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. All payments made to any Holder, or

upon his order, shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon such Debt Security.

SECTION 8.4. REVOCATION OF CONSENTS; FUTURE HOLDERS BOUND.

At any time prior to (but not after) the evidencing to the Trustee, as provided in Section 8.1, of the taking of any Act by the Holders of the percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities specified in this Indenture in connection with such Act, any Holder of a Debt Security the number, letter or other distinguishing symbol of which is shown by the evidence to be included in the Debt Securities the Holders of which have consented to such Act may, by filing written notice with the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office and upon proof of ownership as provided in Section 8.2, revoke such Act so far as it concerns such Debt Security. Except as aforesaid, any such Act taken by the Holder of any Debt Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and, subject to the provisions of Section 5.8, upon all future Holders of such Debt Security and of any Debt Securities issued on transfer or in lieu thereof or in exchange or substitution therefor, irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Debt Security or such other Debt Securities.

ARTICLE IX.

HOLDERS' MEETINGS

SECTION 9.1. PURPOSES OF MEETINGS.

A meeting of Holders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article IX for any of the following purposes:

(1) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee for such series, or to give any directions to the Trustee for such series, or to consent to the waiving of any default hereunder and its consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by Holders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article V;

(2) to remove the Trustee for such series and appoint a successor Trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article VI;

(3) to consent to the execution of an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 11.2; or

(4) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the Holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any one or more or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.

SECTION 9.2. CALL OF MEETINGS BY TRUSTEE.

The Trustee for any series may at any time call a meeting of Holders of such series to take any action specified in Section 9.1, to be held at such time or times and at such place or places as the Trustee for such series shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the Holders of any series, setting forth the time and the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be given to Holders of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5. Such notice shall be given not less than 10 days nor more than 90 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

SECTION 9.3. CALL OF MEETINGS BY COMPANY OR HOLDERS.

In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of a series or of all series, as the case may be, shall have requested the Trustee for such series to call a meeting of Holders of any or all such series by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have given the notice of such meeting within 10 days after the receipt of such request, then the Company or such Holders may determine the time or times and the place or places for such meetings and may call such meetings to take any action authorized in Section 9.1, by giving notice thereof as provided in Section 9.2.

SECTION 9.4. QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING.

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders a Person shall be (a) a Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or (b) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as agent or proxy by such Holder. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee for the series with respect to which such meeting is being held and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

SECTION 9.5. REGULATIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee for any series may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of such series, in regard to proof of the holding of Debt Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies, and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem appropriate.

The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Holders of such series as provided in Section 9.3, in which case the Company or the Holders calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by a majority vote of the meeting.

Subject to the provisos in the definition of "Outstanding," at any meeting each Holder of a Debt Security of the series with respect to which such meeting is being held or proxy therefor shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount, as applicable (or such other amount as shall be specified pursuant to Section 3.1) of Debt Securities of such series held or represented by him; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Debt Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote other than by virtue of Outstanding Debt Securities of such series held by him or instruments in writing duly designating him as the person to vote on behalf of Holders of Debt Securities of such series. Any meeting of Holders with respect to which a meeting was duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.2 or 9.3 may be adjourned from time to time by a majority of such Holders present and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

SECTION 9.6. VOTING.

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders with respect to which such meeting is being held shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of such Holders or of their representatives by proxy and the serial number or numbers of the Debt Securities held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders shall be taken, and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was transmitted as provided in Section 9.2. The record shall show the serial numbers of the Debt Securities voting in favor of or against any resolution. The record shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee.

Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

ARTICLE X.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE, TRANSFER OR LEASE

SECTION 10.1. COMPANY MAY CONSOLIDATE, ETC., ONLY ON CERTAIN TERMS.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or sell, assign, convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person, unless:

(1) the Corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer, or which leases, the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety (the "successor corporation") shall be a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State or territory thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the Debt Securities and the performance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, shall have happened and be continuing;

(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(4) such other conditions as may be specified under Section 3.1 with respect to any series of Debt Securities.

SECTION 10.2. SUCCESSOR CORPORATION SUBSTITUTED.

Upon any consolidation with or merger into any other Corporation, or any conveyance, transfer or lease of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 10.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor corporation had been named as the Company herein.

ARTICLE XI.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

SECTION 11.1. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

Without the consent of any Holders, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(1) to evidence the succession of another Corporation to the rights of the Company and the assumption by such successor of the covenants of the Company contained herein and in the Debt Securities;

(2) to add to the covenants of the Company, for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Debt Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series), or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company;

(3) to add any additional Events of Default (and if such Events of Default are to be applicable to less than all series, stating that such Events of Default are expressly being included solely to be applicable to such series);

(4) [reserved];

(5) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there is no Outstanding Debt Security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision and as to which such supplemental indenture would apply;

(6) to secure the Debt Securities or to provide that any of the Company's obligations under any series of the Debt Securities shall be guaranteed and the terms and conditions for the release or substitution of such security or guarantee;

(7) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Article IV or XV, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series or any other series of Debt Securities in any material respect;

(8) to establish the form or terms of Debt Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 2.1 and 3.1; or

(9) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to one or more series of Debt Securities 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, pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.10;

(10) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, to eliminate any conflict between the terms hereof and the Trust Indenture Act or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture which shall not be inconsistent with any provision of this Indenture; or

(11) to modify the provisions of Article XVII (except, with respect to any Outstanding Securities, to the extent prohibited by clause 5 of Section 11.2);

provided such other provisions shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture in any material respect.

SECTION 11.2. SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF HOLDERS.

With the written consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture voting separately, by Act of said Holders delivered to the Company and the Trustee, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders under this Indenture of such Debt Securities; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each such series affected thereby,

(1) conflict with the required provisions of the Trust Indenture Act;

(2) except as specifically provided with respect to any series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or installment of interest, if any, on, any Debt Security, or (b) reduce the principal amount thereof or the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof (provided that a requirement to offer to repurchase Debt Securities shall not be deemed a redemption for this purpose), or (c) change the Currency or Currencies in which the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on such Debt Security is denominated or payable, or (d) reduce the amount of the principal of a Discount Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, or (e) reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, any payment under any sinking fund or analogous provisions for any Debt Security, or (f) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), or (g) adversely affect the right to convert any Debt Security into shares of Common Stock of the Company as may be provided pursuant to Section 3.1;

(3) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(4) modify any of the provisions of this Section, Section 5.13 or Section 12.7, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of each series affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee"

and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 12.7, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 6.10 and 11.1(9); or

(5) modify the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the subordination of the Outstanding Securities of any series in a manner adverse to the Holders thereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Debt Securities of a series are held as trust assets of the applicable RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust, such supplemental indenture shall not be effective until the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of Trust Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust shall have consented to such supplemental indenture; provided, that if the Debt Securities of any series are held as trust assets of an RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust, and if the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of a particular series is required, such supplemental indenture shall not be effective until each Holder of the Trust Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust shall have consented to such supplemental indenture. It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture with respect to one or more particular series of Debt Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Debt Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Debt Securities of any other series.

SECTION 11.3. EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 6.1) 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 and that the supplemental indenture conforms to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which adversely affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise in a material way.

SECTION 11.4. EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.5. CONFORMITY WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 11.6. REFERENCE IN DEBT SECURITIES TO SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

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

SECTION 11.7. NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the appropriate Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to Section 11.2, the Company shall transmit, in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 1.5, to all Holders of any series of the Debt Securities affected thereby, a notice setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture.

ARTICLE XII.

COVENANTS

SECTION 12.1. PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL, PREMIUM AND INTEREST.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of each series of Debt Securities that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities in accordance with the terms of the Debt Securities and this Indenture. If so provided in the terms of any series of Debt Securities established as provided in Section 3.1, the interest, if any, due in respect of any temporary Global Note or permanent Global Note, together with any additional amounts payable in respect thereof, as provided in the terms and conditions of such Debt Security, shall be payable only upon presentation of such Debt Security to the Trustee for notation thereon of the payment of such interest.

SECTION 12.2. OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE AS TO DEFAULT.

Unless otherwise specifically provided for with respect to any series of Debt Securities under Section 3.1, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, on or before a date not more than four months after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (which on the date hereof is the calendar year) ending after the date hereof, a certificate of the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company stating whether or not to the best knowledge of the signer thereof the Company is in compliance with all covenants and conditions under this Indenture, and, if the Company shall be in default, specifying all such defaults and the nature thereof of which such signer may have knowledge. For purposes of this Section, such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture.

SECTION 12.3. MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY.

The Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for such series an office or agency where Debt Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Debt Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, where Debt Securities of that series that are convertible may be surrendered for conversion, if applicable, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Debt Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency.

The Company may also from time to time designate different or additional offices or agencies to be maintained for such purposes (in or outside of such Place of Payment), and may from time to time rescind any such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations described in the preceding paragraph. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such additional designation or rescission of designation and any change in the location of any such different or additional office or agency.

SECTION 12.4. MONEY FOR DEBT SECURITIES; PAYMENTS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

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

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents with respect to any series of Debt Securities, it will, by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) or on each due date of the principal (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Securities of such series, deposit with any such Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, and (unless any such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, in no instance shall the Trustee be under any duty or obligation (i) to maintain any office or to act in any capacity as an agent for any purpose under this Indenture (or any supplement hereto) outside the United States, or (ii) to act as a Paying Agent in respect of any currency other than Dollars.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent with respect to any series of Debt Securities other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will:

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

(2) give the Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Debt Securities of such series) in the making of any payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of such series; and

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

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

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 (and premium, if any) or interest on any Debt Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company upon Company Request, or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Debt Security shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, 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, shall 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 transmitted in the manner and to the extent provided by Section 1.5, notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

SECTION 12.5. CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

Subject to Article X, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right or franchise if the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company.

SECTION 12.6. COVENANTS AS TO THE RGA CAPITAL TRUSTS.

For so long as the Trust Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust remain Outstanding, the Company shall (a) maintain 100% direct or indirect ownership of the Common Securities of such RGA Capital Trust; provided, however, that any permitted successor of the Company under this Indenture may succeed to the Company's ownership of the Common Securities; (b) not voluntarily terminate, wind up or liquidate the RGA Capital Trust, and (c) use its reasonable efforts to cause such RGA Capital Trust (i) to remain a business trust, except in connection with a distribution of Debt Securities, the redemption of all of the Trust Securities of such RGA Capital Trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations, each as permitted by the Trust Agreement of the applicable RGA Capital Trust; and (ii) to otherwise continue not to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or partnership for United States federal income tax purposes; and (iii) use its reasonable efforts to cause each holder of Trust Securities to be treated as owning an individual beneficial interest in the Debt Securities. In connection with the distribution of the Debt Securities to the holders of the Preferred Securities issued by the related RGA Capital Trust upon a Dissolution Event, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to list such Debt Securities on The New York Stock Exchange, Inc., in the Nasdaq National Market of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), or on or in such other exchange or self-regulatory organization as the Preferred Securities are then listed.

SECTION 12.7. WAIVER OF CERTAIN COVENANTS.

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Sections 12.5 and 12.6 (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other covenant not set forth herein and specified pursuant to Section 3.1 to be applicable to the Securities of any series, except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series if before the time for such compliance the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series shall, by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such term, provision or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such term, provision or condition except to the extent expressly so waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such term, provision or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12.8. COVENANTS AS TO PURCHASES.

Except upon the exercise by the Company of its right to redeem the Debt Securities pursuant to Section 13.8 upon the occurrence and continuation of a Special Event, the Company shall not purchase any Debt Securities, in whole or in part, from the applicable RGA Capital Trust prior to the period or periods within which, or the date or dates on which, such Debt Securities may be redeemed, as specified pursuant to Section 3.1.

SECTION 12.9. ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT.

On or before December 15 of each year during which any Debt Securities are Outstanding, the Company shall furnish to each Paying Agent such information as may be reasonably requested by such Paying Agent in order that each Paying Agent may prepare the information that is required to report for such year on Internal Revenue Service Forms 1096 and 1099 pursuant to Section 6049 of the Code. Such information shall include the amount of any original issue discount includible in income for each authorized minimum denomination of principal amount at Stated Maturity of any Debt Securities Outstanding during such year, if any.

SECTION 12.10. CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS.

If Debt Securities are issued to the applicable RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of Trust Securities by such RGA Capital Trust and (a) there shall have occurred an Event of Default; (b) the Company shall be in default with respect to any obligations under the Preferred Securities Guarantee relating to such RGA Capital Trust; or (c) the Company shall have exercised its right to defer payment of interest pursuant to Section 18.1 and such Extended Interest Period is continuing, then (i) the Company shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (A) dividends or distributions in common stock of the Company, or any declaration of a non-cash dividend in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan, or the issuance of stock under any such plan in the future, or the redemption or repurchase of any such rights pursuant thereto, and (B) purchases of common stock of the Company related to the rights under any of the Company's benefit plans for its directors, officers or employees); (ii) the Company shall not make any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by the Company which rank pari passu with or junior in interest to the Debt Securities of a series issued under this Indenture; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing the Company may make payments pursuant to its obligations under the applicable Preferred Securities Guarantee; and (iii) the Company shall not redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series or any of the Preferred Securities associated with such Debt Securities.

ARTICLE XIII.

REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

SECTION 13.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Debt Securities of any series which are redeemable before their Maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article.

SECTION 13.2. ELECTION TO REDEEM; NOTICE TO TRUSTEE.

The election of the Company to redeem (or, in the case of Discount Securities, to permit the Holders to elect to surrender for redemption) any Debt Securities shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company of less than all of the Debt Securities of any series pursuant to Section 13.3, the Company shall, at least 30 days before the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Debt Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Debt Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restrictions.

SECTION 13.3. SELECTION BY TRUSTEE OF DEBT SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

Except in the case of a redemption in whole of the Registered Securities of a series, if less than all the Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed at the election of the Company, the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Debt Securities of such series in a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated. The portions of the principal amount of Debt Securities so selected for partial redemption shall be equal to the minimum authorized denominations for Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.2 in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated or any integral multiple thereof, except as otherwise set forth in the applicable form of Debt Securities. In any case when more than one Registered Security of such series is registered in the same name, the Trustee in its discretion may treat the aggregate principal amount so registered as if it were represented by one Registered Security of such series.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Debt Securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any Debt Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

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

SECTION 13.4. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Notice of redemption shall be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, not less than 30

days and not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date to the Holders of Debt Securities of any series to be redeemed in whole or in part pursuant to this Article XIII, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. Failure to give such notice, or any defect in such notice to the Holder of any Debt Security of a series designated for redemption, in whole or in part, shall not affect the sufficiency of any notice of redemption with respect to the Holder of any other Debt Security of such series. In the case of any redemption of Debt Securities prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption specified pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of a given series or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officer's Certificate evidencing compliance with any such restriction.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price,
- (3) that Debt Securities of such series are being redeemed by the Company pursuant to provisions contained in this Indenture or the terms of the Debt Securities of such series or a supplemental indenture establishing such series, if such be the case, together with a brief statement of the facts permitting such redemption,
- (4) if less than all Outstanding Debt Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the principal amounts) of the particular Debt Securities to be redeemed, including a representation to the effect that any such partial redemption shall not result in the delisting or termination of inclusion, as applicable, of the related Preferred Securities,
- (5) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Debt Security to be redeemed, and that interest thereon, if any, shall cease to accrue on and after said date,
- (6) the Place or Places of Payment where such Debt Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price, and
- (7) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case.

SECTION 13.5. DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

On or prior to 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date for any Debt Securities, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) an amount of money in the Currency or Currencies in which such Debt Securities are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) sufficient to pay

the Redemption Price of such Debt Securities or any portions thereof which are to be redeemed on that date.

SECTION 13.6. DEBT SECURITIES PAYABLE ON REDEMPTION DATE.

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, any Debt Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price in the Currency in which the Debt Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Debt Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Debt Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Debt Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price; provided, however, that unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 3.1, installments of interest on Registered Securities which have a Stated Maturity on or prior to the Redemption Date for such Debt Securities shall be payable according to the terms of such Debt Securities and the provisions of Section 3.7.

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

SECTION 13.7. DEBT SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Any Debt Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Corporate Trust Office or such other office or agency of the Company as is specified pursuant to Section 3.1 or at an office of the Trustee, with, if the Company, the Security Registrar or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Security Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing, and the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Debt Security without service charge, a new Debt Security or Debt Securities of the same series, of like tenor and form, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Debt Security so surrendered. In the case of a Debt Security providing appropriate space for such notation, at the option of the Holder thereof, the Trustee, in lieu of delivering a new Debt Security or Debt Securities as aforesaid, may make a notation on such Debt Security of the payment of the redeemed portion thereof.

SECTION 13.8. SPECIAL EVENT REDEMPTION.

If a Special Event has occurred and is continuing, then, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for the Debt Securities of any series, notice of redemption shall be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5, to the Holders of such Debt Securities not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date. Such redemption shall be, in whole but not in part, for cash

within 180 days following the occurrence of such Special Event (the "180-Day Period") at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount to be redeemed plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of such redemption plus Deferred Payments, if any (the "Special Redemption Price"), provided that if at the time there is available to the Company the opportunity to eliminate, within the 180-Day Period, a Tax Event by taking some ministerial action (a "Ministerial Action"), such as filing a form or making an election, or pursuing some other similar reasonable measure which has no adverse effect on the Company, the related RGA Capital Trust or the holders of the Trust Securities issued by such RGA Capital Trust, the Company shall pursue such Ministerial Action in lieu of redemption, and, provided further, that the Company shall have no right to redeem the Debt Securities while it is pursuing any Ministerial Action pursuant to its obligations hereunder. The Special Redemption Price shall be paid prior to 12:00 noon, New York time, on the date of such redemption or such earlier time as the Company determines, provided that the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount sufficient to pay the Special Redemption Price by 10:00 a.m., New York time, on the date such Special Redemption Price is to be paid.

ARTICLE XIV.

SINKING FUNDS

SECTION 14.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of Debt Securities of a series except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment," and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of any series, the amount of any cash sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 14.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Debt Securities of any series as provided for by the terms of Debt Securities of such series.

SECTION 14.2. SATISFACTION OF MANDATORY SINKING FUND PAYMENTS WITH DEBT SECURITIES.

In lieu of making all or any part of a mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to any Debt Securities of a series in cash, the Company may at its option, at any time no more than sixteen months and no less than 45 days prior to the date on which such sinking fund payment is due, deliver to the Trustee Debt Securities of such series theretofore purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company, except Debt Securities of such series which have been redeemed through the application of mandatory sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of the Debt Securities of such series, accompanied by a Company Order instructing the Trustee to credit such obligations and stating that the Debt Securities of such series were originally issued by the Company by way of bona

vide sale or other negotiation for value, provided that such Debt Securities shall not have been previously so credited. Such Debt Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such mandatory sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

SECTION 14.3. REDEMPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES FOR SINKING FUND.

Not less than 60 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any series of Debt Securities (unless a shorter period shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing 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 in the Currency or Currencies in which the Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1) and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Debt Securities of such series pursuant to Section 14.2 and whether the Company intends to exercise its rights to make a permitted optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series. Such certificate shall be irrevocable and upon its delivery the Company shall be obligated to make the cash payment or payments therein referred to, if any, on or before the next succeeding sinking fund payment date. In the case of the failure of the Company to deliver such certificate, the sinking fund payment due on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date for such series shall be paid entirely in cash and shall be sufficient to redeem the principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series subject to a mandatory sinking fund payment without the right to deliver or credit Debt Securities as provided in Section 14.2 and without the right to make any optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series at such time.

Any sinking fund payment or payments (mandatory or optional) made in cash plus any unused balance of any preceding sinking fund payments made with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) on the sinking fund payment date on which such payment is made (or, if such payment is made before a sinking fund payment date, on the sinking fund payment date immediately following the date of such payment) to the redemption of Debt Securities of such series at the Redemption Price specified in such Debt Securities with respect to the sinking fund. Any sinking fund moneys not so applied or allocated by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent) to the redemption of Debt Securities shall be added to the next sinking fund payment received by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) for such series and, together with such payment (or such amount so segregated) shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any and all sinking fund moneys with respect to the Debt Securities of any particular series held by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregated and held in trust as provided in Section 12.4) on the last sinking fund

payment date with respect to Debt Securities of such series and not held for the payment or redemption of particular Debt Securities of such series shall be applied by the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or by the Company if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent), together with other moneys, if necessary, to be deposited (or segregated) sufficient for the purpose, to the payment of the principal of the Debt Securities of such series at Maturity.

The Trustee shall select or cause to be selected the Debt Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 13.3 and the Company shall cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the manner provided in Section 13.4. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Debt Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Section 13.6.

On or before 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on each sinking fund payment date, the Company shall pay to the Trustee (to the extent it is acting as a Paying Agent with respect to Dollars) or other Paying Agent appointed by the Company (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, the Company shall segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 12.4) in cash a sum, in the Currency or Currencies in which Debt Securities of such series are denominated (except as provided pursuant to Sections 3.1 or 3.10), equal to the principal and any interest accrued to the Redemption Date for Debt Securities or portions thereof to be redeemed on such sinking fund payment date pursuant to this Section.

Neither the Trustee, any Paying Agent nor the Company shall redeem any Debt Securities of a series with sinking fund moneys or mail any notice of redemption of Debt Securities of such series by operation of the sinking fund for such series during the continuance of a default in payment of interest, if any, on any Debt Securities of such series or of any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default occurring as a consequence of this paragraph) with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, except that if the notice of redemption shall have been provided in accordance with the provisions hereof, the Trustee or applicable Paying Agent (or the Company, if the Company is then acting as its own Paying Agent) shall redeem such Debt Securities if cash sufficient for that purpose shall be deposited with the Trustee or such other Paying Agent as provided above (or segregated by the Company) for that purpose in accordance with the terms of this Article. Except as aforesaid, any moneys in the sinking fund for such series at the time when any such default or Event of Default shall occur and any moneys thereafter paid into such sinking fund shall, during the continuance of such default or Event of Default, be held as security for the payment of the Debt Securities of such series; provided, however, that in case such default or Event of Default shall have been cured or waived as provided herein, such moneys shall thereafter be applied on or prior to the next sinking fund payment date for the Debt Securities of such series on which such moneys may be applied pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

ARTICLE XV.

DEFEASANCE

SECTION 15.1. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

If, pursuant to Section 3.1, provision is made for the defeasance of Debt Securities of a series, and if the Debt Securities of such series are Registered Securities and denominated and payable only in Dollars (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.1 and subject to the proviso in the last sentence of this paragraph) then the provisions of this Article shall be applicable except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of such series. Defeasance provisions, if any, for Debt Securities denominated and/or payable in a Foreign Currency or Currencies may be specified pursuant to Section 3.1; provided, however, that nothing herein or therein shall obligate the Trustee (without its consent, at its sole option) to hold or maintain any account, or act as Paying Agent with respect to, any Foreign Currency or Currencies.

SECTION 15.2. DEFEASANCE UPON DEPOSIT OF MONEYS OR U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS.

At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have been Discharged (as defined below) from its obligations with respect to Debt Securities of any series ("legal defeasance option") or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Section 10.1 with respect to Debt Securities of any series (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.1, any other obligation of the Company or restrictive covenant added for the benefit of such series pursuant to Section 3.1) ("covenant defeasance option") at any time after the applicable conditions set forth below have been satisfied:

(1) the Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series (i) money in an amount, or (ii) U.S. Government Obligations (as defined below) which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii), sufficient, in the opinion (with respect to (i) and (ii)) of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge each installment of principal (including any mandatory sinking fund payments) of and premium, if any, and interest on, the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series on the dates such installments of interest or principal and premium are due;

(2) such deposit shall not cause the Trustee with respect to the Debt Securities of that series to have a conflicting interest as defined in Section 6.8 and for purposes of the Trust Indenture Act with respect to the Debt Securities of any series;

(3) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(4) if the Debt Securities of such series are then listed on any national securities exchange or included in Nasdaq, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a letter or other document from such exchange to the effect that the Company's exercise of its option under this Section would not cause such Debt Securities to be delisted or would not cause the inclusion of such Debt Securities to be terminated, as applicable;

(5) no Event of Default or event (including such deposit) which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit and, with respect to the legal defeasance option only, no Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after such date;

(6) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel or a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance or Discharge; and

(7) no event or condition shall exist that, pursuant to the provisions of Article XVII, would prevent the Company from making payments of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Securities of such series on the date of such deposit.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option and an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default under Section 5.1(6) or Section 5.1(7) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after the date of such deposit, the obligations of the Company referred to under the definition of covenant defeasance option with respect to such Debt Securities shall be reinstated.

Notwithstanding the Company's exercise of the covenant defeasance option, the Company may subsequently exercise the legal defeasance option.

"Discharged" means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the Debt Securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under this Indenture relating to the Debt Securities of such series (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except (A) the rights of Holders of Debt Securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described in clause (1) above, payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and

interest on such Debt Securities when such payments are due, (B) the Company's obligations with respect to the Debt Securities of such series under Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 12.3 and 15.3 and (C) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

SECTION 15.3. DEPOSITED MONEYS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO BE HELD IN TRUST.

All moneys and U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 15.2 in respect of Debt Securities of a series shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of such Debt Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Debt Securities, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 15.4. REPAYMENT TO COMPANY.

The Trustee and any Paying Agent shall promptly pay or return to the Company upon Company Request any moneys or U.S. Government Obligations held by them at any time that are not required for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Debt Securities of any series for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

The provisions of the last paragraph of Section 12.4 shall apply to any money held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent under this Article that remains unclaimed for two years after the Maturity of any series of Debt Securities for which money or U.S. Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 15.2.

ARTICLE XVI.

CONVERSION

SECTION 16.1. APPLICABILITY; CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for Debt Securities of any series, the provisions of this Article XVI shall be applicable to any Debt Securities that are convertible into Common Stock. If so provided pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of any series, the Holder of a Debt Security of such series shall have the right, at such Holder's option, to convert, in accordance with the terms of such series of Debt Securities and this Article XVI, all or any part (in a denomination of, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to Securities of such series, \$1,000 in principal amount or any integral multiple of such amount, as applicable) of such Debt Security into shares of Common Stock or, as to any Debt Securities called for redemption, at any time prior to the time and date fixed for such redemption (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price, in which case such right shall not terminate at such time and date).

SECTION 16.2. CONVERSION PROCEDURE; CONVERSION PRICE; FRACTIONAL SHARES.

(a) Each Debt Security to which this Article is applicable shall be convertible at the office of the Conversion Agent, and at such other place or places, if any, specified pursuant to Section 3.1 with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, into fully paid and nonassessable shares (calculated to the nearest 1/100th of a share) of Common Stock. The Debt Securities will be converted into shares of Common Stock at the Conversion Price therefor. No payment or adjustment shall be made in respect of dividends on the Common Stock or accrued interest on a converted Debt Security except as described in Section 16.9. The Company may, but shall not be required, in connection with any conversion of Debt Securities, to issue a fraction of a share of Common Stock and, if the Company shall determine not to issue any such fraction, the Company shall, subject to Section 16.3(4), make a cash payment (calculated to the nearest cent) equal to such fraction multiplied by the Closing Price of the Common Stock on the last Trading Day prior to the date of conversion.

(b) Before any Holder of a Debt Security shall be entitled to convert the same into Common Stock, such Holder shall surrender such Debt Security duly endorsed to the Company or in blank, at the office of the Conversion Agent or at such other place or places, if any, specified pursuant to Section 3.1, and shall deliver a Conversion Request to the Conversion Agent at said office or place that he elects to convert the same and shall state in writing therein the principal amount of Debt Securities to be converted and the name or names (with addresses) in which he wishes the certificate or certificates for Common Stock to be issued; provided, however, that no Debt Security or portion thereof shall be accepted for conversion unless the principal amount of such Debt Security or such portion, when added to the principal amount of all other Debt Securities or portions thereof then being surrendered by the Holder thereof for conversion, exceeds the then effective Conversion Price with respect thereto. If more than one Debt Security shall be surrendered for conversion at one time by the same Holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock which shall be deliverable upon conversion shall be computed

on the basis of the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities (or specified portions thereof to the extent permitted thereby) so surrendered. Subject to the next succeeding sentence, the Company will, as soon as practicable thereafter, issue and deliver at said office or place to such Holder of a Debt Security, or to his nominee or nominees, certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock to which he shall be entitled as aforesaid, together, subject to the last sentence of paragraph (a) above, with cash in lieu of any fraction of a share to which he would otherwise be entitled. In addition, a holder of Preferred Securities may exercise its right under the Trust Agreement to exchange such Preferred Securities for Debt Securities which shall be converted into Common Stock by delivering to the Conversion Agent a Conversion Request setting forth the information called for by the first sentence of this paragraph (b) and directing the Conversion Agent (i) to exchange such Preferred Security for a portion of the Debt Securities held by the applicable RGA Capital Trust (at an exchange rate of \$__ principal amount of Debt Securities for each Preferred Security) and (ii) to immediately convert such Debt Securities, on behalf of the Holder, into Common Stock pursuant to this Article XVI and, if such Preferred Securities are in certificate form, surrendering such Preferred Securities, duly endorsed to the Company or in blank. Unless otherwise specified for a series of Debt Securities pursuant to Section 3.1, so long as any Preferred Securities of a related RGA Capital Trust are outstanding, the RGA Capital Trust shall not convert any Debt Securities except pursuant to a Conversion Request delivered to the Conversion Agent by a holder of Preferred Securities of the applicable RGA Capital Trust. The Company shall not be required to deliver certificates for shares of Common Stock while the stock transfer books for such stock or the Security Register are duly closed for any purpose, but certificates for shares of Common Stock shall be issued and delivered as soon as practicable after the opening of such books or Security Register. A Debt Security shall be deemed to have been converted as of the close of business on the date of the surrender of such Debt Security for conversion as provided above, and the Person or Persons entitled to receive the Common Stock issuable upon such conversion shall be treated for all purposes as the record Holder or Holders of such Common Stock as of the close of business on such date. In case any Debt Security shall be surrendered for partial conversion, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to or upon the written order of the Holder of the Debt Securities so surrendered, without charge to such Holder (subject to the provisions of Section 16.8), a new Debt Security or Securities in authorized denominations in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unconverted portion of the surrendered Debt Security.

SECTION 16.3. ADJUSTMENT OF CONVERSION PRICE FOR COMMON STOCK.

The Conversion Price with respect to any Debt Security which is convertible into Common Stock shall be adjusted from time to time as follows:

(1) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, (i) pay a dividend in shares of its Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, (ii) combine its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a smaller number of shares of Common Stock, (iii) subdivide its outstanding shares of Common Stock into a greater number of shares of Common Stock or (iv) make a distribution in shares of Common Stock to holders of Common Stock, then the Conversion Price in effect immediately

before such action shall be adjusted so that the Holders of such Debt Securities, upon conversion thereof into Common Stock immediately following such event, shall be entitled to receive the kind and amount of shares of capital stock of the Company which they would have owned or been entitled to receive upon or by reason of such event if such Debt Securities had been converted immediately before the record date (or, if no record date, the effective date) for such event. An adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3(1) shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date in the case of a dividend or distribution and shall become effective retroactively immediately after the effective date in the case of a subdivision or combination. For the purposes of this Section 16.3(1), each Holder of Debt Securities shall be deemed to have failed to exercise any right to elect the kind or amount of securities receivable upon the payment of any such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution (provided that if the kind or amount of securities receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities or other property receivable upon such dividend, subdivision, combination or distribution for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares).

(2) In case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, issue rights or warrants to all holders of shares of its Common Stock entitling them (for a period expiring within 45 days after the record date for such issuance) to subscribe for or purchase shares of Common Stock (or securities convertible into shares of Common Stock) at a price per share less than the Current Market Price of the Common Stock at such record date (treating the price per share of the securities convertible into Common Stock as equal to (x) the sum of (i) the price for a unit of the security convertible into Common Stock and (ii) any additional consideration initially payable upon the conversion of such security into Common Stock divided by (y) the number of shares of Common Stock initially underlying such convertible security), the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities shall be adjusted so that it shall equal the price determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of issuance of such rights or warrants by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of such rights or warrants plus the number of additional shares of Common Stock offered for subscription or purchase (or into which the convertible securities so offered are initially convertible), and the denominator of which shall be the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on the date of issuance of securities which the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares of securities so offered for subscription or purchase (or the aggregate purchase price of the convertible securities so offered plus the aggregate amount of any additional consideration initially payable upon conversion of such securities into Common Stock) would purchase at such Current Market Price of the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such rights or warrants.

(3) In the case the Company shall, at any time or from time to time while any of such Debt Securities are outstanding, distribute to all holders of shares of its Common Stock (including any such distribution made in connection with a consolidation or merger in which the Company is the continuing corporation and the Common Stock is not changed or exchanged) cash, evidences of its indebtedness, securities or assets (excluding (i) regular periodic cash dividends in amounts, if any, determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, (ii) dividends payable in shares of Common Stock for which adjustment is made under Section 16.3(1) or (iii) rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase securities of the Company (excluding those referred to in Section 16.3(2))), then in each such case the Conversion Price with respect to such Debt Securities determined by dividing the Conversion Price in effect immediately prior to the date of such distribution by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Current Market Price of the Common Stock on the record date referred to below, and the denominator of which shall be such Current Market Price of the Common Stock less the then fair market value (as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, whose determination shall be conclusive) of the portion of the cash or assets or evidences of indebtedness or securities so distributed or of such subscription rights or warrants applicable to one share of Common Stock (provided that such denominator shall never be less than 1.0); provided however, that no adjustment shall be made with respect to any distribution of rights to purchase securities of the Company if a Holder of Debt Securities would otherwise be entitled to receive such rights upon conversion at any time of such Debt Securities into Common Stock unless such rights are subsequently redeemed by the Company, in which case such redemption shall be treated for purposes of this section as a dividend on the Common Stock. Such adjustment shall become effective retroactively immediately after the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive such distribution; and in the event that such distribution is not so made, the Conversion Price shall again be adjusted to the Conversion Price which would then be in effect if such record date had not been fixed.

(4) The Company shall be entitled to make such additional adjustments in the Conversion Price, in addition to those required by subsections 16.3(1), 16.3(2), and 16.3(3), as shall be necessary in order that any dividend or distribution of Common Stock, any subdivision, reclassification or combination of shares of Common Stock or any issuance of rights or warrants referred to above shall not be taxable to the holders of Common Stock for United States Federal income tax purposes.

(5) In any case in which this Section 16.3 shall require that any adjustment be made effective as of or retroactively immediately following a record date, the Company may elect to defer (but only for five (5) Trading Days following the filing of the statement referred to in Section 16.5) issuing to the Holder of any Debt Securities converted after such record date the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion over and above the shares of Common Stock and other capital stock of the Company issuable upon such conversion on the basis of the Conversion Price prior to adjustment; provided, however, that the Company shall deliver to

such Holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such Holder's right to receive such additional shares upon the occurrence of the event requiring such adjustment.

(6) All calculations under this Section 16.3 shall be made to the nearest cent or one-hundredth of a share of security, with one-half cent and 0.005 of a share, respectively, being rounded upward. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 16.3, the Company shall not be required to make any adjustment of the Conversion Price unless such adjustment would require an increase or decrease of at least 1% of such price. Any lesser adjustment shall be carried forward and shall be made at the time of and together with the next subsequent adjustment which, together with any adjustment or adjustments so carried forward, shall amount to an increase or decrease of at least 1% in such price. Any adjustments under this Section 16.3 shall be made successively whenever an event requiring such an adjustment occurs.

(7) In the event that at any time, as a result of an adjustment made pursuant to this Section 16.3, the Holder of any Debt Security thereafter surrendered for conversion shall become entitled to receive any shares of stock of the Company other than shares of Common Stock into which the Debt Securities originally were convertible, the Conversion Price of such other shares so receivable upon conversion of any such Debt Security shall be subject to adjustment from time to time in a manner and on terms as nearly equivalent as practicable to the provisions with respect to Common Stock contained in subparagraphs (1) through (6) of this Section 16.3, and the provisions of Sections 16.1, 16.2 and 16.4 through 16.9 with respect to the Common Stock shall apply on like or similar terms to any such other shares and the determination of the Board of Directors as to any such adjustment shall be conclusive.

(8) No adjustment shall be made pursuant to this Section: (i) if the effect thereof would be to reduce the Conversion Price below the par value (if any) of the Common Stock or (ii) subject to 16.3(5) hereof, with respect to any Debt Security that is converted prior to the time such adjustment otherwise would be made.

SECTION 16.4. CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER OF THE COMPANY.

In case of either (a) any consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party, other than a merger or consolidation in which the company is the surviving or continuing corporation and which does not result in a reclassification of, or change (other than a change in par value or from par value to no par value or from no par value to par value, as a result of a subdivision or combination) in, outstanding shares of Common Stock or (b) any sale or conveyance of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company to another Person, then each Debt Security then outstanding shall be convertible from and after such merger, consolidation, sale or conveyance of property and assets into the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities and property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance by a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock into which such Debt

Securities would have been converted immediately prior to such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance, subject to adjustments which shall be as nearly equivalent as may be practicable to the adjustments provided for in this Article XVI (and assuming such holder of Common Stock failed to exercise his rights of election, if any, as to the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance (provided that, if the kind or amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance is not the same for each nonelecting share, then the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property (including cash) receivable upon such consolidation, merger, sale or conveyance for each nonelecting share shall be deemed to be the kind and amount so receivable per share by a plurality of the nonelecting shares or securities)). The Company shall not enter into any of the transactions referred to in clause (a) or (b) of the preceding sentence unless effective provision shall be made so as to give effect to the provisions set forth in this Section 16.4. The provisions of this Section 16.4 shall apply similarly to successive consolidations, mergers, sales or conveyances.

SECTION 16.5. NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT.

Whenever an adjustment in the Conversion Price with respect to a series of Debt Securities is required:

(1) the Company shall forthwith place on file with the Trustee and any Conversion Agent for such Securities a certificate of the Treasurer of the Company, stating the adjusted Conversion Price determined as provided herein and setting forth in reasonable detail such facts as shall be necessary to show the reason for and the manner of computing such adjustment, such certificate to be conclusive evidence that the adjustment is correct; and

(2) a notice stating that the Conversion Price has been adjusted and setting forth the adjusted Conversion Price shall forthwith be given by the Company, or at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, in the manner provided in Section 1.5. Any notice so given shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice.

SECTION 16.6. NOTICE IN CERTAIN EVENTS.

In case:

(1) of a consolidation or merger to which the Company is a party and for which approval of any shareholders of the Company is required, or of the sale or conveyance to another Person or entity or group of Persons or entities acting in concert as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company; or

(2) of the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company; or

(3) of any action triggering an adjustment of the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI;

then, in each case, the Company shall cause to be filed with the Trustee and the Conversion Agent for the applicable Debt Securities, and shall cause to be given, to the Holders of record of applicable Debt Securities in the manner provided in Section 1.5, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the applicable date hereinafter specified, a notice stating (x) the date on which a record is to be taken for the purpose of any distribution or grant of rights or warrants triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI, or, if a record is not to be taken, the date as of which the holders of record or Common Stock entitled to such distribution, rights or warrants are to be determined, or (y) the date on which any reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up triggering an adjustment to the Conversion Price pursuant to this Article XVI is expected to become effective, and the date as of which it is expected that holders of Common Stock of record shall be entitled to exchange their Common Stock for securities or other property deliverable upon such reclassification, consolidation, merger, sale, conveyance, dissolution, liquidation or winding up.

Failure to give such notice or any defect therein shall not affect the legality or validity of the proceedings described in clause (1), (2), or (3) of this Section.

SECTION 16.7. COMPANY TO RESERVE STOCK; REGISTRATION; LISTING.

(a) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the Debt Securities, such number of its duly authorized shares of Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all applicable outstanding Debt Securities into such Common Stock at any time (assuming that, at the time of the computation of such number of shares or securities, all such Debt Securities would be held by a single holder); provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company from satisfying its obligations in respect of the conversion of the Debt Securities by delivery of purchased shares of Common Stock which are held in the treasury of the Company. The Company shall from time to time, in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, use its best efforts to cause the authorized amount of the Common Stock to be increased if the aggregate of the authorized amount of the Common Stock remaining unissued and the issued shares of such Common Stock in its treasury (other than any such shares reserved for issuance in any other connection) shall not be sufficient to permit the conversion of all Debt Securities.

(b) If any shares of Common Stock which would be issuable upon conversion of Debt Securities hereunder require registration with or approval of any governmental authority before such shares or securities may be issued upon such conversion, the Company will in good faith and as expeditiously as possible endeavor to cause such shares or securities to be duly registered or approved, as the case may be. The Company will endeavor to list the shares of Common Stock required to be delivered

upon conversion of the Debt Securities prior to such delivery upon the principal national securities exchange upon which the outstanding Common Stock is listed at the time of such delivery.

SECTION 16.8. TAXES ON CONVERSION.

The Company shall pay any and all documentary, stamp or similar issue or transfer taxes that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock on conversion of Debt Securities pursuant hereto. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any such tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock or the portion, if any, of the Debt Securities which are not so converted in a name other than that in which the Debt Securities so converted were registered (in case of Registered Securities), and no such issue or delivery shall be made unless and until the Person requesting such issue has paid to the Company the amount of such tax or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax has been paid.

SECTION 16.9. CONVERSION AFTER RECORD DATE.

If any Debt Securities are surrendered for conversion subsequent to the record date preceding an Interest Payment Date but on or prior to such Interest Payment Date (except Debt Securities called for redemption on a Redemption Date between such record date and Interest Payment Date), the Holder of such Debt Securities at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to receive the interest payable on such Debt Securities on such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the conversion thereof. Debt Securities surrendered for conversion during the period from the close of business on any record date next preceding any Interest Payment Date to the opening of business on such Interest Payment Date shall (except in the case of Debt Securities which have been called for redemption on a Redemption Date within such period) be accompanied by payment in New York Clearing House funds or other funds and in the Currency acceptable to the Company of an amount equal to the interest payable on such Interest Payment Date on the Debt Securities being surrendered for conversion. Except as provided in this Section 16.9, no adjustments in respect of payments of interest on Debt Securities surrendered for conversion or any dividends or distributions of interest on the Common Stock issued upon conversion shall be made upon the conversion of any Debt Securities.

SECTION 16.10. COMPANY DETERMINATION FINAL.

Any determination that the Company or the Board of Directors must make pursuant to this Article is conclusive.

SECTION 16.11. TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee has no duty to determine when an adjustment under this Article should be made, how it should be made or what it should be. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or value of any securities or assets issued upon conversion of Debt Securities. The Trustee shall not be responsible for the Company's

failure to comply with this Article. Each Conversion Agent other than the Company shall have the same protection under this Section as the Trustee.

ARTICLE XVII.

SUBORDINATION

SECTION 17.1. AGREEMENT TO SUBORDINATE.

The Company agrees, and each Holder by accepting any Debt Securities agrees, that, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, the indebtedness evidenced by the Debt Securities is subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Article XVII, to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, and that the subordination is for the benefit of, and shall be enforceable directly by, the holders of Senior Indebtedness, without any act or notice of acceptance hereof or reliance hereon.

SECTION 17.2. CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

"Senior Indebtedness" means the principal, premium, if any, and interest on (i) all indebtedness of the Company, whether outstanding on the date hereof or thereafter created, incurred or assumed (including, without limitation, such indebtedness issued or to be issued under the Company's Senior Indenture and Subordinated Indenture, each dated as of December 19, 2001), that is for borrowed money, or evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any business, properties or assets, including securities, (ii) any indebtedness of any other Person of the kind described in the preceding clause (i) for the payment of which the Company is responsible or liable as guarantor or otherwise and (iii) amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, deferrals and refundings of any such indebtedness. Senior Indebtedness shall continue to be Senior Indebtedness and to be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions of this Article XVII irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of the Senior Indebtedness or extension or renewal of the Senior Indebtedness. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Senior Indebtedness shall not include (A) indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for services obtained in the ordinary course of business and (B) any indebtedness which by its terms is expressly made pari passu with or subordinated to the Securities.

SECTION 17.3. LIQUIDATION; DISSOLUTION; BANKRUPTCY; ETC.

In the event of:

(1) any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization, readjustment, composition or other similar proceeding relating to the Company, its creditors or its property;

(2) any proceeding for the liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the Company, voluntary or involuntary, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings;

(3) any assignment by the company for the benefit of creditors; or

(4) any other marshalling of the assets of the Company,

all Senior Indebtedness (including, without limitation, interest accruing after the commencement of any such proceeding, assignment or marshalling of assets) shall first be paid in full before any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made by the Company on account of the Debt Securities. In any such event, any payment or distribution, whether in cash, securities or other property (other than securities of the Company or any other corporation provided for by a plan of reorganization or a readjustment, the payment of which is subordinate, at least to the extent provided in the subordination provisions of this Indenture with respect to the indebtedness evidenced by the Debt Securities, to the payment of all Senior Indebtedness at the time outstanding and to any securities issued in respect thereof under any such plan of reorganization or readjustment), which would otherwise (but for the provisions of this Article XVII) be payable or deliverable in respect of the Debt Securities (including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other indebtedness of the Company being subordinated to the payment of the Securities) shall be paid or delivered directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, or to their representative or trustee, in accordance with the priorities then existing among such holders until all Senior Indebtedness shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 17.4. DEFAULT ON SENIOR INDEBTEDNESS.

If (i) the Company defaults in the payment of any principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any Senior Indebtedness when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or declaration or otherwise or (ii) an event of default occurs with respect to any Senior Indebtedness permitting the holders thereof to accelerate the maturity thereof and written notice of such event of default (requesting that payments on the Debt Securities cease) is given to the Company by the holders of Senior Indebtedness, then unless and until such default in payment or event of default shall have been cured or waived or shall have ceased to exist, no direct or indirect payment (in cash, property or securities, by set-off or otherwise) shall be made or agreed to be made on account of the Debt Securities or interest thereon or in respect of any repayment, redemption, retirement, purchase or other acquisition of the Debt Securities.

SECTION 17.5. WHEN DISTRIBUTION MUST BE PAID OVER.

Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, if a distribution is made to the Trustee or any Holder at a time when a Responsible Officer of the Trustee or such Holder has actual knowledge that because of this Article XVII such distribution should not have been made to it, the Trustee or such Holder who receives the distribution shall hold it in trust for the benefit of, and, upon written request, shall pay it over to, the holders of Senior Indebtedness as their interests may appear, or their agent or representative or the trustee under the indenture or other agreement (if any) pursuant to which Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, as their respective interests may appear, for application to the payment of all principal, premium, if any, and interest then payable with respect to any Senior Indebtedness.

With respect to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, the Trustee undertakes to perform only such obligations on the part of the Trustee as are specifically set forth in this Article XVII, and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to the holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, and shall not be liable to any such holders if the Trustee shall pay over or distribute to or on behalf of Holders or the Company or any other person money or assets to which any holders of Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled by virtue of this Article XVII, except if such payment is made as a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Trustee.

SECTION 17.6. NOTICE BY COMPANY.

The Company shall promptly notify in writing the Trustee and any Paying Agent of any facts known to the Company that would cause a payment with respect to the Debt Securities to violate this Article XVII, but failure to give such notice shall not affect the subordination of the Debt Securities to the Senior Indebtedness provided in this Article XVII.

SECTION 17.7. SUBROGATION.

Senior Indebtedness shall not be deemed to have been paid in full unless the holders thereof shall have received cash, securities or other property equal to the amount of such Senior Indebtedness then outstanding. After all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full and until the Debt Securities are paid in full, Holders shall be subrogated (equally and ratably with all other indebtedness as to which the right to receive payment is pari passu with the Debt Securities) to the rights of holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive distributions applicable to Senior Indebtedness to the extent that distributions otherwise payable to the Holders have been applied to the payment of Senior Indebtedness, and such payments or distributions received by any Holder of Securities, by reason of such subrogation, of cash, securities or other property which otherwise would be paid or distributed to the holders of Senior Indebtedness, shall, as between the Company and its creditors other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness, on the one hand, and the Holders of Debt Securities, on the other, be deemed to be a payment by the Company on account of Senior Indebtedness, and not on account of Debt Securities.

SECTION 17.8. RELATIVE RIGHTS.

This Article XVII defines the relative rights of Holders and holders of Senior Indebtedness. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities, nothing in this Indenture shall:

(1) impair, as between the Company and Holders, the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay principal of and interest on the Debt Securities in accordance with their terms;

(2) affect the relative rights of Holders and creditors of the Company other than their rights in relation to holders of Senior Indebtedness; or

(3) prevent the Trustee or any Holder from exercising its available remedies upon a Default or Event of Default, subject to the rights of holders and owners of Senior Indebtedness to receive distributions and payments otherwise payable to Holders.

If the Company fails because of this Article XVII to pay principal of or interest on Debt Securities on the due date, the failure is still a Default or Event of Default.

SECTION 17.9. SUBORDINATION MAY NOT BE IMPAIRED BY COMPANY.

No present or future holder of any Senior Indebtedness shall be prejudiced in the right to enforce subordination of the indebtedness constituting the Securities by any act or failure to act on the part of the Company.

SECTION 17.10. DISTRIBUTION.

Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article XVII, the Trustee and the Holders shall be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction or upon any certificate of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making any distribution to the Trustee or to the Holders for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of the Senior Indebtedness and other Debt of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article XVII.

SECTION 17.11. RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE AND PAYING AGENT.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article XVII or any other provision of this Indenture, neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent shall be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts which would prohibit the making of any payment or distribution by the Trustee or such Paying Agent, or the taking of any action by the Trustee or such Paying Agent, and the Trustee or such Paying Agent may continue to make payments on the Debt Securities unless, in the case of the Trustee, and in the case of such Paying Agent as long as the Trustee is such Paying Agent, a Responsible Officer shall have received at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and in the case of a Paying Agent other than the Trustee, it shall have received, in each case at least two Business Days prior to the date of such payment, written notice of facts that would cause any such payment with respect to the Securities to violate this Article XVII. The Trustee or any Paying Agent, as applicable, shall promptly provide a copy of such notice to the Holders. Nothing in this Article XVII shall limit the right of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to recover payments as contemplated elsewhere in this Article XVII or impair the claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 6.7 hereof.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may hold Senior Indebtedness with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee subject to Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(b) and 311. Any Paying Agent may do the same.

SECTION 17.12. AUTHORIZATION TO EFFECT SUBORDINATION.

Each Holder of Debt Securities by his acceptance thereof authorizes and directs the Trustee on his behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article XVII (to the extent the same may be modified pursuant to Section 3.1 hereof with respect to any series of Debt Securities), and appoints the Trustee his attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EXTENDED INTEREST PERIOD

SECTION 18.1. EXTENSION OF INTEREST PAYMENT PERIOD.

So long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Company shall have the right, at any time and from time to time during the term of the Debt Securities of any series, to defer payments of interest by extending the interest payment period of such Debt Securities for an Extended Interest Period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters, during which Extended Interest Period no interest shall be due and payable; provided that no Extended Interest Period may extend beyond the Stated Maturity for the principal of the Debt Securities of such series. At the end of the Extended Interest Period, the Company shall calculate (and deliver such calculation to the Trustee) and pay on the next Interest Payment Date all interest accrued and unpaid on the Debt Securities of such series, including any Additional Payments and Additional Interest (together, the "Deferred Payments") that shall be payable to the Holders of Registered Securities of such series on the first Regular Record Date after the end of the Extended Interest Period. Before the termination of any Extended Interest Period, the Company may further extend such period, provided that such period together with all such further extensions thereof shall not exceed 20 consecutive quarters, or extend beyond the Maturity Date of such Debt Securities. Upon the termination of any Extended Interest Period and upon the payment of all Deferred Payments then due, the Company may commence a new Extended Interest Period, subject to the foregoing requirements. No interest or Additional Interest shall be due and payable during an Extended Interest Period, except at the end thereof, but the Company may prepay at any time all or any portion of the interest and Additional Interest accrued during an Extended Interest Period.

SECTION 18.2. NOTICE OF EXTENSION.

(a) If the Property Trustee is the only registered holder of a series of the Debt Securities at the time the Company selects an Extended Interest Period, the Company shall give written notice to the Administrative Trustees, the Property Trustee and the Trustee of its selection of such Extended Interest Period two Business Days before the earlier of (i) the next succeeding date on which Distributions on the Trust Securities issued by the Trust are payable; or (ii) the date the Trust is required to give notice of the record date, or the date such Distributions are payable, to The New York Stock Exchange, Inc., Nasdaq or other applicable national exchange or self-regulatory organization or to holders of the Preferred Securities issued by the Trust, but in any event at least one Business Day before such record date.

(b) If the Property Trustee is not the only holder of the Debt Securities of a series at the time the Company selects an Extended Interest Period, the Company shall give the Holders of such Debt Securities and the Trustee written notice of its selection of such Extended Interest Period at least two Business Days before the earlier of (i) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; or (ii) the date the Company is required to give notice of the record or payment date of such interest payment to The New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq or other applicable national exchange or self-regulatory organization or to holders of the Debt Securities.

(c) The quarter in which any notice is given pursuant to paragraphs (a) or (b) of this Section 18.2 shall be counted as one of the 20 quarters permitted in the maximum Extended Interest Period permitted under Section 18.1.

SECTION 18.3. LIMITATION ON TRANSACTIONS.

If (a) the Company shall exercise its right to defer payment of interest as provided in Section 18.1; or (b) there shall have occurred any Event of Default, then (i) the Company shall not declare or pay any dividend on, make any distributions with respect to, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its capital stock (other than (A) dividends or distributions in common stock of the Company, or any declaration of a non-cash dividend in connection with the implementation of a shareholder rights plan, or the issuance of stock under any such plan in the future, or the redemption or repurchase of any such rights pursuant thereto, and (B) purchases of common stock of the Company related to the rights under any of the Company's benefit plans for its directors, officers or employees); (ii) the Company shall not make any payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities issued by the Company which rank pari passu with or junior in interest to the Debt Securities of a series issued under this Indenture; provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing the Company may make payments pursuant to its obligations under the applicable Preferred Securities Guarantee; and (iii) the Company shall not redeem, purchase or acquire less than all of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series or any of the Preferred Securities associated with such Debt Securities.

SECTION 18.4. APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE.

Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the provisions of this Article XVIII only shall apply to Debt Securities of any series to which this Article expressly is made applicable, as specified pursuant to Section 3.1 for any such series of Debt Securities).

ARTICLE XIX.

RIGHT OF DIRECT ACTION; SETOFF

SECTION 19.1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS; RIGHT OF SETOFF.

(a) The Company acknowledges that, with respect to any Debt Securities held as the assets of the applicable RGA Capital Trust or a trustee of such an RGA Capital Trust, if the Property Trustee fails to enforce its rights under this Indenture as the holder of the Debt Securities of any series held as the assets of such an RGA Capital Trust, any holder of Preferred Securities of such RGA Capital Trust may institute legal proceedings directly against the Company to enforce such Property Trustee's rights under this Indenture without first instituting any legal proceedings against such Property Trustee or any other person or entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.7, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to the failure of the Company to pay principal of (and premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of any series at the Stated Maturity (or in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date, or if the redemption is a Special Redemption, on the date of redemption), the Company acknowledges that a holder of Preferred Securities may directly institute a proceeding for enforcement of payment to such Holder of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of such series having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities of such holder on or after the respective due date specified in the Debentures of such series.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Indenture, the Company shall have the right to setoff any payment it is otherwise required to make hereunder in respect of any Trust Securities to the extent that the Company has previously made, or is concurrently making, a payment to the holder of such Trust Securities under the Preferred Securities Guarantee or in connection with a proceeding for enforcement of payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on the Debt Securities of any series directly brought by holders of any Trust Securities related to such series.

(c) For so long as any of the Preferred Securities remain Outstanding, if, upon an Event of Default with respect to a particular series of Debt Securities, the Property Trustee fails or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of such outstanding Debt Securities of such series fail to declare the principal of all of such Debt Securities to be immediately due and payable, the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate liquidation amount of the Preferred Securities then Outstanding and affected thereby shall have the right to declare the principal of all of the Debt Securities of such series to be immediately due and payable by a notice in writing to the Company, as depositor and the Property Trustee; and upon any such declaration such principal amount of and the accrued interest on, and any premium due, on all of the Debt Securities of such series shall become immediately due and payable, provided that the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Debt Securities shall remain subordinated to the extent provided in this Indenture.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of the day and year first above written.

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA,
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ TODD C. LARSON

Title:

Attest:

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Title:

Seal

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
as Trustee

By: /s/ ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO

Title:

Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939
and Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of December 18, 2001

Trust Indenture Act Section	Indenture Section
ss. 310 (a)(1)	6.9
(a)(2)	6.9
(a)(3)	Not Applicable
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	6.9
(b)	6.8, 6.10
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 311 (a)	6.13(a)
(b)	6.13(b)
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 312 (a)	7.1, 7.2(a)
(b)	7.2(b)
(c)	7.2(c)
ss. 313 (a)	7.3(a)
(b)	7.3(b)
(c)	7.3(a), 7.3(c)
(d)	7.3(d)
ss. 314 (a)	7.4, 12.2
(b)	Not Applicable
(c)(1)	1.2
(c)(2)	1.2
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)	Not Applicable
(e)	1.2
ss. 315 (a)	6.1(a), 6.1(c)
(b)	6.2, 7.3(a)(7)
(c)	6.1(b)
(d)(1)	6.1(a)
(d)(2)	6.1(c)(2)
(d)(3)	6.1(c)(3)
(e)	5.14
ss. 316 (a)(1)(A)	5.2, 5.12
(a)(1)(B)	5.13
(a)(2)	Not Applicable
(b)	5.8
(c)	Not Applicable
ss. 317 (a)(1)	5.3
(a)(2)	5.4
(b)	12.4
ss. 318	1.6

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

CERTIFICATE OF TRUST
OF
RGA CAPITAL TRUST III

This Certificate of Trust of RGA Capital Trust III (the "Trust") is being executed and filed on behalf of the Trust by the undersigned, as trustees, to form a Statutory Trust under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act (12 Del. C. Section 3801 et seq.) (the "Act").

1. Name. The name of the statutory trust formed hereby is RGA Capital Trust III.

2. Delaware Trustee. The name and business address of the trustee of the Trust in the State of Delaware is The Bank of New York (Delaware), White Clay Center, Route 273, Newark, Delaware 19771.

3. Effective Date. This Certificate of Trust shall be effective upon filing.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have duly executed this Certificate of Trust in accordance with Section 3811(a)(1) of the Act.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware trustee

By: /s/ JAMES LONGSHAW

Name: James Longshaw

Title: Senior Vice President

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Jack B. Lay
Trustee

/s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring
Trustee

/s/ TODD C. LARSON

Todd C. Larson
Trustee

TRUST AGREEMENT
OF
RGA CAPITAL TRUST III

THIS TRUST AGREEMENT (the "Trust Agreement") is made as of August 4, 2003, by and among Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, as Depositor (the "Depositor"), and the individual trustees identified on the signature page hereto (the "Trustees").

The Depositor and the Trustees hereby agree as follows:

1. The trust created hereby (the "Trust") shall be known as "RGA Capital Trust III", in which name the Trustees or the Depositor, to the extent provided herein, may conduct the business of the Trust, make and execute contracts, and sue and be sued.
2. The Depositor hereby assigns, transfers, conveys and sets over to the Trustees the sum of \$10. The Trustees hereby declare that they will hold the trust estate in trust for such persons as are or may become entitled to a beneficial interest in the trust estate. It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust created hereby constitutes a statutory trust under Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code ss.3801 et seq. (the "Statutory Trust Act"), and that this document constitutes the governing instrument of the Trust. The Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate of trust in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in the form attached hereto.
3. The Depositor and the Trustees intend to enter into an amended and restated Trust Agreement, satisfactory to each such party to provide for the contemplated operation of the Trust created hereby and the Preferred and Common Securities referred to therein. Prior to the execution and delivery of such amended and restated Trust Agreement, the Trustees shall not have any duty or obligation hereunder or with respect to the trust estate, except as required by law or as may be necessary to obtain prior to such execution and delivery any licenses, consents or approvals required by applicable law or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may take all actions deemed proper as are necessary to effect the transactions contemplated herein.
4. The Depositor, as Depositor of the Trust, is hereby authorized, in its discretion, (i) to prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and to execute, in each case, on behalf of the Trust, (a) a Registration Statement on Form S-3, or an appropriate successor form (the "1933 Act Registration Statement"), including all pre-effective and post-effective amendments thereto, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), of the Preferred Securities of the Trust, (b) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus or supplement thereto relating to the Preferred Securities of the Trust required to be filed pursuant to the 1933 Act, and (c) a Registration Statement on Form 8-A or other appropriate form (the "1934 Act Registration Statement"), including all pre-effective and post-effective amendments thereto, relating to the registration of the Preferred Securities of the Trust under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; (ii) if and at such time as determined by the Depositor, to file with the New York Stock Exchange or other national exchange (an "Exchange"), or the Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq") of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), and to execute on behalf of the Trust a listing application and all other applications, statements, certificates, agreements and other instruments as shall be necessary or desirable to cause the Preferred Securities of the Trust to be listed on an Exchange, or to be designated for inclusion in

Nasdaq; (iii) to file and execute on behalf of the Trust such applications, reports, surety bonds, irrevocable consents, appointments of attorney for service of process and other papers and documents as shall be necessary or desirable to register the Preferred Securities of the Trust under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of such jurisdictions as the Depositor, on behalf of the Trust, may deem necessary or desirable; (iv) to execute and deliver letters or documents to, or instruments for filing with, a depository relating to the Preferred Securities of the Trust; and (v) to execute, deliver and perform on behalf of the Trust an underwriting agreement with one or more underwriters relating to the offering of the Preferred Securities of the Trust.

In the event that any filing referred to in this Section 4 is required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, an applicable Exchange, the NASD, or state securities or "Blue Sky" laws to be executed on behalf of the Trust by one or more of the Trustees, each of the Trustees, in his, her or its capacity as a trustee of the Trust, is hereby authorized, and to the extent so required, directed to join in any such filing and to execute on behalf of the Trust any and all of the foregoing, it being understood that The Bank of New York (Delaware), in its capacity as a trustee of the Trust, shall not be required to join in any such filing or to execute on behalf of the Trust any such document unless required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, such Exchange, the NASD, or state securities or "Blue Sky" laws. In connection with the filings referred to above, the Depositor and Jack B. Lay, A. Greig Woodring, and Todd C. Larson, each as Trustees and not in their individual capacities, hereby constitutes and appoints Jack B. Lay, A. Greig Woodring and Todd C. Larson, and each of them, as their true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the Depositor or such Trustee or in the Depositor's or such Trustees' name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the 1933 Act Registration Statement and the 1934 Act Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, the applicable Exchange and administrators of the state securities or "Blue Sky" laws, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as the Depositor or such Trustee might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their respective substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

5. This Trust Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts.

6. The number of Trustees initially shall be four (4) and thereafter the number of Trustees shall be such number as shall be fixed from time to time by a written instrument signed by the Depositor, which may increase or decrease the number of Trustees; provided, however, that to the extent required by the Statutory Trust Act, one trustee of the Trust shall either be a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable Delaware law. Subject to the foregoing, the Depositor is entitled to appoint or remove without cause any trustee of the Trust at any time. Any trustee of the Trust may resign upon thirty days' prior notice to the Depositor.

7. The Trustees (the "Fiduciary Indemnified Persons") shall not be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust, the Depositor, the Trustees or any holder of the Trust's securities (the Trust, the Depositor and any holder of the Trust's securities being a "Covered Person") for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission

performed or omitted by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believed to be within the scope of authority conferred on the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by this Trust Agreement or by law, except that the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of the Fiduciary Indemnified Person's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct with respect to such acts of omissions.

The Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any person as to matters the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which distributions to holders of Trust's securities might properly be paid.

8. The Depositor agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:

(a) to indemnify and hold harmless each Fiduciary Indemnified Person, or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, representatives or agents, from and against any loss, damage, liability, tax, penalty, expense or claim of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by reason of the creation, operation or termination of the Trust in a manner the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believed to be within the scope of authority conferred on the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by this Trust Agreement, except that no Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be entitled to be indemnified in respect of any loss, damage or claim incurred by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by reason of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions; and

(b) to advance expenses (including legal fees) incurred by a Fiduciary Indemnified Person in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding, from time to time, prior to the final disposition of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding, upon receipt by the Trust of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Fiduciary Indemnified Persons to repay such amount if it shall be determined that such Fiduciary Indemnified Person is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in the preceding subsection.

The provisions of this section 8 shall survive the termination of this Trust Agreement or the earlier resignation or removal of the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons.

9. This Trust Agreement and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to the principles of conflict of laws.

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware trustee

By: /s/ JAMES LONGSHAW

Name: James Longshaw

Title: Senior Vice President

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Jack B. Lay, as Trustee

/s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring, as Trustee

/s/ TODD C. LARSON

Todd C. Larson, as Trustee

CERTIFICATE OF TRUST
OF
RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

This Certificate of Trust of RGA Capital Trust IV (the "Trust") is being executed and filed on behalf of the Trust by the undersigned, as trustees, to form a Statutory Trust under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act (12 Del. C. Section 3801 et seq.) (the "Act").

1. Name. The name of the business trust formed hereby is RGA Capital Trust IV.

2. Delaware Trustee. The name and business address of the trustee of the Trust in the State of Delaware is The Bank of New York (Delaware), White Clay Center, Route 273, Newark, Delaware 19771.

3. Effective Date. This Certificate of Trust shall be effective upon filing.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have duly executed this Certificate of Trust in accordance with Section 3811(a)(1) of the Act.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware trustee

By: /s/ JAMES LONGSHAW

Name: James Longshaw

Title: Senior Vice President

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Jack B. Lay
Trustee

/s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring
Trustee

/s/ TODD C. LARSON

Todd C. Larson
Trustee

TRUST AGREEMENT
OF
RGA CAPITAL TRUST IV

THIS TRUST AGREEMENT (the "Trust Agreement") is made as of August 4, 2003, by and among Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, as Depositor (the "Depositor"), and the individual trustees identified on the signature page hereto (the "Trustees").

The Depositor and the Trustees hereby agree as follows:

1. The trust created hereby (the "Trust") shall be known as "RGA Capital Trust IV", in which name the Trustees or the Depositor, to the extent provided herein, may conduct the business of the Trust, make and execute contracts, and sue and be sued.
2. The Depositor hereby assigns, transfers, conveys and sets over to the Trustees the sum of \$10. The Trustees hereby declare that they will hold the trust estate in trust for such persons as are or may become entitled to a beneficial interest in the trust estate. It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Trust created hereby constitutes a statutory trust under Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code, 12 Del. Code ss.3801 et seq. (the "Statutory Trust Act"), and that this document constitutes the governing instrument of the Trust. The Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate of trust in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in the form attached hereto.
3. The Depositor and the Trustees intend to enter into an amended and restated Trust Agreement, satisfactory to each such party to provide for the contemplated operation of the Trust created hereby and the Preferred and Common Securities referred to therein. Prior to the execution and delivery of such amended and restated Trust Agreement, the Trustees shall not have any duty or obligation hereunder or with respect to the trust estate, except as required by law or as may be necessary to obtain prior to such execution and delivery any licenses, consents or approvals required by applicable law or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustees may take all actions deemed proper as are necessary to effect the transactions contemplated herein.
4. The Depositor, as Depositor of the Trust, is hereby authorized, in its discretion, (i) to prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") and to execute, in each case, on behalf of the Trust, (a) a Registration Statement on Form S-3, or an appropriate successor form (the "1933 Act Registration Statement"), including all pre-effective and post-effective amendments thereto, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), of the Preferred Securities of the Trust, (b) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus or supplement thereto relating to the Preferred Securities of the Trust required to be filed pursuant to the 1933 Act, and (c) a Registration Statement on Form 8-A or other appropriate form (the "1934 Act Registration Statement"), including all pre-effective and post-effective amendments thereto, relating to the registration of the Preferred Securities of the Trust under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; (ii) if and at such time as determined by the Depositor, to file with the New York Stock Exchange or other national exchange (an "Exchange"), or the Nasdaq National Market ("Nasdaq") of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), and to execute on behalf of the Trust a listing application and all other applications, statements, certificates, agreements and other instruments as shall be necessary or desirable to cause the Preferred Securities of the Trust to be listed on an Exchange, or to be designated for inclusion in

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In the event that any filing referred to in this Section 4 is required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, an applicable Exchange, the NASD, or state securities or "Blue Sky" laws to be executed on behalf of the Trust by one or more of the Trustees, each of the Trustees, in his, her or its capacity as a trustee of the Trust, is hereby authorized, and to the extent so required, directed to join in any such filing and to execute on behalf of the Trust any and all of the foregoing, it being understood that The Bank of New York (Delaware), in its capacity as a trustee of the Trust, shall not be required to join in any such filing or to execute on behalf of the Trust any such document unless required by the rules and regulations of the Commission, such Exchange, the NASD, or state securities or "Blue Sky" laws. In connection with the filings referred to above, the Depositor and Jack B. Lay, A. Greig Woodring, and Todd C. Larson, each as Trustees and not in their individual capacities, hereby constitutes and appoints Jack B. Lay, A. Greig Woodring and Todd C. Larson, and each of them, as their true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the Depositor or such Trustee or in the Depositor's or such Trustees' name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the 1933 Act Registration Statement and the 1934 Act Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, the applicable Exchange and administrators of the state securities or "Blue Sky" laws, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as the Depositor or such Trustee might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their respective substitute or substitutes, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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6. The number of Trustees initially shall be four (4) and thereafter the number of Trustees shall be such number as shall be fixed from time to time by a written instrument signed by the Depositor, which may increase or decrease the number of Trustees; provided, however, that to the extent required by the Statutory Trust Act, one trustee of the Trust shall either be a natural person who is a resident of the State of Delaware or, if not a natural person, an entity which has its principal place of business in the State of Delaware and otherwise meets the requirements of applicable Delaware law. Subject to the foregoing, the Depositor is entitled to appoint or remove without cause any trustee of the Trust at any time. Any trustee of the Trust may resign upon thirty days' prior notice to the Depositor.

7. The Trustees (the "Fiduciary Indemnified Persons") shall not be liable, responsible or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Trust, the Depositor, the Trustees or any holder of the Trust's securities (the Trust, the Depositor and any holder of the Trust's securities being a "Covered Person") for any loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of any act or omission

performed or omitted by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons in good faith on behalf of the Trust and in a manner the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believed to be within the scope of authority conferred on the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by this Trust Agreement or by law, except that the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be liable for any such loss, damage or claim incurred by reason of the Fiduciary Indemnified Person's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct with respect to such acts of omissions.

The Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Trust and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Trust by any person as to matters the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Trust, including information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities, profits, losses, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of assets from which distributions to holders of Trust's securities might properly be paid.

8. The Depositor agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law:

(a) to indemnify and hold harmless each Fiduciary Indemnified Person, or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, representatives or agents, from and against any loss, damage, liability, tax, penalty, expense or claim of any kind or nature whatsoever incurred by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by reason of the creation, operation or termination of the Trust in a manner the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons reasonably believed to be within the scope of authority conferred on the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by this Trust Agreement, except that no Fiduciary Indemnified Persons shall be entitled to be indemnified in respect of any loss, damage or claim incurred by the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons by reason of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct with respect to such acts or omissions; and

(b) to advance expenses (including legal fees) incurred by a Fiduciary Indemnified Person in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding, from time to time, prior to the final disposition of such claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding, upon receipt by the Trust of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Fiduciary Indemnified Persons to repay such amount if it shall be determined that such Fiduciary Indemnified Person is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in the preceding subsection.

The provisions of this section 8 shall survive the termination of this Trust Agreement or the earlier resignation or removal of the Fiduciary Indemnified Persons.

9. This Trust Agreement and the rights of the parties hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware and all rights and remedies shall be governed by such laws without regard to the principles of conflict of laws.

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (DELAWARE),
as Delaware trustee

By: /s/ JAMES LONGSHAW

Name: James Longshaw

Title: Senior Vice President

/s/ JACK B. LAY

Jack B. Lay, as Trustee

/s/ A. GREIG WOODRING

A. Greig Woodring, as Trustee

/s/ TODD C. LARSON

Todd C. Larson, as Trustee

[LETTERHEAD OF REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED]

August 25, 2003

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated
1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am General Counsel and Secretary of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company"), and have acted as counsel for the Company in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Nos. 333- , 333- -01 and 333- -02 (collectively, the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, Delaware statutory trusts (the "Trusts" and each a "Trust"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to (i) shares of common stock of the Company par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) warrants to purchase Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"); (iii) shares of Preferred Stock of the Company par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares") evidenced by depositary receipts (the "Receipts"); (iv) warrants to purchase Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants"); (v) debt securities, which may be senior (the "Senior Debt Securities"), subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") or junior subordinated (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Securities") (collectively, the "Debt Securities"); (vi) warrants to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Security Warrants") and (vii) warrants to purchase other securities ("Other Warrants" and collectively with the Common Stock Warrants, the Preferred Stock Warrants and the Debt Security Warrants, the "Securities Warrants"); (viii) contracts for the purchase and sale of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, Depositary Shares or Securities Warrants (the "Purchase Contracts"); and (ix) Units (the "Units") of the Company, consisting of one or more of the Purchase Contracts, Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury Securities (the "Third Party Debt Securities"), securing the holder's obligation to purchase the Common Stock or the Preferred Stock under the Purchase Contracts, Depositary Shares, Securities Warrants or Trust Preferred Securities (as defined below). The Registration Statement also relates to the registration under the Act of trust preferred securities of the Trusts (the "Trust Preferred Securities") and guarantees of the Trust Preferred Securities by the Company (the "Guarantees"). The Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares, the Debt Securities, the Guarantees, the Purchase Contracts, the Securities Warrants and the Units are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Securities." The Securities may be issued and sold or delivered from time to time as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus") and supplements to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplements") filed pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act for an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$800,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies or composite currencies.

The Senior Debt Securities thereof will be issued under a Senior Indenture, dated as of December 19, 2001, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Senior Trustee"), as supplemented (the "Senior Indenture"). The Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under an indenture (the "Subordinated Indenture") between the Company and the subordinated indenture trustee (the "Subordinated Indenture Trustee"). The Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of December 18, 2001, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"), as supplemented (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"). The Senior Indenture, the Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Indentures."

The Purchase Contracts will be issued pursuant to a purchase contract agreement (the "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and the purchase contract agent (the "Purchase Contract Agent").

The Depositary Shares will be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement between the Company and the depositary agent (the "Depositary Agent").

The Guarantees will be issued pursuant to a guarantee agreement (the "Guarantee Agreement") between the Company and the guarantee trustee (the "Guarantee Trustee").

The Common Stock Warrants will be issued under a common stock warrant agreement (the "Common Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and the common stock warrant agent. The Preferred Stock Warrants will be issued under a preferred stock warrant agreement (the "Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and the preferred stock warrant agent. The senior debt security warrants will be issued under a senior debt security warrant agreement (the "Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, the senior debt security warrant agent and the Senior Trustee. The subordinated debt security warrants will be issued under a subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, the subordinated debt security warrant agent and the Subordinated Indenture Trustee. The Other Warrants will be issued under a warrant agreement (the "Other Warrant Agreement") between the Company, the applicable Trustee and the warrant agent. The Common Stock Warrant Agreement, the Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement, the Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement and the Other Warrant Agreement are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Warrant Agreements." Each party to a Warrant Agreement other than the Company is referred to hereinafter as a "Counterparty."

The Units will be issued under a unit agreement (the "Unit Agreement") between the Company and the unit agent (the "Unit Agent").

In connection herewith, I have examined and relied without investigation as to matters of fact upon the Registration Statement, certificates, statements and results of inquiries of public officials and officers and representatives of the Issuer, and such other documents, corporate records, certificates and instruments as I have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable me to render the opinions expressed herein. I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on all documents examined by me, the legal competence and

capacity of each person that executed documents, the authenticity of documents submitted to me as originals, and the conformity to authentic originals of documents submitted to me as certified or photocopies.

I also have assumed that: (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Senior Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Senior Indenture Trustee; (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (3) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (4) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Depository Agent; (5) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchase Contract Agent; (6) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Guarantee Trustee; (7) at the time of execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of each Counterparty thereto; and (8) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Units, the related Unit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Unit Agent.

I have assumed further that (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Senior Indenture will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Subordinated Indenture will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (3) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (4) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (5) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (6) at the time of execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (7) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (8) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Unit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and (9) at the time of the issuance and sale of any of the Securities, the terms of the Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company.

Based upon the foregoing, in reliance thereon and subject to the exceptions, qualifications and limitations stated herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, I am of the opinion that:

1. With respect to the Common Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board of Directors of the Company, a duly constituted and acting committee of such board or duly authorized officers of the Company (such Board of Directors, committee or authorized officers being referred to herein as the "Board"), of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Common Stock and (b) due issuance and delivery of the Common Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, or upon the exercise of a securities warrant for conversion of a convertible Debt Security, the Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

2. With respect to the Preferred Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company and (c) due issuance and delivery of the Preferred Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, the Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

3. With respect to the Receipts, assuming the (a) taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the related Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company authorizing and establishing the terms of the Preferred Stock, (c) terms of the Depositary Shares and of their issuance and sale have been duly established in conformity with the terms of the Deposit Agreement, (d) due issuance and delivery of the related Preferred Stock, upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, and (e) Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares are duly issued against the deposit of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the Deposit Agreement, such Receipts will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement.

4. With respect to the Debt Securities, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters by the Board and (b) due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of such Debt Securities, upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

5. With respect to the Guarantees, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Guarantees, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters by the Board, (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees upon payment of the consideration thereof provided for in

the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Guarantee Agreement, such Guarantees will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

6. With respect to the Purchase Contracts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Purchase Contracts, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters by the Board and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, upon payment of the consideration for such Purchase Contracts provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement, the Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

7. With respect to the Securities Warrants, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Securities Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters by the Board and (b) due execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of such Securities Warrants, upon payment of the consideration for such Securities Warrants provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Warrant Agreement, such Securities Warrants will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

8. With respect to the Units, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action by the Board to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Units and the related Unit Agreements, any Purchase Contracts, any Debt Securities or any Trust Preferred Securities, in each case, which are a component of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (b) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Third Party Debt Securities which are a component of the Units and related matters by the board of directors of each third party, a duly constituted and acting committee of such board or duly authorized officers of each third party and (c) due execution, authentication, in the case of Debt Securities and Third Party Debt Securities, issuance and delivery of (1) the Units, (2) such Purchase Contracts (3) such Debt Securities, (4) such Trust Preferred Securities and (5) such Third Party Debt Securities, in each case upon the payment of the consideration therefor provided for (i) in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement, in the case of such Purchase Contracts, (ii) the applicable Indenture, in the case of such Debt Securities, (iii) the applicable Certificate of Trust and Trust Agreement, in the case of such Trust Preferred Securities and (iv) the applicable indenture, in the case of such Third Party Debt Securities, such Units will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

In addition to the limitations set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following:

(a) My opinions set forth in paragraphs 3 through 8 above are subject to and limited by the effects of (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles, 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 enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, (iii) requirements that a claim with respect to any Securities denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law, and (iv) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currency or composite currency.

(b) My opinions expressed above are limited to the laws of the State of Missouri and the federal laws of the United States of America. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and I assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering my opinions, I have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of any laws, decisions, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, court or administrative agency.

(c) You have informed me that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. I understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford me an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable prospectus supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion (if any) as I may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of my name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. I also consent to your filing copies of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, I do not thereby concede that I am within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ James E. Sherman

James E. Sherman
General Counsel and Secretary

[LETTERHEAD OF RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, P.A.]

August 21, 2003

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated
1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039

Re: RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special Delaware counsel for RGA Capital Trust III ("Trust III") and RGA Capital Trust IV ("Trust IV"), each a Delaware statutory trust, in connection with the matters set forth herein. Trust III and Trust IV are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Trusts" and sometimes hereinafter individually referred to as a "Trust". At your request, this opinion is being furnished to you.

For purposes of giving the opinions hereinafter set forth, our examination of documents has been limited to the examination of originals or copies of the following:

- (a) The Certificate of Trust of Trust III (the "Trust III Certificate of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Secretary of State") on August 4, 2003;
- (b) The Certificate of Trust of Trust IV (the "Trust IV Certificate of Trust," together with the Trust III Certificate of Trust, the "Certificates of Trust"), as filed in the office of the Secretary of State on August 4, 2003;
- (c) The Trust Agreement of Trust III, dated as of August 4, 2003, among Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company"), and the trustees of Trust III named therein;
- (d) The Trust Agreement of Trust IV, dated as of August 4, 2003, among the Company and the trustees of Trust IV named therein;
- (e) The Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), including a preliminary prospectus (the "Prospectus"), relating to, among other things, the Preferred Securities of the Trusts representing preferred beneficial interests in the assets of the Trusts (each, a "Preferred Security" and collectively, the "Preferred Securities"), in the form to be filed by the

Company and the Trusts with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about August 21, 2003;

- (f) A form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement for each of the Trusts, to be entered into among the Company and the trustees of the Trust named therein (collectively, the "Trust Agreements" and individually, a "Trust Agreement"), incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement (including Exhibit D thereto); and
- (g) A Certificate of Good Standing for each of the Trusts, dated August 21, 2003, obtained from the Secretary of State.

Initially capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the Trust Agreements.

For purposes of this opinion, we have not reviewed any documents other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (g) above. In particular, we have not reviewed any document (other than the documents listed in paragraphs (a) through (g) above) that is referred to in or incorporated by reference into the documents reviewed by us. We have assumed that there exists no provision in any document that we have not reviewed that is inconsistent with the opinions stated herein. We have conducted no independent factual investigation of our own but rather have relied solely upon the foregoing documents, the statements and information set forth therein and the additional matters recited or assumed herein, all of which we have assumed to be true, complete and accurate in all material respects.

With respect to all documents examined by us, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as authentic originals, (ii) the conformity with the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies or forms, and (iii) the genuineness of all signatures.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed (i) that each of the Trust Agreements will constitute the entire agreement among the parties thereto with respect to the subject matter thereof, including with respect to the creation, operation and termination of the applicable Trust, and that the Trust Agreements and the Certificates of Trust will be in full force and effect and will not be amended, (ii) except to the extent provided in paragraph 1 below, the due organization or due formation, as the case may be, and valid existence in good standing of each party to the documents examined by us under the laws of the jurisdiction governing its organization or formation, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons who are parties to the documents examined by us, (iv) that each of the parties to the documents examined by us has the power and authority to execute and deliver, and to perform its obligations under, such documents, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery by all parties thereto of all documents examined by us, (vi) the receipt by each Person to whom a Preferred Security is to be issued by the Trusts (collectively, the "Preferred Security Holders") of a Preferred Security Certificate for such Preferred Security and the payment for such Preferred Security, in accordance with the Trust Agreements and the Registration Statement, and (vii) that the Preferred Securities are authenticated, issued and sold to the Preferred Security Holders in

accordance with the Trust Agreements and the Registration Statement. We have not participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and assume no responsibility for their contents.

This opinion is limited to the Delaware Statutory Trust Act, including the statutory provisions and all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws, and we have not considered and express no opinion on the laws of any other jurisdiction, including federal laws and rules and regulations relating thereto. Our opinions are rendered only with respect to Delaware laws and rules, regulations and orders thereunder which are currently in effect.

Based upon the foregoing, and upon our examination of such questions of law and statutes of the State of Delaware as we have considered necessary or appropriate, and subject to the assumptions, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. Each of the Trusts has been duly created and is validly existing in good standing as a statutory trust under the Statutory Trust Act.

2. The Preferred Securities of each Trust will be, when issued, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable beneficial interests in the assets of the applicable Trust, subject to the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3 below.

3. The Preferred Security Holders, as beneficial owners of the applicable Trust, will be entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to stockholders of private corporations for profit organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We note that the Preferred Security Holders may be obligated to make payments as set forth in the Trust Agreements.

We consent to the filing of this opinion with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. In giving the foregoing consents, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, P.A.

[BRYAN CAVE LETTERHEAD]

August 25, 2003

Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated
1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-6039

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special New York counsel to Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated, a Missouri corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company and RGA Capital Trust III and RGA Capital Trust IV, each a Delaware statutory trust (each, a "Trust", and collectively, the "Trusts"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to (i) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"); (ii) warrants to purchase Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"); (iii) shares of Preferred Stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, (the "Preferred Stock"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares") evidenced by depositary receipts (the "Receipts"); (iv) warrants to purchase Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock Warrants"); (v) debt securities, which may be senior (the "Senior Debt Securities"), subordinated (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") or junior subordinated (the "Junior Subordinated Debt Securities" and, collectively with the Senior Debt Securities and the Subordinated Debt Securities, the "Debt Securities"); (vi) warrants to purchase Debt Securities (the "Debt Security Warrants"); (vii) warrants to purchase other securities ("Other Warrants" and, collectively with the Common Stock Warrants, the Preferred Stock Warrants and the Debt Security Warrants, the "Securities Warrants"); (viii) contracts for the purchase and sale of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, Depositary Shares or Securities Warrants (the "Purchase Contracts"); and (ix) Units (the "Units") of the Company, consisting of one or more of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Debt Securities, Securities Warrants, Purchase Contracts, Trust Preferred Securities (as hereinafter defined), Guarantees (as hereinafter defined) and debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury Securities (the "Third Party Debt Securities"). The Registration Statement also relates to the registration under the Act of trust preferred securities of the Trusts (the "Trust Preferred Securities") and guarantees of the Trust Preferred Securities by the Company (the "Guarantees"). The Common Stock, the Preferred Stock, the Depositary Shares, the Debt Securities, the Securities Warrants, the Purchase Contracts, the Guarantees and the Units are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Securities." The Securities may be issued and sold or delivered from time to time

as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus") and supplements to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplements") filed pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act for an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$800,000,000 or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies or composite currencies.

The Senior Debt Securities will be issued under a Senior Indenture, dated as of December 19, 2001, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Senior Trustee"), as supplemented (the "Senior Indenture"). The Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under an indenture (the "Subordinated Indenture") between the Company and the subordinated indenture trustee (the "Subordinated Indenture Trustee"). The Junior Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under a Junior Subordinated Indenture, dated as of December 18, 2001, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee"), as supplemented (the "Junior Subordinated Indenture"). The Senior Indenture, the Subordinated Indenture and the Junior Subordinated Indenture are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Indentures."

The Depositary Shares will be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement between the Company and a depositary agent to be specified therein (the "Depositary Agent").

The Common Stock Warrants will be issued under a common stock warrant agreement (the "Common Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a common stock warrant agent to be specified therein. The Preferred Stock Warrants will be issued under a preferred stock warrant agreement (the "Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement") between the Company and a preferred stock warrant agent to be specified therein. The senior debt security warrants will be issued under a senior debt security warrant agreement (the "Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, the senior debt security warrant agent and the Senior Trustee. The subordinated debt security warrants will be issued under a subordinated debt security warrant agreement (the "Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement") among the Company, a subordinated debt security warrant agent to be specified therein and the Subordinated Indenture Trustee. The Other Warrants will be issued under a warrant agreement (the "Other Warrant Agreement") between the Company, the applicable Trustee and a warrant agent to be specified therein. The Common Stock Warrant Agreement, the Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement, the Senior Debt Security Warrant Agreement, the Subordinated Debt Security Warrant Agreement and the Other Warrant Agreement are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Warrant Agreements." Each party to a Warrant Agreement other than the Company is referred to hereinafter as a "Counterparty."

The Purchase Contracts will be issued pursuant to a purchase contract agreement (the "Purchase Contract Agreement") between the Company and a purchase contract agent to be specified therein (the "Purchase Contract Agent").

The Units will be issued under a unit agreement (the "Unit Agreement") between the Company and a unit agent to be specified therein (the "Unit Agent").

The Guarantees will be issued pursuant to a guarantee agreement (the "Guarantee Agreement") between the Company and a guarantee trustee to be specified therein (the "Guarantee Trustee").

In connection herewith, we have examined and relied without investigation as to matters of fact upon the Registration Statement, including the Senior Indenture, the Junior Subordinated Indenture, the form of the Subordinated Indenture and the form of the Guarantee Agreement attached thereto as Exhibits 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.12, respectively, and such certificates, statements and results of inquiries of public officials and officers and representatives of the Company and such other documents, corporate records, certificates and instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinions expressed herein. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on all documents examined by us, the legal competence and capacity of each person that executed documents, the authenticity of documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to authentic originals of documents submitted to us as certified copies or photocopies.

We also have assumed that: (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Senior Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Senior Indenture Trustee; (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (3) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (4) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the Deposit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Depositary Agent; and (5) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchase Contract Agent; (6) at the time of the execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Guarantee Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Guarantee Trustee; (7) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of each Counterparty thereto; and (8) at the time of the execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of the Units, the related Unit Agreement will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Unit Agent.

We have assumed further that: (1) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Senior Debt Securities, the Senior Indenture will continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Senior Indenture Trustee; (2) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Subordinated Debt Securities, the Subordinated Indenture will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (3) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities, the Junior Subordinated Indenture will continue to be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Junior Subordinated Indenture Trustee; (4) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (5) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Receipts, the

Deposit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Depositary Agent; (6) at the time of execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of any Securities Warrants, the related Warrant Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (7) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantee, the Guarantee Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; (8) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Unit Agreement will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company; and (9) at the time of the issuance and sale of any of the Securities, the terms of the Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company.

Based upon the foregoing, in reliance thereon and subject to the exceptions, qualifications and limitations stated herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, we are of the opinion that:

1. With respect to the Receipts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the related Preferred Stock, (b) due filing of Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Company authorizing and establishing the terms of the Preferred Stock, (c) terms of the Depositary Shares and of their issuance and sale have been duly established in conformity with the terms of a valid and legally binding Deposit Agreement conforming to the description thereof in the Prospectus, (d) due issuance and delivery of the related Preferred Stock, upon payment of the consideration therefor provided in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, or a duly constituted committee thereof (collectively, the "Board"), and (e) due issuance and delivery of Receipts evidencing the Depositary Shares against the deposit of the Preferred Stock in accordance with the Deposit Agreement, such Receipts will be validly issued and will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement.

2. With respect to the Debt Securities, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of such Debt Securities, upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

3. With respect to the Guarantees, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Guarantees, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the

Guarantees upon payment of the consideration thereof provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Guarantee Agreement, such Guarantees will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

4. With respect to the Purchase Contracts, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Purchase Contracts, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Purchase Contracts, upon payment of the consideration for such Purchase Contracts provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement, the Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

5. With respect to the Securities Warrants, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Securities Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, countersignature, issuance and delivery of such Securities Warrants, upon payment of the consideration for such Securities Warrants provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Warrant Agreement, such Securities Warrants will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

6. With respect to the Units, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance, and terms of the Units and to authorize and approve the issuance of the Securities which are components of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (b) taking by the third parties of all necessary corporate or other action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of any Third Party Debt Securities which are components of the Units the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (c) due execution, countersignature (where applicable), authentication, issuance and delivery of the Units, the Securities, that are components of such Units, and such Third Party Debt Securities, in each case upon the payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the applicable (i) Deposit Agreement, in the case of Depositary Shares or Receipts, (ii) Warrant Agreement, in the case of Securities Warrants, (iii) Guarantee Agreement, in the case of the Guarantees, (iv) Purchase Contract Agreement, in the case of Purchase Contracts, (v) Indenture, in the case of Debt Securities, (vi) Certificate of Trust and Trust Agreement, in the case of Trust Preferred Securities, and (vii) indenture or other authorizing document, in the case of Third Party Debt Securities, such Units will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

In addition to the limitations set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following:

(a) Our opinions expressed above are subject to and limited by the effects of (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general equitable principles, including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies, regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, (iii) requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities or Guarantees denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law, and (iv) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currency or composite currency.

(b) Our opinions expressed above are limited to the laws of the State of New York and the federal laws of the United States of America. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering our opinions, we have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of any laws, decisions, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, court or administrative agency.

(c) You have informed us that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. We understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford us an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable prospectus supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion (if any) as we may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

(d) We call your attention to the fact that John C. Danforth, a partner of Bryan Cave LLP, is on the Board of Directors of MetLife, Inc. ("MetLife"), the majority shareholder of the Company. This opinion does not take into account any matters that may come to the attention of John C. Danforth in his capacity as a director of MetLife.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. We also consent to your filing copies of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the

category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan Cave LLP

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EXHIBIT 12.1

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,					FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Income from continuing operations before income taxes.....	\$138.8	\$ 92.1	\$175.0	\$ 66.2	\$194.0	\$116.9
Minority interest in earnings (losses) of consolidated subsidiaries included in income from continuing operations before income taxes.....	(0.7)	1.0	0.3	-	-	-
Fixed charges:						
Interest expensed and capitalized....	8.8	11.0	17.6	18.1	35.5	18.0
One-third of rentals.....	0.9	1.4	2.0	1.8	2.2	1.2
Total fixed charges.....	9.7	12.4	19.6	19.9	37.7	19.2
Interest credited under reinsurance contracts.....	153.2	153.1	104.8	111.7	126.7	84.7
Total fixed charges including interest credited under reinsurance contracts.....	\$162.9	\$165.5	\$124.4	\$131.6	\$164.4	\$103.9
Less interest capitalized, net of amortization.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest plus total fixed charges.....	\$147.8	\$105.5	\$194.9	\$ 86.1	\$231.7	\$136.1
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest plus total fixed charges including interest credited under reinsurance contracts.....	\$301.0	\$258.6	\$299.7	\$197.8	\$358.4	\$220.8
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges.....	15.2	8.5	9.9	4.3	6.1	7.1
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges including interest credited under reinsurance contracts.....	1.8	1.6	2.4	1.5	2.2	2.1

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

Board of Directors and Stockholders
Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and subsidiaries on Form S-3 of our report dated February 3, 2003 (August 13, 2003 as to Note 17 and Schedules III and IV) appearing in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Reinsurance Group of America, Incorporated and subsidiaries dated August 25, 2003, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE, LLP

St. Louis, Missouri
August 25, 2003

FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 305(b)(2)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York
(State of incorporation
if not a U.S. national bank)

13-5160382
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

One Wall Street, New York, N.Y.
(Address of principal executive offices)

10286
(Zip code)

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Missouri
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

46-1627032
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway
Chesterfield, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

63017-6039
(Zip code)

Senior Debt Securities
(Title of the indenture securities)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

(a) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

Name Address

Superintendent
of Banks of
the State of
2 Rector
Street, New
York, New
York N.Y.
10006, and
Albany, N.Y.
12203 Federal
Reserve Bank
of New York
33 Liberty
Plaza, New
York, N.Y.
10045 Federal
Deposit
Insurance
Corporation
Washington,
D.C. 20429
New York
Clearing
House
Association
New York, New
York 10005

(b) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

Yes.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS IDENTIFIED IN PARENTHESES BELOW, ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS AN EXHIBIT HERETO, PURSUANT TO RULE 7A-29 UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 (THE "ACT") AND 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

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- 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 21st day of August, 2003.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: VAN K. BROWN
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business June 30, 2003,
published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this
District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

Dollar Amounts ASSETS In Thousands ----- Cash
and balances due from depository institutions:
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin
..... \$ 4,257,371 Interest-bearing balances
..... 6,048,782
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities
..... 373,479 Available-
for-sale securities
18,918,169 Federal funds sold in domestic offices
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allowance
37,522,300 Trading Assets
.....
5,741,193 Premises and fixed assets (including
capitalized leases)
.....
958,273 Other real estate owned
..... 441
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and
associated companies
..... 257,626
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances
outstanding
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159,995 Intangible assets Goodwill
.....
2,554,921 Other intangible assets
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assets
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6,285,971 -----

Total assets	\$ 96,483,434
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LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	\$ 37,264,787
Noninterest-bearing	15,357,289
Interest-bearing	21,907,498
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement	
subsidiaries, and IBFs	28,018,241
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Federal funds purchased in domestic	
offices	739,736
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	465,594
Trading liabilities	2,456,565
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(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations	
under capitalized leases)	8,994,708
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and	
outstanding	163,277
Subordinated notes and debentures	2,400,000
Other liabilities	7,446,726

Total liabilities	\$ 87,949,634
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Minority interest in consolidated	
subsidiaries	519,472
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related	
surplus	0
Common stock	1,135,284
Surplus	2,056,273
Retained earnings	4,694,161
Accumulated other comprehensive income	128,610
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	8,014,328

Total liabilities minority interest and equity capital	\$ 96,483,434
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I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Mastro,
Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Thomas A. Renyi
Gerald L. Hassell
Alan R. Griffith

Directors

FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 305(b)(2) []

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1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway 63017-6039
Chesterfield, Missouri (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Junior Subordinated Debt Securities
(Title of the indenture securities)

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

- (a) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

Name Address

Superintendent
of Banks of
the State of
2 Rector
Street, New
York, New
York N.Y.
10006, and
Albany, N.Y.
12203 Federal
Reserve Bank
of New York
33 Liberty
Plaza, New
York, N.Y.
10045 Federal
Deposit
Insurance
Corporation
Washington,
D.C. 20429
New York
Clearing
House
Association
New York, New
York 10005

- (b) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.
Yes.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS IDENTIFIED IN PARENTHESES BELOW, ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS AN EXHIBIT HERETO, PURSUANT TO RULE 7a-29 UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 (THE "ACT") AND 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

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7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 31st day of July, 2003.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: VAN K. BROWN
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business June 30, 2003,
published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this
District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

Dollar Amounts ASSETS In Thousands -----	Cash
and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	
..... \$ 4,257,371	Interest-bearing balances
.....	6,048,782
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities	
.....	373,479
Available-	
for-sale securities
18,918,169	Federal funds sold in domestic offices
.....	6,689,000
Securities	
purchased under agreements to resell	
.....	
5,293,789	Loans and lease financing receivables: Loans
	and leases held for sale
.....	616,186
	Loans and
	leases, net of unearned income
.....	
38,342,282	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses
.....	
819,982	Loans and leases, net of unearned income and
	allowance
.....	
	37,522,300
	Trading Assets
.....	
5,741,193	Premises and fixed assets (including
	capitalized leases)
.....	
	958,273
	Other real estate owned
.....	
	441
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and
	associated companies
.....	
	257,626
	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances
	outstanding
.....	
	159,995
	Intangible assets Goodwill
.....	
	2,554,921
	Other intangible assets
.....	
	805,938
	Other
	assets
.....	
	6,285,971

Total assets	\$ 96,483,434
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LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
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EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related	
surplus	0
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Surplus	2,056,273
Retained earnings	4,694,161
Accumulated other comprehensive income	128,610
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	8,014,328

Total liabilities minority interest and equity capital	\$ 96,483,434
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I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Mastro,
Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Thomas A. Renyi
Gerald L. Hassell
Alan R. Griffith

Directors

FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
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CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 305(b)(2)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York (State of incorporation if not a U.S. national bank)	13-5160382 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)
One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. (Address of principal executive offices)	10286 (Zip code)

REINSURANCE GROUP OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Missouri (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	46-1627032 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)
1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway Chesterfield, Missouri (Address of principal executive offices)	63017-6039 (Zip code)

Guarantee of Preferred Securities of
RGA CAPITAL TRUST III
(Title of the indenture securities)

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

(A) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

Name	Address
Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York	2 Rector Street, New York, N.Y. 10006, and Albany, N.Y. 12203
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	33 Liberty Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10045
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, D.C. 20429
New York Clearing House Association	New York, New York 10005

(B) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

Yes.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 31st day of July, 2003.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: VAN K. BROWN
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

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District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

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Common stock	1,135,284
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Accumulated other comprehensive income	128,610
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Guarantee of Preferred Securities of
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THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: VAN K. BROWN

Title: VICE PRESIDENT

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Thomas J. Mastro,
Senior Vice President and Comptroller

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Thomas A. Renyi
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Alan R. Griffith

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RGA CAPITAL TRUST III
(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware To be applied for
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer
incorporation or organization) identification no.)

1370 Timberlake Manor Parkway 63017-6039
Chesterfield, Missouri (Zip code)
(Address of principal executive offices)

Preferred Securities
(Title of the indenture securities)

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION. FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS TO THE TRUSTEE:

(A) NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH EXAMINING OR SUPERVISING AUTHORITY TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT.

Name	Address
Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York	2 Rector Street, New York, N.Y. 10006, and Albany, N.Y. 12203
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	33 Liberty Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10045
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation	Washington, D.C. 20429
New York Clearing House Association	New York, New York 10005

(B) WHETHER IT IS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE CORPORATE TRUST POWERS.

Yes.

2. AFFILIATIONS WITH OBLIGOR.

IF THE OBLIGOR IS AN AFFILIATE OF THE TRUSTEE, DESCRIBE EACH SUCH AFFILIATION.

None.

16. LIST OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBITS IDENTIFIED IN PARENTHESES BELOW, ON FILE WITH THE COMMISSION, ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AS AN EXHIBIT HERETO, PURSUANT TO RULE 7A-29 UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 (THE "ACT") AND 17 C.F.R. 229.10(D).

1. A copy of the Organization Certificate of The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-6215, Exhibits 1a and 1b to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-21672 and Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-29637.)
4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-31019.)
6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-44051.)
7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 31st day of July, 2003.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ VAN K. BROWN

Name: VAN K. BROWN
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286

And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business June 30, 2003,
published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this
District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

Dollar Amounts ASSETS In Thousands ----- Cash
and balances due from depository institutions:
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin
..... \$ 4,257,371 Interest-bearing balances
..... 6,048,782
Securities: Held-to-maturity securities
..... 373,479 Available-
for-sale securities
18,918,169 Federal funds sold in domestic offices
..... 6,689,000 Securities
purchased under agreements to resell
.....
5,293,789 Loans and lease financing receivables: Loans
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..... 616,186 Loans and
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.....
38,342,282 LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses
.....
819,982 Loans and leases, net of unearned income and
allowance
37,522,300 Trading Assets
.....
5,741,193 Premises and fixed assets (including
capitalized leases)
.....
958,273 Other real estate owned
..... 441
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and
associated companies
..... 257,626
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances
outstanding
.....
159,995 Intangible assets Goodwill
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2,554,921 Other intangible assets
..... 805,938 Other
assets
.....
6,285,971 -----

Total assets	\$ 96,483,434
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LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	\$ 37,264,787
Noninterest-bearing	15,357,289
Interest-bearing	21,907,498
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	28,018,241
Noninterest-bearing	1,026,601
Interest-bearing	26,991,640
Federal funds purchased in domestic offices	739,736
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	465,594
Trading liabilities	2,456,565
Other borrowed money:	
(includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)	8,994,708
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	163,277
Subordinated notes and debentures	2,400,000
Other liabilities	7,446,726

Total liabilities	\$ 87,949,634
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Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	519,472
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,135,284
Surplus	2,056,273
Retained earnings	4,694,161
Accumulated other comprehensive income	128,610
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	8,014,328

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I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Mastro,
Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Thomas A. Renyi
Gerald L. Hassell
Alan R. Griffith

Directors

FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE
ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO
SECTION 305(b)(2)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York
(State of incorporation
if not a U.S. national bank) 13-5160382
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

One Wall Street, New York, N.Y.
(Address of principal executive offices) 10286
(Zip code)

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Senior Vice President and Comptroller

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