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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2006

O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri

(State or other jurisdiction)

44-0618012

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

of incorporation or

organization)

233 South Patterson

Springfield, Missouri 65802

(Address of principal executive offices, Zip code)

(417) 862-6708

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Not Applicable)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

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

The disclosure set forth in "Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant" is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2 Financial Information**

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

On May 15, 2005, O Reilly Automotive, Inc. (the Company) sold through a private placement \$75,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 5.39% Series 2006-A Senior Notes pursuant to a Master Note Purchase Agreement under which up to \$300,000,000 of Notes may be sold. The Company issued the Senior Notes at a purchase price of 100% of the original principal amount of each Senior Note, bearing an interest rate of 5.39% and maturing on May 15, 2016 to certain initial purchasers of such Senior Notes. The Senior Notes were issued to repay certain existing debt of the Company, including \$75,000,000 of 7.72% Series 2001-A Senior Notes due May 15, 2006. The Master Note Purchase Agreement includes standard financial covenants and other customary terms and conditions for an agreement of this type. Among those terms and conditions, the Master Note Purchase Agreement sets forth conditions and events that constitute an event of default including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) The Company defaults in the payment of any principal of or premium or make-whole amount or interest on any debt that is outstanding in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$5,000,000, or
- (2) a final judgment for the payment of money aggregating in excess of \$5,000,000 is rendered against one or more of the Company and its significant subsidiaries and is not discharged within certain time periods.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an event of default under the Master Note Purchase Agreement, the Senior Notes may become immediately due and payable, either automatically or by declaration of holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the Senior Notes at the time outstanding. A copy of the Master Note Purchase Agreement and the Form of the Series 2006-A Senior Note are attached hereto as Exhibits 4.1 and 4.2, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	Master Note Purchase Agreement
4.2	Form of Series 2006-A Senior Notes due May 15, 2016



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The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 18, 2006

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ James R. Batten

James R. Batten

Executive Vice President of Finance

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(principal financial officer)

**Exhibit 4.1**

**EXECUTION COPY**

**O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

**\$300,000,000**

**Senior Notes Issuable In Series**

**\$75,000,000**

**5.39% Series 2006-A Senior Notes due May 15, 2016**

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**MASTER NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

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**Dated May 1, 2006**

**Series 2006-A PPN: 686091 A# 6**

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O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

233 South Patterson

Springfield, Missouri 65802

\$300,000,000

Senior Notes Issuable In Series

5.39% Series 2006-A Senior Notes due May 15, 2016

May 1, 2006

TO EACH OF THE PURCHASERS LISTED IN THE

ATTACHED SCHEDULE A (the Purchasers ):

Ladies and Gentlemen:

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., a Missouri corporation (the Company ), agrees with you as follows:

**1. THE NOTES.**

**1.1. Authorization of the Notes.**

The Company is contemplating the issue and sale of up to \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Senior Notes issuable in one or more series (the Notes , such term to include any such Notes issued in substitution therefor pursuant to Section 13 of this Agreement). The Notes will be substantially in the form set out in Exhibit 1 to the hereafter defined supplement, with such changes therefrom, if any, as may be approved by the purchasers of such Notes, or Series thereof, and the Company. Certain capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in Schedule B; references to a Schedule or an Exhibit are, unless otherwise specified, to a Schedule or an Exhibit attached to this Agreement. The Notes may be issued in one or more series (each, a Series of Notes) and each Series of Notes may be issued in one or more sub-series (each, a Sub-Series ).

Each Series of Notes, other than the initial Series, shall be issued pursuant to a supplement to this Agreement (a Supplement ) in substantially the form of Exhibit 1.1, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

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- (a) the designation of each Series of Notes shall distinguish the Notes of one Series from the Notes of all other Series;
- (b) the Notes of each Series shall rank *pari passu* with the Notes of all other Series and the Company's other outstanding unsecured Debt that has not been expressly subordinated to any other Debt of the Company (the Senior Debt );

(c) each Series of Notes shall be dated the date of issue, bear interest at such rate or rates, mature on such date or dates, be subject to such mandatory prepayments on the dates and with the make-whole amounts, if any, as are provided in the Supplement under which such Notes are issued, and shall have such additional or different conditions precedent to closing and such additional or different representations and warranties or other terms and provisions as shall be specified in such Supplement;

(d) any additional covenants, Defaults, Events of Default, rights or other similar provisions that are added by a Supplement for the benefit of a Series of Notes to be issued pursuant to such Supplement that are more favorable to the holders of such Notes than the comparable terms applicable to any previously issued Series of Notes shall apply automatically to, and be deemed incorporated by reference in, such previously issued Series of Notes, whether or not such Supplement so provides; and

(e) except to the extent provided in foregoing clauses (a) through (d) and as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all of the provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the Notes of each Series.

The Purchasers of the Series 2006-A Notes shall not be required to purchase subsequent Series of Notes.

**1.2.** The Series 2006-A Notes

The Company has authorized, as the initial Series of Notes hereunder, the issue and sale of (i) \$75,000,000 5.39% Series 2006-A Senior Notes due May 15, 2016 (the Series 2006-A Notes with such term to include any such notes issued in substitution therefor pursuant to Section 13 of this Agreement). The Series 2006-A Notes shall be substantially in the form set out in Exhibit 1.2, with such changes therefrom, if any, as may be approved by you and each of the other purchasers named in Schedule A and the Company. Certain capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in Schedule B; references to a Schedule or an Exhibit are, unless otherwise specified, to a Schedule or an Exhibit attached to this Agreement.

**2.** SALE AND PURCHASE OF SERIES 2006-A NOTES.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company will issue and sell to you and you will purchase from the Company, at the Closing provided for in Section 3, Series 2006-A Notes in the principal amount specified opposite your name in Schedule A at the purchase price of 100% of the principal amount thereof. Your obligation hereunder and the obligations of the other Purchasers are several and not joint obligations and you shall have no obligation hereunder and no liability to any Person for the performance or non-performance by any other Purchaser.

**3.** CLOSING.

The sale and purchase of the Series 2006-A Notes to be purchased by you and the other Purchasers shall occur at the offices of Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP, 191 North Wacker

Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, at 9:00 a.m., Central Standard time, at a closing (the Closing ) on May 15, 2006 or on such other Business Day thereafter as may be agreed upon by the Company and you and the other Purchasers. At the Closing the Company will deliver to you the Series 2006-A Notes to be purchased by you in the form of a single Series 2006-A Note (or such greater number of Series 2006-A Notes in denominations of at least \$100,000 as you may request) dated the date of the Closing and registered in your name (or in the name of your nominee), against delivery by you to the Company or its order of immediately available funds in the amount of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer of immediately available funds for the account of the Company to account number 093046020, at Commerce Bank, Springfield, Missouri, ABA#101000019, Account Name: O Reilly Automotive, Inc. Operating Account; O Reilly Contact: Michelle Kimrey, telephone number: 417-874-7249; Bank telephone number: 417-837-5275. If at the Closing the Company shall fail to tender such Series 2006-A Notes to you as provided above in this Section 3, or any of the conditions specified in Section 4 shall not have been fulfilled to your satisfaction, you shall, at your election, be relieved of all further obligations under this Agreement, without thereby waiving any rights you may have by reason of such failure or such nonfulfillment.

**4. CONDITIONS TO CLOSING.**

Your obligation to purchase and pay for the Series 2006-A Notes to be sold to you at the Closing is subject to the fulfillment to your satisfaction, prior to or at the Closing, of the following conditions:

**4.1. Representations and Warranties.**

The representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement shall be correct when made and at the time of the Closing.

**4.2. Performance; No Default.**

The Company shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions contained in this Agreement required to be performed or complied with by it prior to or at the Closing and after giving effect to the issue and sale of the Series 2006-A Notes (and the application of the proceeds thereof as contemplated by Schedule 5.14) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary shall have entered into any transaction since January 1, 2006 that would have been prohibited by Sections 10.1 through Section 10.10 hereof had such Sections applied since such date.

**4.3. Compliance Certificates.**

(a) Officer's Certificate. The Company shall have delivered to you an Officer's Certificate, dated the date of the Closing, certifying that the conditions specified in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.9 have been fulfilled.

(b) Secretary's Certificate. The Company shall have delivered to you a certificate certifying as to the resolutions attached thereto and other corporate proceedings

relating to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Series 2006-A Notes and the Agreement.

**4.4.** Opinions of Counsel.

You shall have received opinions in form and substance satisfactory to you, dated the date of the Closing (a) from Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale, PC, special counsel for the Company, covering the matters set forth in Exhibit 4.4(a) and covering such other matters incident to the transactions contemplated hereby as you or your counsel may reasonably request (and the Company hereby instructs its counsel to deliver such opinion to you) and (b) from Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP your special counsel in connection with such transactions, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit 4.4(b) and covering such other matters incident to such transactions as you may reasonably request.

**4.5.** Purchase Permitted By Applicable Law, etc.

On the date of the Closing your purchase of Series 2006-A Notes shall (i) be permitted by the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction to which you are subject, without recourse to provisions (such as Section 1405(a)(8) of the New York Insurance Law) permitting limited investments by insurance companies without restriction as to the character of the particular investment, (ii) not violate any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) and (iii) not subject you to any tax, penalty or liability under or pursuant to any applicable law or regulation, which law or regulation was not in effect on the date hereof. If requested by you, you shall have received an Officer's Certificate certifying as to such matters of fact as you may reasonably specify to enable you to determine whether such purchase is so permitted.

**4.6.** Sale of Other Series 2006-A Notes.

Contemporaneously with the Closing the Company shall sell to the other Purchasers and the other Purchasers shall purchase the Series 2006-A Notes to be purchased by them at the Closing as specified in Schedule A.

**4.7.** Payment of Special Counsel Fees.

Without limiting the provisions of Section 15.1, the Company shall have paid on or before the Closing the fees, charges and disbursements of your special counsel referred to in Section 4.4 to the extent reflected in a statement of such counsel rendered to the Company at least one Business Day prior to the Closing.

**4.8.** Private Placement Number.

A Private Placement number issued by Standard & Poor's CUSIP Service Bureau (in cooperation with the Securities Valuation Office of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners) shall have been obtained for the Series 2006-A Notes.

**4.9.** Changes in Corporate Structure.

Except as specified in Schedule 4.9, the Company shall not have changed its jurisdiction of incorporation or been a party to any merger or consolidation and shall not have succeeded to all or any substantial part of the liabilities of any other entity, at any time following the date of the most recent financial statements referred to in Schedule 5.5.

**4.10.** Funding Instructions.

At least three Business Days prior to the date of the Closing, each Purchaser shall have received written instructions signed by a Responsible Officer on letterhead of the Company confirming the information specified in Section 3 including (i) the name and address of the transferee bank, (ii) such transferee bank's ABA number and (iii) the account name and number into which the purchase price for the Notes is to be deposited.

**4.11.** Proceedings and Documents.

All corporate and other proceedings in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all documents and instruments incident to such transactions shall be satisfactory to you and your special counsel, and you and your special counsel shall have received all such counterpart originals or certified or other copies of such documents as you or they may reasonably request.

**5.** REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY.

The Company represents and warrants to you that:

**5.1.** Organization; Power and Authority.

The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has the corporate power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease, to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact and to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Series 2006-A Notes and to perform the provisions hereof and thereof.

**5.2.** Authorization, etc.

This Agreement and the Series 2006-A Notes have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and this Agreement constitutes, and upon execution and delivery thereof each Series 2006-A Note will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization,

moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

**5.3.** Disclosure.

Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.3, this Agreement, the documents, certificates or other writings delivered to you by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the financial statements listed in Schedule 5.5, taken as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. Except as expressly described in Schedule 5.3, or in one of the documents, certificates or other writings identified therein, or in the financial statements listed in Schedule 5.5, since December 31, 2005, there has been no change in the financial condition, operations, business or properties of the Company or any Subsidiary except changes that individually or in the aggregate could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no fact known to the Company that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been set forth herein or in the other documents, certificates and other writings delivered to you by or on behalf of the Company specifically for use in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

**5.4.** Organization and Ownership of Shares of Subsidiaries; Affiliates.

(a) Schedule 5.4 contains (except as noted therein) complete and correct lists (i) of the Company's Subsidiaries, showing, as to each Subsidiary, the correct name thereof, the jurisdiction of its organization, whether such Subsidiary is a Restricted Subsidiary or Unrestricted Subsidiary and the percentage of shares of each class of its capital stock or similar equity interests outstanding owned by the Company and each other Subsidiary, (ii) of the Company's Affiliates, other than Subsidiaries, and (iii) of the Company's directors and senior officers.

(b) All of the outstanding shares of capital stock or similar equity interests of each Subsidiary shown in Schedule 5.4 as being owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the Company or another Subsidiary free and clear of any Lien (except as otherwise disclosed in Schedule 5.4). Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.4, there exist no preemptive or other rights to acquire capital stock or similar equity interests of any such Subsidiary.

(c) Each Subsidiary identified in Schedule 5.4 is a corporation or other legal entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation or other legal entity and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each such Subsidiary has the corporate or other power and authority to own or hold under lease the

properties it purports to own or hold under lease and to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact.

(d) No Subsidiary is a party to, or otherwise subject to any legal restriction or any agreement (other than this Agreement, the agreements listed on Schedule 5.4 and customary limitations imposed by corporate law statutes) restricting the ability of such Subsidiary to pay dividends out of profits or make any other similar distributions of profits to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that owns outstanding shares of capital stock or similar equity interests of such Subsidiary.

**5.5. Financial Statements.**

The Company has delivered to each Purchaser copies of the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries listed on Schedule 5.5. All of said financial statements (including in each case the related schedules and notes) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the respective dates specified in such Schedule and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the respective periods so specified and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the periods involved except as set forth in the notes thereto (subject, in the case of any interim financial statements, to normal year-end adjustments).

**5.6. Compliance with Laws, Other Instruments, etc.**

The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the Series 2006-A Notes will not (i) contravene, result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of any Lien in respect of any property of the Company or any Subsidiary under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan, purchase or credit agreement, lease, corporate charter or by-laws, or any other Material agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected, (ii) conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any order, judgment, decree, or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority, including the USA Patriot Act, applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary or (iii) violate any provision of any statute or other rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary.

**5.7. Governmental Authorizations, etc.**

No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration, filing or declaration with, any Governmental Authority is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Company of this Agreement or the Series 2006-A Notes.

**5.8. Litigation; Observance of Agreements, Statutes and Orders.**

(a) Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.8, there are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company or any Subsidiary or any property of the Company or any Subsidiary in any court or

before any arbitrator of any kind or before or by any Governmental Authority that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in default under any term of any agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound, or any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority or is in violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation (including without limitation Environmental Laws or the USA Patriot Act) of any Governmental Authority, which default or violation, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**5.9. Taxes.**

The Company and its Subsidiaries have filed all required tax returns that are required to have been filed in any jurisdiction, and have paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes and assessments levied upon them or their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent such taxes and assessments have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent, except for any taxes and assessments (i) the amount of which is not individually or in the aggregate Material or (ii) the amount, applicability or validity of which is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which the Company or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, has established adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP. The Company knows of no basis for any other tax or assessment that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Subsidiaries in respect of Federal, state or other taxes for all fiscal periods are adequate in accordance with GAAP. The Federal income tax liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been audited and determined by the Internal Revenue Service and paid for all fiscal years up to and including the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. The Company is currently under audit for its fiscal years ending December 31, 2002, December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004. The Company does not believe there will be any tax liability resulting from such audit which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

**5.10. Title to Property; Leases.**

The Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries have good and sufficient title to their respective properties which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries own or purport to own that individually or in the aggregate are Material, including all such properties reflected in the most recent audited balance sheet referred to in Section 5.5 or purported to have been acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary after said date (except as sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business), in each case free and clear of Liens prohibited by this Agreement. All leases that individually or in the aggregate are Material are valid and subsisting and are in full force and effect in all Material respects.

**5.11. Licenses, Permits, etc.**

Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.11,

(a) the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries own or possess all Material licenses, permits, franchises, authorizations, patents, copyrights, proprietary software, service marks, trademarks and trade names, or rights thereto, that individually or in the aggregate are Material, without known Material conflict with the rights of others;

(b) to the best knowledge of the Company, no product of the Company infringes in any Material respect any license, permit, franchise, authorization, patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned by any other Person; and

(c) to the best knowledge of the Company, there is no Material violation by any Person of any right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned or used by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

**5.12. Compliance with ERISA.**

(a) The Company and each ERISA Affiliate have operated and administered each Plan in compliance with all applicable laws except for such instances of noncompliance as have not resulted in and could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans (as defined in Section 3 of ERISA), and no event, transaction or condition has occurred or exists that could reasonably be expected to result in the incurrence of any such liability by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, or in the imposition of any Lien on any of the rights, properties or assets of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, in either case pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or to such penalty or excise tax provisions or to Section 401(a)(29) or 412 of the Code, other than such liabilities or Liens as would not be individually or in the aggregate Material.

(b) The present value of the aggregate benefit liabilities under each of the Plans (other than Multiemployer Plans), determined as of the end of such Plan's most recently ended plan year on the basis of the actuarial assumptions specified for funding purposes in such Plan's most recent actuarial valuation report, did not exceed the aggregate current value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities. The term "benefit liabilities" has the meaning specified in section 4001 of ERISA and the terms "current value" and "present value" have the meaning specified in section 3 of ERISA.

(c) The Company and its ERISA Affiliates have not incurred withdrawal liabilities (and are not subject to contingent withdrawal liabilities) under section 4201 or 4204 of ERISA in respect of Multiemployer Plans that individually or in the aggregate are Material.

(d) The expected postretirement benefit obligation (determined as of the last day of the Company's most recently ended fiscal year in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 106, without regard to liabilities attributable to continuation coverage mandated by section 4980B of the Code) of the Company and its Subsidiaries is not

Material or has otherwise been disclosed in the most recent audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

(e) The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the issuance and sale of the Series 2006-A Notes hereunder will not involve any transaction that is subject to the prohibitions of section 406 of ERISA or in connection with which a tax could be imposed pursuant to section 4975(c)(1)(A)-(D) of the Code. The representation by the Company in the first sentence of this Section 5.12(e) is made in reliance upon and subject to the accuracy of your representation in Section 6.2 as to the sources of the funds used to pay the purchase price of the Series 2006-A Notes to be purchased by you.

**5.13. Private Offering by the Company.**

Neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has offered the Series 2006-A Notes or any similar securities for sale to, or solicited any offer to buy any of the same from, or otherwise approached or negotiated in respect thereof with, any Person other than you, the other Purchasers and not more than two other Institutional Investors, each of which has been offered the Series 2006-A Notes at a private sale for investment. Neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has taken, or will take, any action that would subject the issuance or sale of the Series 2006-A Notes to the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Act.

**5.14. Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations.**

The Company will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2006-A Notes as set forth in Schedule 5.14. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2006-A Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any securities under such circumstances as to involve the Company in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220). Margin stock does not constitute more than 1% of the value of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Company does not have any present intention that margin stock will constitute more than 1% of the value of such assets. As used in this Section, the terms *margin stock* and *purpose of buying or carrying* shall have the meanings assigned to them in said Regulation U.

**5.15. Existing Debt; Future Liens.**

(a) Except as described therein, Schedule 5.15 sets forth a complete and correct list of all outstanding Debt of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005, since which date there has been no Material change in the amounts, interest rates, sinking funds, installment payments or maturities of the Debt of the Company or its Subsidiaries. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in default and no waiver of default is currently in effect, in the payment of any principal or interest on any Debt of the Company or such Subsidiary and no event or condition exists with respect to any Debt of the Company or any Subsidiary that would permit (or that with notice or the lapse of time, or both, would permit) one or more Persons to cause

such Debt to become due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment.

(b) Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.15, neither the Company nor any Restricted Subsidiary has agreed or consented to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien not permitted by Section 10.4.

(c) Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.15, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Debt of the Company or such Subsidiary, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including, but not limited to, its charter or other organizational document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Debt of the Company.

**5.16. Foreign Assets Control Regulations, etc.**

(a) Neither the sale of the Series 2006-A Notes by the Company hereunder nor its use of the proceeds thereof will violate the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) or any enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto.

(b) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is (i) a Person described or designated in the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List of the Office of Foreign Assets Control or in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (ii) engages in any dealings or transactions with any such Person. The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance, in all material respects, with the USA Patriot Act.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, assuming in all cases that such Act applies to the Company.

**5.17. Status under Certain Statutes.**

Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by the ICC Termination Act, as amended, or the Federal Power Act, as amended.

**5.18. Environmental Matters.**

Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any claim or has received any notice of any claim, and no proceeding has been instituted raising any claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them or other assets, alleging any damage to the

environment or violation of any Environmental Laws, except, in each case, such as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise disclosed to you in writing,

(a) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any facts which would give rise to any claim, public or private, of violation of Environmental Laws or damage to the environment emanating from, occurring on or in any way related to real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them or to other assets or their use, except, in each case, such as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(b) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has stored any Hazardous Materials on real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them and has not disposed of any Hazardous Materials in a manner contrary to any Environmental Laws in each case in any manner that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and

(c) all buildings on all real properties now owned, leased or operated by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are in compliance with applicable Environmental Laws, except where failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**6. REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS OF EACH PURCHASER.**

**6.1. Purchase for Investment.**

(a) You represent that you are purchasing the Notes for your own account or for one or more separate accounts maintained by you or for the account of one or more pension or trust funds and not with a view to the distribution thereof, provided that the disposition of your or their property shall at all times be within your or their control. You understand that the offer and sale of the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and the Notes may be resold only if registered pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act or if an exemption from registration is available, except under circumstances where neither such registration nor such an exemption is required by law, and that the Company is not required to register the Notes.

(b) With respect to purchasers of the Series 2006-A Notes, you represent that you are an accredited investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act.

**6.2. Source of Funds.**

You represent that at least one of the following statements is an accurate representation as to each source of funds (a Source) to be used by you to pay the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased by you hereunder:

(a) the Source is an insurance company general account (as the term is used in the Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption ( PTE ) 95-60 issued by the United States

Department of Labor) in respect of which the reserves and liabilities (as defined by the annual statement for life insurance companies approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (the NAIC Annual Statement ) for the general account contract(s) held by or on behalf of any other employee benefit plans together with the amount of the reserves and liabilities for the general contact(s) held by or on behalf of any other employee benefit plans maintained by the same employer (or affiliate thereof as defined in PTE 95-60) or by the same employee organization in the general account do not exceed 10% of the total reserves and liabilities of the general (exclusive of separate account liabilities) plus surplus, as set forth in the NAIC Annual Statement filed with your state of domicile; or

(b) the Source is an insurance company separate account maintained solely in connection with your fixed contractual obligations under which the amounts payable, or credited, to any employee benefit plan (or its related trust) that has any interest in such separate account (or to any participant or beneficiary of such plan (including any annuitant)) are not affected in any manner by the investment performance of the separate account; or

(c) the Source is either (i) an insurance company pooled separate account, within the meaning of PTE 90-1, or (ii) a bank collective investment fund, within the meaning of the PTE 91-38 and, except as you have disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this paragraph (c), no employee benefit plan or group of plans maintained by the same employer or employee organization beneficially owns more than 10% of all assets allocated to such pooled separate account or collective investment fund; or

(d) the Source constitutes assets of an investment fund (within the meaning of Part V of PTE 84-14 (the QPAM Exemption ) managed by a qualified professional asset manager or QPAM (within the meaning of Part V of the QPAM Exemption), no employee benefit plan s assets that are included in such investment fund, when combined with the assets of all other employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer or by an affiliate (within the meaning of section V(c)(1) of the QPAM Exemption) of such employer or by the same employee organization and managed by such QPAM, exceed 20% of the total client assets managed by such QPAM, the conditions of Part I(c) and (g) of the QPAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the QPAM nor a person controlling or controlled by the QPAM (applying the definition of control in section V(e) of the QPAM Exemption) owns a 5% or more interest in the Company and (i) the identity of such QPAM and (ii) the names of all employee benefit plans whose assets are included in such investment fund have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this paragraph (d); or

(e) the Source constitutes assets of a plan(s) (within the meaning of Part IV of PTE 96-23 (the INHAM Exemption ) managed by an in-house asset manager or INHAM (within the meaning of Part IV of the INHAM Exemption), the conditions of Part I(a), (g) and (h) of the INHAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the INHAM nor a Person controlling or controlled by the INHAM (applying the definition of control in Part IV(d) of the INHAM Exemption) owns a 5% or more interest in the Company and (i) the identity of such INHAM and (ii) the name(s) of the employee benefit plan(s) whose assets constitute the Source have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this paragraph (e); or

- (f) the Source is a governmental plan; or
- (g) the Source is one or more employee benefit plans, or a separate account or trust fund comprised of one or more employee benefit plans, each of which has been identified to the Company in writing pursuant to this paragraph (g); or
- (h) the Source does not include assets of any employee benefit plan, other than a plan exempt from the coverage of ERISA.

As used in this Section 6.2, the terms employee benefit plan, governmental plan, party in interest and separate account shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in Section 3 of ERISA.

## 7. INFORMATION AS TO COMPANY.

### 7.1. Financial and Business Information

The Company shall deliver to each holder of Notes that is an Institutional Investor:

(a) Quarterly Statements -- within 60 days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period of the Company (other than the last quarterly fiscal period of each fiscal year), duplicate copies of,

(i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP, except that any unaudited financial statements will not contain footnotes and will be subject to year-end adjustments, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments, provided that delivery within the time period specified above of copies of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q prepared in compliance with the requirements therefor and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Section 7.1(a);

(b) Annual Statements -- within 105 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, duplicate copies of,

- (i) a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries, as at the end of such year, and
- (ii) consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries, for such year,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP, and accompanied by an opinion thereon of independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing, which opinion shall state that such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported upon and their results of operations and cash flows and have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, and that the examination of such accountants in connection with such financial statements has been made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and that such audit provides a reasonable basis for such opinion in the circumstances; provided that the delivery within the time period specified above of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for such fiscal year (together with the Company's annual report to shareholders, if any, prepared pursuant to Rule 14a-3 under the Exchange Act) prepared in accordance with the requirements therefor and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Section (b);

(c) Unrestricted Subsidiaries - in the event that Unrestricted Subsidiaries account for more than 10% of the Consolidated Total Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, or more than 10% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Company and its Subsidiaries, then the financial information delivered pursuant to (a) and (b) of this Section 7.1 shall be accompanied by unaudited financial statements for all Unrestricted Subsidiaries of the Company taken as a group, together with consolidating statements reflecting eliminations or adjustments required to reconcile such group statements to the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(d) SEC and Other Reports promptly upon their becoming available, one copy of (i) each financial statement, report, notice or proxy statement sent by the Company or any Subsidiary to public securities holders generally, and (ii) each regular or periodic report, each registration statement (without exhibits except as expressly requested by such holder), and each prospectus and all amendments thereto filed by the Company or any Subsidiary with the Securities and Exchange Commission and of all press releases and other statements made available generally by the Company or any Subsidiary to the public concerning developments that are Material;

(e) Notice of Default or Event of Default -- promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of the existence of any Default or Event of Default or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default of the type referred to in Section 11(f), a written notice specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

- (f) ERISA Matters -- promptly, and in any event within five days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of any of the following, a written notice setting forth the nature thereof and proposed action with regard to reportable events (as defined in Section 4043(b) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder), termination proceedings (as defined in Section 4042 of ERISA) and any liabilities or Liens relating to Plans which may have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (g) Notices from Governmental Authority -- promptly, and in any event within 30 days of receipt thereof, copies of any notice to the Company or any Subsidiary from any Federal or state Governmental Authority relating to any order, ruling, statute or other law or regulation that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (h) Litigation within 15 days after the Company obtains knowledge thereof, notice of any litigation or any governmental proceeding in which damages sought exceed \$5,000,000 or which may have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (i) Supplements -- in the event that more than one Series of notes is issued under the Note Agreement, within ten (10) Business Days after execution and delivery, a copy of any Supplement to the Note Purchase Agreement executed in connection with such issuance; and
- (j) Requested Information -- with reasonable promptness, such other data and information relating to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or relating to the ability of the Company to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Notes as from time to time may be reasonably requested by any such holder of Notes.

**7.2.** Officer's Certificate.

Each set of financial statements delivered to a holder of Notes pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or Section (b) hereof shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer setting forth:

- (a) Covenant Compliance (i) a list of Unrestricted Subsidiaries, if any, and (ii) the information (including detailed calculations) required in order to establish whether the Company was in compliance with the requirements of Section 10.1 through Section 10.10 hereof, inclusive, during the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished (including with respect to each such Section, where applicable, the calculations of the maximum or minimum amount, ratio or percentage, as the case may be, permissible under the terms of such Sections, and the calculation of the amount, ratio or percentage then in existence);
- (b) Consolidated Total Assets if there exist any Unrestricted Subsidiaries, a detailed calculation demonstrating the percentage of Consolidated Total Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries derived from assets of Unrestricted Subsidiaries as of the date of the certificate; and

(c) Event of Default -- a statement that such officer has reviewed the relevant terms hereof and has made, or caused to be made, under his or her supervision, a review of the transactions and conditions of the Company and its Subsidiaries from the beginning of the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished to the date of the certificate and that such review shall not have disclosed the existence during such period of any condition or event that constitutes a Default or an Event of Default or, if any such condition or event existed or exists (including, without limitation, any such event or condition resulting from the failure of the Company or any Subsidiary to comply with any Environmental Law), specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company shall have taken or proposes to take with respect thereto.

**7.3.** Inspection.  
The Company shall permit each holder of a Note:

(a) No Default -- if no Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of such holder and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, to visit the principal executive office of the Company, to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with the Company's officers, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) its independent public accountants, to visit the other offices and properties of the Company and each Restricted Subsidiary, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested in writing; and

(b) Default -- if a Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of the Company to visit and inspect any of the offices or properties of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, to examine all their respective books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Company authorizes said accountants to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries), all at such times and as often as may be requested.

**8.** PREPAYMENT OF THE NOTES

**8.1.** Required Prepayments of Series 2006-A Notes.  
There shall be no required prepayments with respect to the Series 2006-A Notes.

**8.2.** Optional Prepayments with Make-Whole Amount.  
The Company may, at its option, upon notice as provided below, prepay at any time all, or from time to time any part of, Notes, in an amount not less than 5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding in the case of a partial prepayment, at 100% of the principal amount so prepaid, plus accrued interest to the date of prepayment, plus the Make-Whole Amount determined for the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount. The Company will give each holder of Notes written notice of each optional prepayment under this Section 8.2 not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for such

prepayment. Each such notice shall specify such date, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid on such date (which shall be a Business Day), the principal amount of each Note held by such holder to be prepaid (determined in accordance with Section 8.3), and the interest to be paid on the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount being prepaid, and shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer as to the estimated Make-Whole Amount due in connection with such prepayment (calculated as if the date of such notice were the date of the prepayment), setting forth the details of such computation. Two Business Days prior to such prepayment, the Company shall deliver to each holder of Notes a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer specifying the calculation of such Make-Whole Amount as of the specified prepayment date.

**8.3.** Allocation of Partial Prepayments.

In the case of each partial prepayment of the Notes, the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid shall be allocated among all of the Notes at the time outstanding in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof not theretofore called for prepayment.

**8.4.** Maturity; Surrender, etc.

In the case of each prepayment of Notes pursuant to this Section 8, the principal amount of each Note to be prepaid shall mature and become due and payable on the date fixed for such prepayment (which shall be a Business Day), together with interest on such principal amount accrued to such date and the applicable Make-Whole Amount, if any. From and after such date, unless the Company shall fail to pay such principal amount when so due and payable, together with the interest and Make-Whole Amount, if any, as aforesaid, interest on such principal amount shall cease to accrue. Any Note paid or prepaid in full shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled and shall not be reissued, and no Note shall be issued in lieu of any prepaid principal amount of any Note.

**8.5.** Purchase of Notes.

The Company will not and will not permit any Affiliate to purchase, redeem, prepay or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of the outstanding Notes except upon the payment or prepayment of the Notes in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Notes. The Company will promptly cancel all Notes acquired by it or any Affiliate pursuant to any payment, prepayment or purchase of Notes pursuant to any provision of this Agreement and no Notes may be issued in substitution or exchange for any such Notes.

**8.6.** Make-Whole Amount.

The term **Make-Whole Amount** means, with respect to any Note, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Discounted Value of the Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to the Called Principal of such Note over the amount of such Called Principal, provided that the Make-Whole Amount may in no event be less than zero. For the purposes of determining the Make-Whole Amount, the following terms have the following meanings:

**Called Principal** means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

**Discounted Value** means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

**Reinvestment Yield** means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, .50% over the yield to maturity implied by (i) the yields reported, as of 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as the "PX Screen" on the Bloomberg Financial Market Service (or such other display as may replace the "PX Screen" on the Bloomberg Financial Market Service) for actively traded U.S. Treasury securities having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date, or (ii) if such yields are not reported as of such time or the yields reported as of such time are not ascertainable, the Treasury Constant Maturity Series Yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) (or any comparable successor publication) for actively traded U.S. Treasury securities having a constant maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. Such implied yield will be determined, if necessary, by (a) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond-equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (b) interpolating linearly between (1) the actively traded U.S. Treasury security with the duration closest to and greater than the Remaining Average Life and (2) the actively traded U.S. Treasury security with the duration closest to and less than the Remaining Average Life.

**Remaining Average Life** means, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth year) obtained by dividing (i) such Called Principal into (ii) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth year) that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

**Remaining Scheduled Payments** means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, provided that if such

Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the terms of the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date pursuant to Section 8.2 or 12.1.

Settlement Date means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

**9. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS.**

The Company covenants that so long as any of the Notes are outstanding:

**9.1. Compliance with Law.**

The Company will and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to comply with all laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations to which each of them is subject, including, without limitation, Environmental Laws and the USA Patriot Act, and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of their respective properties or to the conduct of their respective businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure that non-compliance with such laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations or failures to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**9.2. Insurance.**

The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to their respective properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated.

**9.3. Maintenance of Properties.**

The Company will and will cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to maintain and keep, or cause to be maintained and kept, their respective properties in good repair, working order and condition (other than ordinary wear and tear), so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times, provided that this Section shall not prevent the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary from discontinuing the operation and the maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is desirable in the conduct of its business and the Company has concluded that such discontinuance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**9.4.** Payment of Taxes and Claims.

The Company will and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to file all tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent such taxes and assessments have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, provided that neither the Company nor any Subsidiary need pay any such tax or assessment or claims if (i) the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested by the Company or such Subsidiary on a timely basis in good faith and in appropriate proceedings, and the Company or a Subsidiary has established adequate reserves therefor in accordance with GAAP on the books of the Company or such Subsidiary or (ii) the nonpayment of all such taxes and assessments in the aggregate could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**9.5.** Corporate Existence, etc.

The Company will at all times preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence. Subject to Sections 10.2, 10.3 and 10.5, the Company will at all times preserve and keep in full force and effect the corporate existence of each of its Restricted Subsidiaries (unless merged into the Company or a Subsidiary) and all rights and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries unless, in the good faith judgment of the Company, the termination of or failure to preserve and keep in full force and effect such corporate existence, right or franchise could not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

**9.6.** Designation of Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

The Company may designate a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that: (a) if such Subsidiary initially is a Restricted Subsidiary, then such Restricted Subsidiary may be subsequently redesignated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and such Unrestricted Subsidiary may be subsequently designated as a Restricted Subsidiary, but no further changes in designation may be made; (b) if such Subsidiary initially is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, then such Unrestricted Subsidiary may be subsequently redesignated as a Restricted Subsidiary and such Restricted Subsidiary may be subsequently redesignated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, but no further changes in designation may be made; and (c) no such designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be permitted unless immediately before and after such designation there exists no Default or Event of Default.

**10.** NEGATIVE COVENANTS.

The Company covenants that so long as any of the Notes are outstanding:

**10.1.** Transactions with Affiliates.

The Company will not and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or Material group of related transactions (including without limitation the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate (other than the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary), except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Company's or such Subsidiary's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Company or such Subsidiary than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

**10.2.** Merger, Consolidation, etc.

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, consolidate with or merge with any other corporation or convey, transfer or lease substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person provided, however, that:

(a) the Company may consolidate or merge with any other Person if the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease substantially all of the assets of the Company as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Company is not such corporation, (i) such corporation shall have executed and delivered to each holder of any Notes its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Agreement and the Notes, (ii) shall have caused to be delivered to each holder of any Notes an opinion of nationally recognized independent counsel, or other independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders, to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof and (iii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(b) Any Restricted Subsidiary may (i) merge into the Company (provided that the Company is the surviving corporation) or another Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) sell, transfer or lease all or any part of its assets to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary, or (iii) merge or consolidate with, or sell, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets to, any Person in a transaction that is permitted by Section 10.5 or, as a result of which, such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; provided in each instance set forth in clauses (i) through (iii) that, immediately before and after giving effect thereto, there shall exist no Default or Event of Default.

No such conveyance, transfer or lease of substantially all of the assets of the Company shall have the effect of releasing the Company or any successor corporation that shall theretofore have become such in the manner prescribed in this Section 10.2 from its liability under this Agreement or the Notes.

**10.3.** Disposition of Stock of Restricted Subsidiary.

(a) The Company will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue or sell any shares of stock of any class (including as stock for the purposes of this section, any warrants, rights or options to purchase or otherwise acquire stock or other securities exchangeable for or convertible into stock) of such Restricted Subsidiary to any Person other than the Company or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary, except for the purpose of qualifying directors, or except in satisfaction of the validly pre-existing preemptive or contractual rights of minority shareholders in connection with the simultaneous issuance of stock to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary whereby the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary maintain their same proportionate interest in such Restricted Subsidiary or the extent required by applicable law; and

(b) The Company will not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any shares of stock of any Restricted Subsidiary (except to qualify directors), and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of (except to the Company or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary) any share of stock of any other Restricted Subsidiary, unless such sale or other disposition can be made pursuant to the requirements of Section 10.2 or of Section 10.5.

**10.4.** Liens.

The Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not create or incur any Lien on its property except for the following:

- (a) Liens for taxes, assessments or other governmental charges which are not yet due and payable or that are being contested in good faith;
- (b) Liens incidental to the conduct of business or the ownership of properties and assets (including landlords, carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen and other similar Liens) and Liens to secure the performance of bids, tenders, leases, or trade contracts, or to secure statutory obligations (including obligations under workers compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation), surety or appeal bonds or other Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business and not in connection with borrowed money;
- (c) Liens resulting from judgments, unless such judgments are not, within 60 days, discharged or stayed pending appeal, or shall not have been discharged within 60 days after the expiration of any such stay;
- (d) Liens securing Debt of a Restricted Subsidiary owed to the Company or to another Restricted Subsidiary;
- (e) Liens in existence at Closing and set forth on Schedule 10.4;
- (f) minor survey exceptions and the like which do not materially detract from the value of the property subject to such exceptions;
- (g) leases, subleases, easements, rights-of-way, zoning restrictions or other restrictions and other similar charges or encumbrances incidental to the ownership of property or

assets or the ordinary conduct of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' businesses, provided that the aggregate of such Liens do not materially detract from the value of property subject to such Liens;

(h) Liens (i) existing on property at the time of its acquisition or construction by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary and not created in contemplation thereof; (ii) on property created contemporaneously with its acquisition or within 180 days of the acquisition or completion of construction or improvement thereof to secure or provide for all or a portion of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement thereof; or (iii) existing on property of a Person at the time such Person is consolidated with or merged into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary and not created in contemplation thereof; provided that in the case of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) such Liens do not extend to additional property of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than property that is an improvement to or is acquired for specific use in connection with the subject property) and, in the case of clause (ii) only, that the aggregate principal amount of Debt secured by such Lien shall not exceed the lesser of (y) the cost of acquisition or construction or (z) fair market value of such property (as determined in good faith by one or more officers of the Company to whom authority to enter into the transaction has been delegated by the board of directors);

(i) any Liens renewing, extending or replacing Liens permitted by sections (d), (e), (h) and (i), provided that (A) the principal amount of the Debt secured is not increased or the maturity thereof reduced, (B) such Lien is not extended to any other property, and (C) immediately after such extension, renewal, or refunding, no Default or Event of Default would exist; and

(j) Liens securing Debt of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries not otherwise permitted by paragraphs (a) through (i) above, provided that (i) Priority Debt outstanding does not exceed 20% of Consolidated Adjusted Net Worth and (ii) such Priority Debt could be incurred without violating Section 10.6 and Section 10.7.

If, notwithstanding the prohibition contained herein, the Company shall, or shall permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to directly or indirectly create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien, other than those Liens permitted by the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (j) of this Section 10.4, it will make or cause to be made effective provision whereby the Notes will be secured equally and ratably with any and all other obligations thereby secured, such security to be pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding and, in any such case, the Notes shall have the benefit, to the fullest extent that, and with such priority as, the holders of the Notes may be entitled under applicable law, of an equitable Lien on such property. Any violation of this Section 10.4 will constitute a Default, whether or not provision is made for an equal and ratable Lien pursuant to this Section 10.4.

**10.5. Sales of Assets.**

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any substantial part (as defined below) of the assets of the Company and

its Restricted Subsidiaries; *provided, however*, that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of assets constituting a substantial part of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries if such assets are sold in an arms length transaction and, at such time and after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and an amount equal to the net proceeds received from such sale, lease or other disposition shall be used within 180 days of such sale, lease or disposition, in any combination:

- (a) to acquire productive assets used or useful in carrying on the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (b) to prepay Debt (including the Notes) of the Company and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries which is not subordinated to the Notes; provided, however, that prepayment of the Notes shall be at the price and subject to the other requirements set forth in Section 8.2.

As used in this provision, a sale, lease or other disposition of assets shall be deemed to be a *substantial part* of the assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries if the book value of such assets, when added to the book value of all other assets sold, leased or otherwise disposed of by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries during any period of 365 consecutive days, exceeds 15% of the book value of Consolidated Total Assets, determined as of the end of the fiscal quarter immediately preceding such sale, lease or other disposition; *provided* that there shall be excluded from any determination of a *substantial part* any (i) sale or disposition of assets in the ordinary course of business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, (ii) Excluded Sale and Leaseback Transactions, and (iii) any transfer of assets from the Company to any Restricted Subsidiary or from any Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary in compliance with the requirements of Section 10.2(b).

**10.6.** Limitation on Consolidated Debt.

At no time shall the Company permit:

- (a) the ratio of Consolidated Debt, as of the end of the most recently completed fiscal quarter, to Adjusted EBITDA for the most recently completed period of four fiscal quarters, to be greater than 3.0 to 1.0; and
- (b) Priority Debt to exceed 20% of Consolidated Adjusted Net Worth.

**10.7.** Minimum Fixed Charge Interest Coverage.

As calculated on a rolling four quarter basis on the last day of each fiscal quarter of the Company, the Company shall not permit the ratio of (i) Consolidated Income Available for Fixed Charges to (ii) Fixed Charges to be less than 2.0 to 1.0.

**10.8.** Pari Passu Position.

The Company agrees that it will not grant or provide, and at no time will it allow to exist, be created or granted, any Guaranties by Subsidiaries for the benefit of any other holders of Debt for borrowed money of the Company or its Subsidiaries, unless in the case of the giving

of any Guaranties by Subsidiaries, the holders of the Notes shall simultaneously be provided with such Guaranties.

**10.9. Nature of Business**

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, engage in any business, if, as a result, the general nature of the business in which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, would then be engaged in would be substantially changed from the general nature of the business in which the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are engaged on the date of this Agreement.

**10.10. Terrorism Sanctions Regulations**

The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary, to (a) become a Person described or designated in the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List of the Office of Foreign Assets Control or in Section 1 of the Anti-Terrorism Order or (b) engage in any dealings or transactions with any such Person.

**11. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.**

An Event of Default shall exist if any of the following conditions or events shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment of any principal or Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any Note when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or by declaration or otherwise; or
- (b) the Company defaults in the payment of any interest on any Note for more than five Business Days after the same becomes due and payable; or
- (c) the Company defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained in Sections 10.1 through 10.10 or any other negative covenant contained in any Supplement; or
- (d) the Company defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained herein (other than those referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 11) or in any Supplement and such default is not remedied within 30 days after the earlier of (i) a Responsible Officer obtaining actual knowledge of such default and (ii) the Company receiving written notice of such default from any holder of a Note (any such written notice to be identified as a notice of default and to refer specifically to this paragraph (d) of Section 11); or
- (e) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of the Company or by any officer of the Company in this Agreement or in any Supplement or in any writing furnished in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made; or

(f) (i) the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary is in default (as principal or as guarantor or other surety) in the payment of any principal of or premium or make-whole amount or interest on any Debt that is outstanding in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$5,000,000 beyond any period of grace provided with respect thereto, or (ii) the Company or any Subsidiary is in default in the performance of or compliance with any term of any evidence of any Debt in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$5,000,000 or of any mortgage, indenture or other agreement relating thereto or any other condition exists, and as a consequence of such default or condition such Debt has become, or has been declared due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment, or (iii) as a consequence of the occurrence or continuation of any event or condition (other than the passage of time or the right of the holder of Debt to convert such Debt into equity interests), the Company or any Subsidiary has become obligated to purchase or repay Debt before its regular maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$5,000,000; or

(g) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary (i) is generally not paying, or admits in writing its inability to pay, its debts as they become due, (ii) files, or consents by answer or otherwise to the filing against it of, a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy, for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar law of any jurisdiction, (iii) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (iv) consents to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, (v) is adjudicated as insolvent or to be liquidated, or (vi) takes corporate action for the purpose of any of the foregoing; or

(h) a court or governmental authority of competent jurisdiction enters an order appointing, without consent by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, or constituting an order for relief or approving a petition for relief or reorganization or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy or insolvency law of any jurisdiction, or ordering the dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any such petition shall be filed against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and such petition shall not be dismissed within 60 days; or

(i) a final judgment or judgments for the payment of money aggregating in excess of \$5,000,000 are rendered against one or more of the Company and its Significant Subsidiaries and which judgments are not, within 60 days after entry thereof, bonded, discharged or stayed pending appeal, or are not discharged within 60 days after the expiration of such stay; or

(j) if (i) any Plan shall fail to satisfy the minimum funding standards of ERISA or the Code for any plan year or part thereof or a waiver of such standards or extension of any amortization period is sought or granted under section 412 of the Code, (ii) a notice of intent to terminate any Plan shall have been or is reasonably expected to be filed with the PBGC or the PBGC shall have instituted proceedings under ERISA section 4042 to terminate or appoint a

trustee to administer any Plan or the PBGC shall have notified the Company or any ERISA Affiliate that a Plan may become a subject of any such proceedings, (iii) the aggregate amount of unfunded benefit liabilities (within the meaning of section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA) under all Plans, determined in accordance with Title IV of ERISA, shall exceed \$5,000,000, (iv) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate shall have incurred or is reasonably expected to incur any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans, (v) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate withdraws from any Multiemployer Plan, or (vi) the Company or any Subsidiary establishes or amends any employee welfare benefit plan that provides post-employment welfare benefits in a manner that would increase the liability of the Company or any Subsidiary thereunder; and any such event or events described in clauses (i) through (vi) above, either individually or together with any other such event or events, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As used in this paragraph (j) herein, the terms employee benefit plan and employee welfare benefit plan shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in Section 3 of ERISA.

**12. REMEDIES ON DEFAULT, ETC.**

**12.1. Acceleration.**

(a) If an Event of Default with respect to the Company described in paragraph (g) or (h) of Section 11 (other than an Event of Default described in clause (i) of paragraph (g) or described in clause (vi) of paragraph (g) by virtue of the fact that such clause encompasses clause (i) of paragraph (g)) has occurred, all the Notes then outstanding shall automatically become immediately due and payable.

(b) If any other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, holders of a majority or more in principal amount of any Series of Notes at the time outstanding may at any time at their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare all the Notes of such Series then outstanding to be immediately due and payable.

(c) If any Event of Default described in paragraph (a) or (b) of Section 11 has occurred and is continuing, any holder or holders of Notes of any Series at the time outstanding affected by such Event of Default may at any time, at its or their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare the Notes held by it or them to be immediately due and payable.

Upon any Notes becoming due and payable under this Section 12.1, whether automatically or by declaration, such Notes will forthwith mature and the entire unpaid principal amount of such Notes, plus (x) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon and (y) the Make-Whole Amount determined in respect of such principal amount (to the full extent permitted by applicable law), shall all be immediately due and payable, in each and every case without presentment, demand, protest or further notice, all of which are hereby waived. The Company acknowledges, and the parties hereto agree, that each holder of a Note has the right to maintain its investment in the Notes free from repayment by the Company (except as herein specifically provided for) and that the provision for payment of a Make-Whole Amount by the Company in the event that the Notes are prepaid or are accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, is intended to provide compensation for the deprivation of such right under such circumstances.

**12.2. Other Remedies.**

If any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and irrespective of whether any Notes have become or have been declared immediately due and payable under Section 12.1, the holder of any Note at the time outstanding may proceed to protect and enforce the rights of such holder by an action at law, suit in equity or other appropriate proceeding, whether for the specific performance of any agreement contained herein or in any Note, or for an injunction against a violation of any of the terms hereof or thereof, or in aid of the exercise of any power granted hereby or thereby or by law or otherwise.

**12.3. Rescission.**

At any time after any Series of Notes has been declared due and payable pursuant to clause (b) of Section 12.1, the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount outstanding of such Series of Notes, by written notice to the Company, may rescind and annul any such declaration and its consequences if (a) the Company has paid all overdue interest on such Series of Notes, all principal of and Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any such Series of Notes that are due and payable and are unpaid other than by reason of such declaration, and all interest on such overdue principal and Make-Whole Amount, if any, and (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any overdue interest in respect of such Series of Notes, at the Default Rate, (b) all Events of Default and Defaults, other than non-payment of amounts that have become due solely by reason of such declaration, have been cured or have been waived pursuant to Section 17, and (c) no judgment or decree has been entered for the payment of any monies due pursuant hereto or to such Series of Notes. No rescission and annulment under this Section 12.3 will extend to or affect any subsequent Event of Default or Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

**12.4. No Waivers or Election of Remedies, Expenses, etc.**

No course of dealing and no delay on the part of any holder of any Note in exercising any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver thereof or otherwise prejudice such holder's rights, powers or remedies. No right, power or remedy conferred by this Agreement or by any Note upon any holder thereof shall be exclusive of any other right, power or remedy referred to herein or therein or now or hereafter available at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise. Without limiting the obligations of the Company under Section 15, the Company will pay to the holder of each Note on demand such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover all costs and expenses of such holder incurred in any enforcement or collection under this Section 12, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

**13. REGISTRATION; EXCHANGE; SUBSTITUTION OF NOTES.**

**13.1. Registration of Notes.**

The Company shall keep at its principal executive office a register for the registration and registration of transfers of Notes. The name and address of each holder of one or

more Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be registered in such register. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the Person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Company shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. The Company shall give to any holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor promptly upon request therefor, a complete and correct copy of the names and addresses of all registered holders of Notes.

**13.2.** Transfer and Exchange of Notes.

Upon surrender of any Note at the principal executive office of the Company for registration of transfer or exchange (and in the case of a surrender for registration of transfer, duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed by the registered holder of such Note or his attorney duly authorized in writing and accompanied by the address for notices of each transferee of such Note or part thereof), the Company shall execute and deliver, at the Company's expense (except as provided below), one or more new Notes (as requested by the holder thereof) in exchange therefor, of the same Series or Sub-Series and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the surrendered Note. Each such new Note shall be payable to such Person as such holder may request and shall, in the case of a Series 2006-A Note, be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.2, and in the case of any other Note, be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1.2 hereto or Exhibit 1 to the Supplement, as applicable. Each such new Note shall be dated and bear interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on the surrendered Note or dated the date of the surrendered Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp tax or governmental charge imposed in respect of any such transfer of Notes. Notes shall not be transferred in denominations of less than \$100,000, provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than \$100,000. Any transferee, by its acceptance of a Note registered in its name (or the name of its nominee), shall be deemed to have made the representation set forth in Section 6.2.

**13.3.** Replacement of Notes.

Upon receipt by the Company of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the ownership of and the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of any Note (which evidence shall be, in the case of an Institutional Investor, notice from such Institutional Investor of such ownership and such loss, theft, destruction or mutilation), and

- (a) in the case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it (provided that if the holder of such Note is, or is a nominee for, an original Purchaser or another holder of a Note with a minimum net worth of at least \$50,000,000, such Person's own unsecured agreement of indemnity shall be deemed to be satisfactory), or
- (b) in the case of mutilation, upon surrender and cancellation thereof,

the Company at its own expense shall execute and deliver, in lieu thereof, a new Note, dated and bearing interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note or dated the date of such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon.

**14. PAYMENTS ON NOTES.**

**14.1. Place of Payment.**

Subject to Section 14.2, payments of principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, and interest becoming due and payable on the Notes shall be made in Chicago, Illinois at the principal office of Bank of America in such jurisdiction. The Company may at any time, by notice to each holder of a Note, change the place of payment of the Notes so long as such place of payment shall be either the principal office of the Company in such jurisdiction or the principal office of a bank or trust company in such jurisdiction.

**14.2. Home Office Payment.**

So long as you or your nominee shall be the holder of any Note, and notwithstanding anything contained in Section 14.1 or in such Note to the contrary, the Company will pay all sums becoming due on such Note for principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, and interest by the method and at the address specified for such purpose below your name in Schedule A, or by such other method or at such other address as you shall have from time to time specified to the Company in writing for such purpose, without the presentation or surrender of such Note or the making of any notation thereon, except that upon written request of the Company made concurrently with or reasonably promptly after payment or prepayment in full of any Note, you shall surrender such Note for cancellation, reasonably promptly after any such request, to the Company at its principal executive office or at the place of payment most recently designated by the Company pursuant to Section 14.1. Prior to any sale or other disposition of any Note held by you or your nominee you will, at your election, either endorse thereon the amount of principal paid thereon and the last date to which interest has been paid thereon or surrender such Note to the Company in exchange for a new Note or Notes pursuant to Section 13.2. The Company will afford the benefits of this Section 14.2 to any Institutional Investor that is the direct or indirect transferee of any Note purchased by you under this Agreement and that has made the same agreement relating to such Note as you have made in this Section 14.2.

**15. EXPENSES, ETC.**

**15.1. Transaction Expenses.**

Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Company will pay all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees of a special counsel and, if reasonably required, local or other counsel) incurred by the holders of Notes in connection with such transactions and in connection with any amendments, waivers or consents under or in respect of this Agreement or the Notes (whether or not such amendment, waiver or consent becomes effective), including, without limitation: (a) the costs and expenses incurred in

enforcing or defending (or determining whether or how to enforce or defend) any rights under this Agreement or the Notes or in responding to any subpoena or other legal process or informal investigative demand issued in connection with this Agreement or the Notes or any documents relating thereto, or by reason of being a holder of any Note, and (b) the costs and expenses, including financial advisors' fees, incurred in connection with the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company or any Subsidiary or in connection with any work-out or restructuring of the transactions contemplated hereby, by the Notes or any documents relating thereto. The Company will pay, and will save you and each other holder of a Note harmless from, all claims in respect of any fees, costs or expenses if any, of brokers and finders (other than those retained by you).

**15.2. Survival.**

The obligations of the Company under this Section 15 will survive the payment or transfer of any Note, the enforcement, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or the Notes, and the termination of this Agreement.

**16. SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES; ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

All representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Notes, the purchase or transfer by any holder of any Note or portion thereof or interest therein and the payment of any Note, and may be relied upon by any subsequent holder of a Note, regardless of any investigation made at any time by or on behalf of you or any other holder of a Note. All statements contained in any certificate or other instrument delivered by or on behalf of the Company pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed representations and warranties of the Company under this Agreement. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement and the Notes embody the entire agreement and understanding between you and the Company and supersede all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

**17. AMENDMENT AND WAIVER.**

**17.1. Requirements.**

This Agreement and the Notes may be amended, and the observance of any term hereof or of the Notes may be waived (either retroactively or prospectively), with (and only with) the written consent of the Company and the Required Holders, except that (a) no amendment or waiver of any of the provisions of Section 1.2, 2, 3, 4 (solely with respect to the Series of Notes to which Section 4 relates), 5, 6 or 21 hereof, or any defined term (as it is used therein), will be effective as to any holder of a Note unless consented to by such holder in writing, and (b) no such amendment or waiver may, without the written consent of the holders of each Note at the time outstanding affected thereby, (i) change the amount or time of any prepayment or payment of principal of, or reduce the rate or change the time of payment or method of computation of interest or of the Make-Whole Amount on the Notes, (ii) change the percentage of the principal amount of the Notes the holders of which are required to consent to any such amendment or waiver, or (iii) amend any of Sections 8, 11(a), 11(b), 12, 17 or 20.

**17.2.** Solicitation of Holders of Notes.

(a) Solicitation. The Company will provide each holder of the Notes (irrespective of the amount of Notes then owned by it) with sufficient information, sufficiently far in advance of the date a decision is required, to enable such holder to make an informed and considered decision with respect to any proposed amendment, waiver or consent in respect of any of the provisions hereof and of the Notes. The Company will deliver executed or true and correct copies of each amendment, waiver or consent effected pursuant to the provisions of this Section 17 to each holder of outstanding Notes promptly following the date on which it is executed and delivered by, or receives the consent or approval of, the requisite holders of Notes.

(b) Payment. The Company will not directly or indirectly pay or cause to be paid any remuneration, whether by way of supplemental or additional interest, fee or otherwise, or grant any security, to any holder of Notes as consideration for or as an inducement to the entering into by any holder of Notes or any waiver or amendment of any of the terms and provisions hereof unless such remuneration is concurrently paid, or security is concurrently granted, on the same terms, ratably to each holder of Notes then outstanding even if such holder did not consent to such waiver or amendment.

**17.3.** Binding Effect, etc.

Any amendment or waiver consented to as provided in this Section 17 applies equally to all holders of Notes and is binding upon them and upon each future holder of any Note and upon the Company without regard to whether such Note has been marked to indicate such amendment or waiver. No such amendment or waiver will extend to or affect any obligation, covenant, agreement, Default or Event of Default not expressly amended or waived or impair any right consequent thereon. No course of dealing between the Company and the holder of any Note nor any delay in exercising any rights hereunder or under any Note shall operate as a waiver of any rights of any holder of such Note. As used herein, the term this Agreement and references thereto shall mean this Agreement as it may from time to time be amended or supplemented.

**17.4.** Notes held by Company, etc.

Solely for the purpose of determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding approved or consented to any amendment, waiver or consent to be given under this Agreement or the Notes, or have directed the taking of any action provided herein or in the Notes to be taken upon the direction of the holders of a specified percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding, Notes directly or indirectly owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates shall be deemed not to be outstanding.

**18.** NOTICES.

All notices and communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing and sent (a) by telecopy if the sender on the same day sends a confirming copy of such notice by a recognized overnight delivery service (charges prepaid), or (b) by registered or certified mail

with return receipt requested (postage prepaid), or (c) by a recognized overnight delivery service (with charges prepaid). Any such notice must be sent:

(i) if to you or your nominee, to you or it at the address specified for such communications in Schedule A, or at such other address as you or it shall have specified to the Company in writing,

(ii) if to any other holder of any Note, to such holder at such address as such other holder shall have specified to the Company in writing, or

(iii) if to the Company, to the Company at its address set forth at the beginning hereof to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer, or at such other address as the Company shall have specified to the holder of each Note in writing.

Notices under this Section 18 will be deemed given only when actually received.

**19. REPRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.**

This Agreement and all documents relating thereto, including, without limitation, (a) consents, waivers and modifications that may hereafter be executed, (b) documents received by you at the Closing (except the Notes themselves), and (c) financial statements, certificates and other information previously or hereafter furnished to you, may be reproduced by you by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, microcard, miniature photographic or other similar process and you may destroy any original document so reproduced. The Company agrees and stipulates that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any such reproduction shall be admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding (whether or not the original is in existence and whether or not such reproduction was made by you in the regular course of business) and any enlargement, facsimile or further reproduction of such reproduction shall likewise be admissible in evidence. This Section 19 shall not prohibit the Company or any other holder of Notes from contesting any such reproduction to the same extent that it could contest the original, or from introducing evidence to demonstrate the inaccuracy of any such reproduction.

**20. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

For the purposes of this Section 20, Confidential Information means information delivered to you by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement that is proprietary in nature and that was clearly marked or labeled or otherwise adequately identified when received by you as being confidential information of the Company or such Subsidiary, provided that such term does not include information that (a) was publicly known or otherwise known to you prior to the time of such disclosure, (b) subsequently becomes publicly known through no act or omission by you or any Person acting on your behalf, (c) otherwise becomes known to you other than through disclosure by the Company or any Subsidiary or (d) constitutes financial statements delivered to you under Section 7.1 that are otherwise publicly available. You will maintain the confidentiality of such Confidential Information in accordance with procedures adopted by you in

good faith to protect confidential information of third parties delivered to you, provided that you may deliver or disclose Confidential Information to (i) your directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys and affiliates (to the extent such disclosure reasonably relates to the administration of the investment represented by your Notes), (ii) your financial advisors and other professional advisors who agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with the terms of this Section 20, (iii) any other holder of any Note, (iv) any Institutional Investor to which you sell or offer to sell such Note or any part thereof or any participation therein (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by the provisions of this Section 20), (v) any Person from which you offer to purchase any security of the Company (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by the provisions of this Section 20), (vi) any federal or state regulatory authority having jurisdiction over you, (vii) the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any similar organization, or any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about your investment portfolio or (viii) any other Person to which such delivery or disclosure may be necessary or appropriate (w) to effect compliance with any law, rule, regulation or order applicable to you, (x) in response to any subpoena or other legal process, (y) in connection with any litigation to which you are a party or (z) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the extent you may reasonably determine such delivery and disclosure to be necessary or appropriate in the enforcement or for the protection of the rights and remedies under your Notes and this Agreement. Each holder of a Note, by its acceptance of a Note, will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to be entitled to the benefits of this Section 20 as though it were a party to this Agreement. On reasonable request by the Company in connection with the delivery to any holder of a Note of information required to be delivered to such holder under this Agreement or requested by such holder (other than a holder that is a party to this Agreement or its nominee), such holder will enter into an agreement with the Company embodying the provisions of this Section 20.

**21. SUBSTITUTION OF PURCHASER.**

You shall have the right to substitute any one of your Affiliates as the purchaser of the Notes that you have agreed to purchase hereunder, by written notice to the Company, which notice shall be signed by both you and such Affiliate, shall contain such Affiliate's agreement to be bound by this Agreement and shall contain a confirmation by such Affiliate of the accuracy with respect to it of the representations set forth in Section 6. Upon receipt of such notice, wherever the word "you" is used in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), such word shall be deemed to refer to such Affiliate in lieu of you. In the event that such Affiliate is so substituted as a purchaser hereunder and such Affiliate thereafter transfers to you all of the Notes then held by such Affiliate, upon receipt by the Company of notice of such transfer, wherever the word "you" is used in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), such word shall no longer be deemed to refer to such Affiliate, but shall refer to you, and you shall have all the rights of an original holder of the Notes under this Agreement.

**22. MISCELLANEOUS.**

**22.1. Successors and Assigns.**

All covenants and other agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns (including, without limitation, any subsequent holder of a Note) whether so expressed or not.

**22.2. Payments Due on Non-Business Days.**

Anything in this Agreement or the Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, any payment of principal of or Make-whole Amount or interest on any Note that is due on a date other than a Business Day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day without including the additional days elapsed in the computation of the interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day; provided that if the maturity date of any Note is a date other than a Business Day, the payment otherwise due on such maturity date shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and shall include the additional days elapsed in the computation of interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day.

**22.3. Severability.**

Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

**22.4. Construction.**

Each covenant contained herein shall be construed (absent express provision to the contrary) as being independent of each other covenant contained herein, so that compliance with any one covenant shall not (absent such an express contrary provision) be deemed to excuse compliance with any other covenant. Where any provision herein refers to action to be taken by any Person, or which such Person is prohibited from taking, such provision shall be applicable whether such action is taken directly or indirectly by such Person.

**22.5. Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. Each counterpart may consist of a number of copies hereof, each signed by less than all, but together signed by all, of the parties hereto.

**22.6.** Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the law of the State of Illinois excluding choice-of-law principles of the law of such State that would require the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than such State.

**22.7.** Time is of the Essence

Time is of the essence with respect to each and every covenant and agreement of the Company under this Agreement and the Notes.

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If you are in agreement with the foregoing, please sign the form of agreement on the accompanying counterpart of this Agreement and return it to the Company, whereupon the foregoing shall become a binding agreement between you and the Company.

Very truly yours,

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ James R. Batten  
Name: James R. Batten  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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The foregoing is hereby

agreed to as of the

date thereof.

METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Judith A. Gulotta

Name: Judith A. Gulotta

Title: Director

METLIFE INVESTORS INSURANCE COMPANY

METLIFE INVESTORS USA INSURANCE

COMPANY

METLIFE LIFE AND ANNUITY REINSURANCE  
COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

By: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, its investment manager

By: /s/ Judith A. Gulotta

Name: Judith A. Gulotta

Title: Director

METLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT

By: /s/ Judith A. Gulotta

Name: Judith A. Gulotta

Title: Vice President



THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ Mark E. Kishler  
Name: Mark E. Kisher  
Title: Its Authorized Representative

THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY For its Group Annuity Separate Account

By: /s/ Mark E. Kishler  
Name: Mark E. Kisher  
Title: Its Authorized Representative

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EXHIBIT 4.2

[FORM OF SERIES 2006-A SENIOR NOTE]

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

5.39% SERIES 2006-A SENIOR NOTE DUE MAY 15, 2016

No. [\_\_\_\_\_]
\$[\_\_\_\_\_]

May 15, 2006
PPN: 686091 A# 6

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, O Reilly Automotive, Inc. (herein called the Company), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, hereby promises to pay to [\_\_\_\_\_] or registered assigns, the principal sum of [\_\_\_\_\_] DOLLARS on May 15, 2016, with interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) (a) on the unpaid balance thereof at the rate of 5.39% per annum from the date hereof, payable semiannually, on the fifteenth day of May and November in each year, commencing with the May or November next succeeding the date hereof (except that the first such payment shall be on November 15, 2006), until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and (b) to the extent permitted by law on any overdue payment (including any overdue prepayment) of principal, any overdue payment of interest and any overdue payment of any Make-Whole Amount (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement referred to below), payable semiannually as aforesaid (or, at the option of the registered holder hereof, on demand), at a rate per annum from time to time equal to the greater of (i) 7.39% or (ii) 2% over the rate of interest publicly announced by Bank of America from time to time in Chicago, Illinois as its base or prime rate.

Payments of principal of, interest on and any Make-Whole Amount with respect to this Note are to be made in lawful money of the United States of America or at such place as shall have been designated in the Note Purchase Agreement referred to below.

This Note is one of a Series of Senior Notes (herein called the Notes) issued pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2006 (as from time to time amended, the Note Purchase Agreement), between the Company and the respective Purchasers named therein and is entitled to the benefits thereof. Each holder of this Note will be deemed, by its acceptance hereof, (i) to have agreed to the confidentiality provisions set forth in Section 20 of the Note Purchase Agreement and (ii) to have made the representation set forth in Section 6.2 of the Note Purchase Agreement.

This Note is a registered Note and, as provided in the Note Purchase Agreement, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer, duly endorsed, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed, by the registered holder hereof or such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, a new Note for a like principal amount will be issued to, and registered in the name of, the transferee. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the

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Company may treat the person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and the Company will not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Note is subject to optional prepayment, in whole or from time to time in part, at the times and on the terms specified in the Note Purchase Agreement, but not otherwise.

If an Event of Default, as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement, occurs and is continuing, the principal of this Note may be declared or otherwise become due and payable in the manner, at the price (including any applicable Make-Whole Amount) and with the effect provided in the Note Purchase Agreement.

This Note shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the law of the State of Illinois excluding choice-of-law principles of the law of such State that would require the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than such State.

O REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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

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