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**UNDER** THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **Labcorp Holdings Inc. Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings**

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#### **PROSPECTUS**



# **Labcorp Holdings Inc.**

Common Stock Preferred Stock Warrants Units Guarantees

# **Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings**

# **Senior Debt Securities Subordinated Debt Securities**

Labcorp Holdings Inc., a Delaware Corporation, or any selling securityholder may, from time to time, offer and sell, in one or more offerings:

- shares of common stock;
- · shares of preferred stock;
- warrants to purchase preferred stock or common stock;
- units; and
- guarantees of debt securities issued by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings.

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a Delaware corporation, may, from time to time, offer and sell, in one or more offerings:

- senior debt securities; and
- subordinated debt securities.

Debt securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Labcorp Holdings Inc., as described herein or in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. These debt securities, and any such guarantees, may be senior or subordinated.

We may offer any combination of the securities, in separate series or classes and in amounts, at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus. In addition, this prospectus may be used to offer securities for the account of persons other than us.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to the securities we, or any selling securityholders, as applicable, may offer and sell and the general manner in which they may be offered. Each time we, or any selling securityholders, as applicable, offer securities pursuant to this prospectus, we, or any selling securityholders, as applicable, will provide one or more supplements to this prospectus or free writing prospectuses that contain specific information about the offering and the terms of any securities being sold, including the prices and terms of any securities to be offered, the net proceeds that we expect to receive from the sale of such securities (if any) and the specific manner in which such securities may be offered. Before investing, you should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Prospectus supplements and free writing prospectuses may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus.

We, or any selling securityholders, as applicable, may offer and sell these securities to or through agents, underwriters, dealers, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The names of any agents, underwriters, or dealers, and the terms of the arrangements with such entities, will be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

The common stock of Labcorp Holdings Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LH."

You should read carefully this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and any prospectus supplement before you invest. Investing in our securities involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 9.

We have not authorized anyone to give you any information other than that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus by or on our behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates or on the date or dates which are specified in such documents.

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

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 (registration statement) that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Using this process, we, or selling securityholders, as applicable, may offer and sell any combinations of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings from time to time.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we, or any selling securityholders, as applicable, may offer from time to time, in one or more offerings. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus. This prospectus may be supplemented from time to time by one or more prospectus supplements or free writing prospectuses. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Wherever references are made in this prospectus to information that will be included in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, to the extent permitted by applicable law, rules, or regulations, we may instead include such information or add, update, or change the information contained in this prospectus by means of a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, through filings we make with the SEC that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, or by any other method as may then be permitted under applicable law, rules, or regulations.

For further information, we refer you to the headings "Where to Find Additional Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference."

Unless specifically noted otherwise in this prospectus or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer to Labcorp Holdings Inc., together with its subsidiaries, including Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. Additionally, unless specifically noted otherwise in this prospectus or unless the context otherwise requires, (i) all references in this prospectus to "LHI" refer to Labcorp Holdings Inc., together with its consolidated subsidiaries, and where context requires, Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings and (ii) all references to "LCAH" refer to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain certain forward-looking statements concerning the Company's operations, performance, and financial condition, as well as its strategic objectives. Any prospectus supplement or applicable free writing prospectus may also contain these type of forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events and expectations and can typically be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "intends," "plans," "estimates," or "anticipates," or the negative of those words or other comparable terminology. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the time they are made and are subject to various risks and uncertainties and the Company claims the protection afforded by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors in addition to those discussed elsewhere herein, including in the "Risk Factors" section in this prospectus, and in the Company's other public filings, press releases, and discussions with Company management, including:

(1) changes in government and third-party payer regulations, reimbursement, or coverage policies or other future reforms in the U.S. healthcare system (or in the interpretation of current regulations), new insurance or payment systems, including state, regional or private insurance cooperatives (e.g., health insurance exchanges), affecting governmental and third-party coverage or reimbursement for commercial laboratory testing, including the impact of the U.S. Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014;

- (2) significant monetary damages, fines, penalties, assessments, refunds, repayments, damage to the Company's reputation, unanticipated compliance expenditures, and/or exclusion or debarment from or ineligibility to participate in government programs, among other adverse consequences, arising from enforcement of anti-fraud and abuse laws, and other laws applicable to the Company in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (3) significant fines, penalties, costs, unanticipated compliance expenditures, and/or damage to the Company's reputation arising from the failure to comply with applicable privacy and security laws and regulations, including the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the U.S. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and similar laws and regulations in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (4) loss or suspension of a license or imposition of fines or penalties under, or future changes in, or interpretations of applicable licensing laws or regulations regarding the operation of clinical laboratories, the development and commercialization of laboratory-developed tests, and the delivery of clinical laboratory test results, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1967, the U.S. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, the European Union In Vitro Diagnostics Regulation, and similar laws and regulations in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (5) penalties or loss of license arising from the failure to comply with applicable occupational and workplace safety laws and regulations, including the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements, the U.S. Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, and similar laws and regulations in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (6) fines, unanticipated compliance expenditures, suspension of manufacturing, enforcement actions, damage to the Company's reputation, injunctions, or criminal prosecution arising from failure to maintain compliance with current good manufacturing practice regulations and similar requirements of various regulatory agencies in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (7) sanctions or other remedies, including fines, unanticipated compliance expenditures, enforcement actions, injunctions or criminal prosecution arising from failure to comply with the Animal Welfare Act or applicable national, state and local laws and regulations in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (8) changes in testing guidelines or recommendations by government agencies, medical specialty societies, and other authoritative bodies affecting the development, validation, approval, clearance, commercialization, or utilization of laboratory tests;
- (9) changes in applicable government regulations or policies affecting the approval, availability of, and the selling and marketing of diagnostic tests, including laboratory-developed tests, drug development, or the conduct of drug development and medical device and diagnostic studies and trials, including regulations and policies of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Medicine and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in the United Kingdom, the National Medical Products Administration in China, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency in Japan, the European Medicines Agency in the European Union, and similar regulations and policies of agencies in other jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business;
- (10) changes in government regulations or reimbursement pertaining to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device and diagnostic industries, changes in reimbursement of pharmaceutical products, or reduced spending on research and development by pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device, and diagnostic customers;
- (11) liabilities that result from the failure to comply with corporate governance requirements;
- (12) increased competition, including price competition, potential reduction in rates in response to price transparency initiatives and consumerism, competitive bidding and/or changes or reductions to fee

- schedules, and competition from companies that do not comply with existing applicable laws or regulations or otherwise disregard compliance standards in the industry;
- (13) changes in payer mix or payment structure or process, including insurance carrier participation in health insurance exchanges, an increase in capitated reimbursement mechanisms, the impact of clearinghouses on the claims reimbursement process, the impact of a shift to consumer-driven health plans or plans carrying an increased level of member cost-sharing, and adverse changes in payer reimbursement or payer coverage policies (implemented directly or through a third-party utilization management organization) related to specific diagnostic tests, categories of testing or testing methodologies;
- (14) failure to retain or attract business from managed care organizations as a result of changes in business models, including risk based or network approaches, out-sourced laboratory network management or utilization management companies, or other changes in strategy or business models by managed care organizations;
- (15) failure to obtain and retain new customers, an unfavorable change in the mix of testing services ordered, or a reduction in tests ordered, specimens submitted, or services requested by existing customers, and delays in payments from customers;
- (16) consolidation and convergence of customers, competitors, and suppliers, potentially causing material shifts in insourcing, utilization, pricing, reimbursement, and supply chain access;
- (17) failure to invest in or effectively develop and deploy new systems, system modifications or enhancements required in response to evolving market, business, and customer trends and needs;
- (18) customers choosing to insource services that are or could be purchased from the Company;
- (19) failure to identify, successfully close, and effectively integrate and/or manage acquisitions of new businesses or failure to maintain key customers and/or employees as a result of uncertainty surrounding the integration of acquisitions;
- (20) inability to achieve the expected benefits and synergies of newly-acquired businesses, including due to items not discovered in the due diligence process, and the impact on the Company's cash position, levels of indebtedness, and stock price;
- (21) termination, loss, delay, reduction in scope, or increased costs of contracts, including large contracts and multiple contracts;
- (22) liability arising from errors or omissions in the performance of testing and other services or other contractual arrangements;
- (23) changes or disruption in the provision or transportation of services or supplies provided by third parties, or their termination for failure to follow the Company's performance standards and requirements;
- (24) damage or disruption to the Company's facilities;
- (25) damage to the Company's reputation, loss of business or other harm from acts of animal rights activists or potential harm and/or liability arising from animal research activities;
- (26) adverse results in litigation matters;
- (27) inability to attract, retain, and develop experienced and qualified personnel or the loss of significant personnel as a result of illness, increased competition for talent, wage growth, or other market factors beyond the Company's control;
- (28) failure to develop or acquire licenses for new or improved technologies, such as point-of-care testing, mobile health technologies, and digital pathology, or potential use of new technologies by customers and/or consumers to perform their own tests;

- (29) substantial costs arising from the inability to commercialize newly licensed tests or technologies or to obtain appropriate coverage or reimbursement for such tests;
- (30) failure to obtain, maintain, and enforce intellectual property rights for protection of the Company's products and services and defend against challenges to those rights;
- (31) scope, validity, and enforceability of patents and other proprietary rights held by third parties that may impact the Company's ability to develop, perform, or market the Company's products or services or operate its business;
- (32) business interruption, receivables impairment, delays in cash collection impacting days sales outstanding, supply chain disruptions or inventory obsolescence, increases in material cost or other operating costs, or other impacts on the business due to natural disasters, including adverse weather, fires and earthquakes; geopolitical crises, including terrorism and war; public health crises and disease epidemics and pandemics, including but not limited to the continued impact of COVID-19; and other events beyond the Company's control;
- (33) discontinuation or recalls of existing testing products;
- (34) a failure in the Company's information technology systems, including with respect to testing turnaround time and billing processes, the failure of the Company or its third-party suppliers and vendors to maintain the security of business information or systems or to protect against cybersecurity incidents such as denial of service attacks, malware, ransomware, and computer viruses, delays or failures in the development and implementation of the Company's automation platforms, or adverse effects from the use of or regulation of artificial intelligence and machine learning tools, any of which could result in a negative effect on the Company's performance of services, a loss of business or increased costs, damages to the Company's reputation, significant litigation exposure, an inability to meet required financial reporting deadlines, or the failure to meet future regulatory or customer information technology, data security, and connectivity requirements;
- (35) business interruption, increased costs, and other adverse effects on the Company's operations due to the unionization of employees, union strikes, work stoppages, general labor unrest or failure to comply with labor or employment laws;
- (36) failure to maintain the Company's days sales outstanding levels, cash collections (in light of increasing levels of patient responsibility), profitability and/or reimbursement arising from unfavorable changes in third-party payer policies, payment delays introduced by third-party utilization management organizations and increasing levels of patient payment responsibility;
- (37) impact on the Company's revenues, cash collections, and the availability of credit for general liquidity or other financing needs arising from a significant deterioration in the economy or financial markets or in the Company's credit ratings by Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's;
- (38) failure to maintain the expected capital structure for the Company, including failure to maintain the Company's investment grade rating or leverage ratio covenants under its revolving credit facility;
- (39) changes in reimbursement by foreign governments and foreign currency fluctuations;
- (40) inability to obtain certain billing information from physicians, resulting in increased costs and complexity, a temporary disruption in receipts, and ongoing reductions in reimbursements and revenues;
- expenses and risks associated with international operations, including, but not limited to, compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt
  Practices Act, the United Kingdom Bribery Act, other applicable anti-corruption laws and regulations, trade sanction laws and regulations, and economic, political, legal and other operational risks associated with foreign jurisdictions;
- (42) failure to achieve expected efficiencies, benefits, and savings in connection with the Company's business process improvement initiatives;

- (43) changes in tax laws and regulations or changes in their interpretation;
- (44) changing global economic conditions and government and regulatory changes;
- (45) risks associated with the impacts and expected benefits and costs of the recently completed spin-off of Fortrea Holdings Inc., including, but not limited to, factors that could adversely affect the Company's ability to realize the expected benefits of the spin-off, the failure of the spin-off to qualify as a tax-free transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and potential exposure to unexpected claims, liabilities, or costs under the Company's agreements with Fortrea Holdings Inc. and/or otherwise in connection with the spin-off; and
- risks and uncertainties as to the completion, timing, and expected benefits of the Reorganization (as defined below), including, but not limited to the effect of the announcement of the Reorganization on the company's business generally and market reaction to the announcement.

Except as may be required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Given these uncertainties, you should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements.

#### WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). The SEC maintains a website that contains periodic reports, proxy and information statements, and other information that issuers, including the Company, file or furnish electronically with the SEC. The public can obtain any documents that we file or furnish with the SEC at www.sec.gov. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports are made available free of charge through the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at www.labcorp.com as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. The reference to our website is intended to be an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on our website (other than the SEC filings expressly referred to below as incorporated by reference herein) is not incorporated by reference herein and does not form a part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of ours or one of our subsidiaries, the reference is only a summary, and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement and all of its exhibits through the SEC's website.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" in this prospectus certain information we file with the SEC, which means that we may disclose important information in this prospectus by referring you to the document that contains the information. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information superseded by information in this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below (the file number for which is 001-11353) and any amendments to these documents:

- (1) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, including the information incorporated therein by reference from our <u>definitive proxy statement</u> for our 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, filed with the SEC on April 4, 2024;
- (2) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024;
- (3) our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 16, 2024; and
- (4) our Current Report on Form 8-K12B filed on May 17, 2024.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the offering of the securities covered by this prospectus is completed or the offering is otherwise terminated; provided, however, that we are not incorporating by reference any documents or information, including parts of documents that we file with the SEC, that are deemed to be furnished and not filed with the SEC. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, none of the information we disclose under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K that we may from time to time furnish to the SEC will be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise included in, this prospectus.

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

We will provide, without charge, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents. Requests may be made in writing or by telephone at:

Labcorp Holdings Inc.
358 South Main Street
Burlington, North Carolina 27215
(336) 229-1127
Attn: Office of the Corporate Secretary

#### THE COMPANY

We are a global leader of innovative and comprehensive laboratory services that provides vital information to help doctors, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, researchers, and patients make clear and confident decisions. By leveraging our unparalleled diagnostics and drug development capabilities, we provide insights and accelerate innovations to improve health and improve lives.

The Company is organized under two segments, consisting of Diagnostics Laboratories, which includes routine testing and specialty/esoteric testing, and Biopharma Laboratory Services, consisting of Early Development Research Laboratories and Central Laboratory Services. The Company's strength in science, technology, and innovation, as well as its global scale, enable it to play a leading role in advancing healthcare across the globe.

We believe that science, technology, and innovation drive our continued success, differentiate us, and are foundational to our future. They are critical to our ability to carry out our mission to improve health and improve lives.

Our principal executive offices are located at 358 South Main Street, Burlington, North Carolina 27215, and our telephone number at that address is (336) 229-1127.

# **Recent Developments**

As previously disclosed, on May 17, 2024, Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a Delaware corporation (LCAH), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement) with Labcorp Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, which was a wholly owned subsidiary of LCAH (LHI), and Radiance Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation, which was a wholly owned subsidiary of LHI (Merger Sub). The purpose of the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement was to implement a public holding company reorganization (the Reorganization).

Effective on May 17, 2024, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into LCAH, with LCAH continuing as the surviving corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of LHI (the Merger). At the effective time of the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of common stock of LCAH was converted automatically into one corresponding share of common stock of LHI, having the same designations, rights, powers, and preferences and qualifications, limitations, and restrictions as the corresponding security of LCAH, and such securities continue to trade on an uninterrupted basis on the NYSE under the existing symbol, "LH." All indebtedness of LCAH outstanding immediately prior to the Merger remained indebtedness of LCAH after the Merger. In addition, immediately following the effective time of the Merger, LHI (i) executed a full and unconditional guarantee of all of LCAH's outstanding senior debt securities issued under the indenture, dated as of November 19, 2010, between LCAH and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (such indenture as amended or supplemented to, but not including, the effective time of the Merger) and (ii) entered into a joinder agreement providing for the full and unconditional guarantee by LHI of all of LCAH's obligations under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2021, among LCAH, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto The Merger was conducted pursuant to Section 251(g) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the DGCL), which provides for the formation of a holding company (i.e., LHI) without a vote of the stockholders of the constituent corporation (i.e., LCAH).

#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves risks. Before deciding to purchase any of our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if applicable, in any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus used in connection with an offering of securities, before making an investment decision, including those risks identified under "Part I—Item IA. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and which may be amended, supplemented, or superseded from time to time by other reports that we subsequently file with the SEC. The risks that we discuss in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are those we currently believe may materially affect our company. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. Some statements in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements. Please refer to the section titled "Forward-Looking Statements" above.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we specify otherwise in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from sales of securities by us to provide additional funds for general corporate purposes. These purposes may include the repayment of indebtedness, future acquisitions, capital expenditures, working capital, and any other corporate purpose. If net proceeds from a specific offering are intended to be used for the repayment of indebtedness, the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe the relevant terms of the debt to be repaid. We will not receive proceeds from sales of securities by persons other than us except as may otherwise be stated in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES

Labcorp Holdings Inc. may offer under this prospectus one or more of the following categories of securities:

- shares of its common stock, par value \$0.10 per share;
- shares of its preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, in one or more series;
- warrants to purchase any of the foregoing securities;
- units consisting of any combination of the foregoing securities; and
- guarantees of debt securities issued by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings.

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings may offer under this prospectus one or more of the following categories of securities:

- senior debt securities, in one or more series; and
- subordinated debt securities, in one or more series.

The terms of any specific offering of securities, including the terms of any units offered, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus relating to such offering.

The certificate of incorporation of Labcorp Holdings Inc. provides that we have authority to issue 265 million shares of our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, and 30 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share. In connection with the Merger, each outstanding share of common stock of Labcorp Corporation of America Holdings was converted into one equivalent share of common stock of Labcorp Holdings Inc. At May 14, 2024, Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings had approximately 84 million shares of common stock issued and outstanding. The common stock of Labcorp Holdings Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LH."

#### **GUARANTOR DISCLOSURES**

Labcorp Holdings Inc. may guarantee the debt securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, as described in "Description of Guarantees" in this prospectus and as may be further described in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Any such guarantees by Labcorp Holdings Inc. will be full, irrevocable, unconditional, and absolute guarantees to the holders of each series of such guaranteed debt securities. Labcorp Holdings Inc. does not hold directly any material assets other than ownership interests in Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings is consolidated into the financial statements of Labcorp Holdings Inc.

Labcorp Holdings Inc. and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings have filed this prospectus with the SEC registering, among other securities, debt securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, which may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Labcorp Holdings Inc., pursuant to Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act, separate consolidated financial statements of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings have not been presented. As permitted under Rule 13-01(a)(4)(vi) of Regulation S-X, we have excluded the summarized financial information for Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings because the assets, liabilities and results of operations of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings are not materially different than the corresponding amounts in LHI's consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference herein, and management believes such summarized financial information would be repetitive and would not provide incremental value to investors.

#### DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

In this description, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer only to Labcorp Holdings Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries. In this description, references to "common stock" refer to common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of Labcorp Holdings Inc.

The following description of our common stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the common stock that may be offered under this prospectus. This description summarizes certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and by-laws. For the complete terms of our common stock, please refer to our certificate of incorporation and by-laws that are filed as exhibits to our reports incorporated by reference into the registration statement that includes this prospectus. You should read these documents, which may be obtained as described above under "Where to Find Additional Information." The DGCL may also affect the terms of our common stock.

#### General

Our certificate of incorporation provides that we have authority to issue 265 million shares of our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share. On May 17, 2024, in connection with the Reorganization, each outstanding share of common stock of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings was converted into one equivalent share of Labcorp Holdings Inc. common stock, having the same designations, rights, powers and preferences, and the same qualifications, limitations, restrictions and other terms as the corresponding shares of common stock of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings immediately prior to the Reorganization. See "The Company—Recent Developments." At May 14, 2024, there were approximately 84 million shares of common stock of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings issued and outstanding. In addition, as of that date, approximately 0.1 million shares of common stock of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings were issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, approximately 0.6 million shares of common stock were issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units, and 0.4 million shares of common stock were issuable upon vesting of performance share awards, subject to adjustment for satisfaction of performance conditions, and additional shares of common stock

were issuable upon the conversion of outstanding convertible securities. The outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

#### **Voting Rights**

Each holder of common stock is entitled to attend all special and annual meetings of the stockholders and to vote upon any matter, including, without limitation, the election of directors. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share upon any matter, including, without limitation, the election of directors.

# **Liquidation Rights**

In the event of any dissolution, liquidation or winding up of us, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of common stock will be entitled to participate in the distribution of any assets remaining after we have paid all of our debts and liabilities and have paid, or set aside for payment, to the holders of any class of stock having preference over the common stock in the event of dissolution, liquidation or winding up, the full preferential amounts, if any, to which they are entitled.

#### Dividends

Dividends, which may be cumulative or noncumulative, may be paid on the common stock and on any class or series of stock entitled to participate therewith when and as declared from time to time by our board. Our credit facilities in effect from time to time may place certain limits on the payment of dividends

#### Other Rights and Restrictions

The holders of common stock have no preemptive or subscription rights to purchase additional securities issued by us, nor any rights to convert their common stock into other of our securities or to have their shares of common stock redeemed by us. Our common stock is not subject to redemption by us. Our certificate of incorporation and by-laws do not restrict the ability of a holder of common stock to transfer his or her shares of common stock. Our by-laws provide that holders of our common stock may act by written consent on any matters that could otherwise be brought at annual or special meetings. When we issue shares of common stock under this prospectus, the shares will be fully paid and non-assessable.

#### Listing

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

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Equiniti Trust Company.

# **Limitations of Director Liability**

Delaware law in relevant part authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breach of directors' fiduciary duty of care. Although Delaware law does not change directors' duty of care, it enables corporations to limit available relief to equitable remedies such as injunction or rescission. Our certificate of incorporation limits the liability of directors to us and our stockholders to the full extent permitted by Delaware law. Specifically, directors are not personally liable for monetary damages to us or our stockholders for breach of the director's fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability for:

• any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

- acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- · unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions; or
- any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

# Indemnification

To the maximum extent permitted by law, our certificate of incorporation provides for mandatory indemnification of directors and officers against any expense, liability or loss to which they may become subject, or which they may incur as a result of being or having been a director or officer. In addition, we must advance or reimburse directors and officers for expenses they incur in connection with indemnifiable claims. We also maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance.

#### DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

In this description, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer only to Labcorp Holdings Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries. In this description, references to "preferred stock" refer to preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of Labcorp Holdings Inc.

The following description of our preferred stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the preferred stock that may be offered under this prospectus. We will file a copy of the certificate of designations that contains the terms of each new series of preferred stock with the SEC each time we issue a new series of preferred stock, and these certificates of designations will be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Each certificate of designation will establish the number of shares included in a designated series and fix the designations, powers, privileges, preferences, and rights of the shares of each series as well as any applicable qualifications, limitations, or restrictions. For the complete terms of our preferred stock, in addition to the applicable certificate of designations, please refer to our certificate of incorporation and by-laws that are filed as exhibits to our reports incorporated by reference into the registration statement that includes this prospectus. The DGCL, as amended, may also affect the terms of our preferred stock.

#### General

We are authorized to issue 30 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of which no shares are issued and outstanding as of the date of this prospectus. The Board of Directors has the authority, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, to issue preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the number of shares, designations, relative rights (including voting rights), preferences and limitations of such series to the full extent now or hereafter permitted by Delaware law.

### **Preferred Stock That May Be Offered**

Our board is authorized to issue the preferred stock in one or more series and to fix and designate the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the preferred stock, including:

- dividend rights;
- conversion rights;
- voting rights;
- redemption rights and terms of redemption; and
- liquidation preferences.

Our board may fix the number of shares constituting any series and the designations of these series.

The rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions of the preferred stock of each series will be fixed by a certificate of designations relating to each series. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to each series will specify the terms of the preferred stock, including:

- the maximum number of shares in the series and the distinctive designation;
- the terms on which dividends will be paid, if any;
- the terms on which the shares may be redeemed, if at all;
- the liquidation preference, if any;
- the terms of any retirement or sinking fund for the purchase or redemption of the shares of the series;

- the terms and conditions, if any, on which the shares of the series will be convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of any other class or classes of capital stock;
- the voting rights, if any, on the shares of the series; and
- any or all other preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights or qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares.

We will describe the specific terms of a particular series of preferred stock in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to that series. The description of preferred stock above is not complete. You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, certificate of incorporation and certificate of designations for complete information.

# **Voting Rights**

The DGCL provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class on any proposal involving fundamental changes in the rights of holders of that preferred stock. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided for in the applicable certificate of designations.

# Other

Our issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of the Company. Our issuance of preferred stock could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to the holders of common stock or other series of preferred stock or could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of the holders of common stock or other series of preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of decreasing the market price of our common stock.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for the preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

In this description, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer only to Labcorp Holdings Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that may be offered under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our common stock or preferred stock, or any combination of those securities in the form of units. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities, and they may be attached to or separate from the other securities. Each series of warrants may be issued under a separate warrant agreement that we will enter into with a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, as detailed in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not assume any obligation, or agency or trust relationship, with you. We will file a copy of the warrant and warrant agreement with the SEC each time we issue a series of warrants, and these warrants and warrant agreements will be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should refer to the provisions of the applicable warrant agreement and prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus for more specific information

The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to a particular issue of warrants will describe the terms of those warrants, including, where applicable:

- the title of the warrants;
- the designation, amount and terms of the securities for which the warrants are exercisable and the procedures and conditions relating to the
  exercise of such warrants;
- the designation and terms of the other securities, if any, with which the warrants are to be issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- the aggregate number of warrants;
- any provisions for adjustment of the number or amount of securities receivable upon exercise of the warrants or the exercise price of the warrants.
- the price or prices at which the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants may be purchased;
- whether the warrants are to be sold separately or with other securities as part of units;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be separately transferable;
- if material, a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the exercise of the warrants;
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants;
- the date on which the right to exercise the warrants shall commence, and the date on which the right shall expire;
- the maximum or minimum number of warrants that may be exercised at any time;

- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any; and
- any other material terms of the warrants.

Before exercising our warrants, a holder of our warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or to exercise voting rights, if any.

#### **Exercise of Warrants**

Each warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase for cash or other consideration specified in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus the number of shares of preferred stock and the number of shares of common stock at the exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Warrants may be exercised as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to the warrants offered thereby. Upon receipt of payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the purchased securities. If less than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants. Holders of warrants will be required to pay any tax or governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with transferring the underlying securities in connection with the exercise of the warrants.

# **Enforceability of Rights of Holders of Warrants**

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as a warrant agent for more than one series of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, that holder's warrants.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

In this description, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer only to Labcorp Holdings Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

We may issue units comprising one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately at any time or at any time before a specified date.

The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may describe:

- the price or prices at which we will issue the units;
- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer, or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe the material terms of any units. The preceding description and any description of units in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus does not purport to be complete and is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the unit agreement and, if applicable, collateral arrangements and depositary arrangements relating to such units.

# **DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEES**

In this description, all references to "we," "us," "our" or the "Company" refer only to Labcorp Holdings Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

We may fully and unconditionally guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and any premium and interest on, one or more classes or series of debt securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, in accordance with the terms of such guarantee and the applicable indenture. In the event of the failure of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings punctually to pay any principal, premium or interest on any guaranteed debt security, we will cause any such payment to be made as it becomes due and payable, whether at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, repayment or otherwise, and as if such payment were made by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. The particular terms of the guarantee, if any, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to the guaranteed debt securities.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This section describes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. In this description, unless specifically noted otherwise or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "us," "our" and "ours" refers to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings as issuer of the debt securities, and not to any of its respective subsidiaries.

This prospectus may be used for an offering of any combination of our senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. We may issue senior debt securities in one or more series under a senior indenture between us, as issuer, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as senior indenture trustee or under one or more other indentures with another commercial bank to be selected. We may supplement any of these indentures from time to time

We may issue subordinated debt securities in one or more series under a subordinated indenture between us and a commercial bank we will select to act as subordinated indenture trustee. Further information regarding the trustee for subordinated debt securities will be provided in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. The form of the senior indenture and the form of the subordinated indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and is available as described above under the heading "Where To Find Additional Information." Any indenture for subordinated debt securities will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act).

Particular debt securities may be issued in one or more series that will be established by board resolution, officer's certificate, or supplemental indenture. Where we refer to either indenture below, we mean the indenture as well as any applicable board resolution, officer's certificate, or supplemental indenture.

The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus and the applicable indenture will describe the particular terms of any debt securities that may be offered and may supplement the terms summarized below. The following summaries of the debt securities and the indentures are not complete and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the indentures, including, but not limited to, definitions therein of certain terms. This summary may not contain all of the information that you may find useful. For a comprehensive description of any series of debt securities being offered to you pursuant to this prospectus, you should read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### General

We may issue an unlimited principal amount of debt securities in separate series. We may specify a maximum aggregate principal amount for the debt securities of any series. The debt securities will have terms that are consistent with the indentures. Senior debt securities will rank equal in right of payment with all our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. Subordinated debt securities will be paid only if all payments due under our senior indebtedness, including any outstanding senior debt securities, have been made.

Because we are a holding company whose operations are mostly conducted through operating subsidiaries, the debt securities will be structurally subordinated to any and all existing and future indebtedness, whether or not secured, and other liabilities and claims of holders of preferred stock, of any of our subsidiaries. The indentures under which the debt securities will be issued do not restrict our subsidiaries from issuing additional indebtedness or preferred stock that would be structurally senior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities, although certain limitations may be imposed under the terms of any such debt securities, which limitations will be set forth in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

The indentures do not limit the amount of other debt that we may incur or whether that debt is senior to the debt securities offered by this prospectus. Other than any restrictions on liens, sale and leaseback transactions, indebtedness, and preferred stock issued by our subsidiaries that may be applicable to senior debt securities or

any other restrictions described in any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, the indentures do not contain financial or similar restrictive covenants. The indentures do not contain any provision to protect holders of debt securities against a sudden or dramatic decline in our ability to pay our debt

The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe the debt securities being offered and the price or prices at which debt securities will be offered. The description will include:

- the title of the debt securities and whether the debt securities are senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the series of debt securities being offered;
- the date or dates on which we must repay the principal;
- the rate or rates at which the debt securities will bear interest;
- the date, if any, from which interest will accrue, and the dates, if any, on which we must pay interest;
- the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of the extension;
- the terms and conditions on which we may redeem any debt security, if at all, at our option;
- our obligation, if any, to redeem or purchase any debt securities, and the terms and conditions on which we must do so;
- the form of debt securities of the series, including the form of the trustee's certificate of authentication for the series;
- the denominations in which we may issue the debt securities, if other than denominations of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof;
- the currency in which we will pay the principal of and any premium or interest on the debt securities and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the U.S. for any purpose;
- the amount that will be deemed to be the principal amount of the debt securities for any purpose, including the principal amount that will be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity or that will be deemed to be outstanding as of any date;
- if applicable, the terms of any right to convert debt securities into, or exchange debt securities for, debt securities, shares of preferred stock or common stock or other securities of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings or Labcorp Holdings Inc.;
- whether we will issue the debt securities in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the depositary for the global securities and the terms of the global securities;
- any additional or different subordination provisions that will apply to any series of subordinated debt securities;
- any addition to or change in the events of default applicable to the debt securities and any change in the right of the trustee or the holders to declare the principal amount of any of the debt securities due and payable;
- any addition to or change in the covenants and related definitions in the indentures applicable to the debt securities;
- whether and to what extent the securities of such series will be guaranteed and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such securities shall be guaranteed and, if applicable, the terms and conditions upon which such guarantees may be subordinated to other indebtedness of the respective guarantors:
- the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any securities of the series shall be payable; and

any other terms of the debt securities, including, but not limited to, any terms which may be required by or advisable under U.S. laws or
regulations or otherwise included in connection with the marketing of a particular series of debt securities.

We may sell the debt securities at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. We will describe U.S. federal income tax considerations, if any, applicable to debt securities sold at an original issue discount in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. An "original issue discount security" is any debt security sold for less than its face value, and that provides that the holder cannot receive the full face value if the maturity of the security is accelerated. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to any original issue discount securities will describe the particular provisions relating to acceleration of the maturity upon the occurrence of an event of default. In addition, we will describe U.S. federal income tax or other considerations applicable to any debt securities that are denominated in a currency or unit other than U.S. dollars in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

### Conversion and Exchange Rights

The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe, if applicable, the terms on which you may convert debt securities into or exchange them for debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. The conversion or exchange may be mandatory or may be at your option. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will describe how the amount of debt securities, number of shares of preferred stock or common stock, or the amount of other securities to be received upon conversion or exchange would be calculated.

# **Optional Redemption**

The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will set forth whether we will have the right to redeem a series of debt securities before maturity. Unless otherwise established in or pursuant to a board resolution or an officer's certificate or another manner specified as contemplated in the indentures, we will mail a notice of redemption to holders at least 10, but not more than 60 days, prior to the date of redemption. If we have the right to redeem less than all of a series of debt securities, the trustee shall select, by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which complies with any securities exchange or other applicable procedures of the depositary, the debt securities to be redeemed; provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any debt security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such debt security. If any debt securities of a series are to be redeemed only in part, the notice of redemption will state the portion of the principal amount of the debt security to be redeemed. Debt securities called for redemption will become due on the date fixed for redemption. Any notice of redemption may, at our discretion, be given subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is so subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice (i) shall describe each such condition, (ii) shall state that, in our discretion, the redemption date may be postponed (including more than 60 days after the notice of redemption was delivered) until such time as any or all such conditions have been satisfied (or waived by us) and (iii) may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied or otherwise waived or such notice may be rescinded at any time in our discretion if in our good faith judgment any or all of such conditions will not be satisfied. We shall notify holders of any such rescission or postponement as soon as practicable after we determine that we will not be able to satisfy or otherwise waive such conditions precedent. In addition, any notice of redemption may provide that payment of the redemption price and performance of our obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another person. Once notice of redemption has been given as contemplated in the indentures, the debt securities to be redeemed shall, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions precedent provided in the notice of redemption, become due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless we default in the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest) such debt securities shall cease to bear interest.

#### **Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities**

The indebtedness underlying any subordinated debt securities will be payable only if all payments due under our senior indebtedness, including any outstanding senior debt securities, have been made. Senior indebtedness includes the principal, premium (if any) and unpaid interest on all present and future:

- (1) indebtedness for borrowed money;
- (2) obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments;
- (3) obligations under (i) interest rate swaps, caps, collars, options and similar arrangements, (ii) any foreign exchange contract, currency swap contract, futures contract, currency option contract, or other foreign currency hedge, and (iii) credit swaps, caps, floors, collars, and similar arrangements;
- (4) indebtedness incurred, assumed or guaranteed in connection with the acquisition by us or any of our subsidiaries of any business, properties or assets (except purchase-money indebtedness classified as accounts payable under GAAP);
- (5) all obligations and liabilities (contingent or otherwise) in respect of leases required, in conformity with GAAP, to be accounted for as capitalized lease obligations on the balance sheet and all obligations and liabilities (contingent or otherwise) under any lease or related document (including a purchase agreement) in connection with the lease or real property that provides that we are contractually obligated to purchase or cause a third party to purchase the leased property and thereby guarantee a minimum residual value of the leased property to the lessor and the obligations under such lease or related document to purchase or to cause a third party to purchase such leased property;
- (6) reimbursement obligations in respect of letters of credit relating to indebtedness or other obligations that qualify as indebtedness or obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (1) through (5) above; and
- (7) obligations under direct and indirect guaranties in respect of, and obligations (contingent or otherwise) to purchase or otherwise acquire, or otherwise to assure a creditor against loss in respect of, indebtedness or obligations of others of the kinds referred to in clauses (1) through (6) above, in each case unless the instrument creating or evidencing the indebtedness or obligation or pursuant to which the same is outstanding provides that (i) such indebtedness or obligation is not senior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities, or (ii) such indebtedness or obligation is subordinated to any other obligation, unless such indebtedness or obligation expressly provides that such indebtedness or obligations be senior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities.

If we distribute our assets to creditors upon any dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, or reorganization or in bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar proceedings, we must first pay all amounts due or to become due on all senior indebtedness before we pay the principal of, or any premium or interest on, the subordinated debt securities. In the event the subordinated debt securities are accelerated because of an event of default, we may not make any payment on the subordinated debt securities until we have paid all senior indebtedness or the acceleration is rescinded. If the payment of subordinated debt securities accelerates because of an event of default, we must promptly notify holders of senior indebtedness of the acceleration.

If we experience a bankruptcy, dissolution, or reorganization, holders of senior indebtedness may receive more, ratably, and holders of subordinated debt securities may receive less, ratably, than our other creditors. The indenture for subordinated debt securities will not limit our ability to incur additional senior indebtedness.

# Form, Exchange and Transfer

Unless the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus indicates otherwise, we will issue debt securities only in fully registered form, without coupons, and only in denominations of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The holder of a debt security may elect, subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities, to exchange them for other debt securities of the same series of any authorized denomination and of similar terms and aggregate principal amount.

Holders of debt securities may present them for exchange as provided above or for registration of transfer, duly endorsed or with the form of transfer duly executed, at the office of the transfer agent we designate for that purpose. We will not impose a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of debt securities, but we may require a payment sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with the transfer or exchange. Unless the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus indicates otherwise, the corporate trust office of the trustee will be the transfer agent for the debt securities. We may designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, but we must maintain a transfer agent in each place where we will make payment on debt securities.

#### Global Securities

The debt securities of a series may be represented by one or more global securities that will have an aggregate principal amount equal to that of all debt securities of that series, meaning that beneficial owners of the debt securities will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the debt securities, except in the event the book-entry system for the debt securities of that series is discontinued. Each global security will be registered in the name of a depository identified in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. We will deposit the global security with the depository or a custodian, and the global security will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer.

The Depository Trust Company is expected to serve as depository. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities represented thereby, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for the global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository or another nominee of such depository or any nominee of such depository to a successor depository or a nominee of such successor. The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities that differ from the terms described here will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we anticipate that the following provisions will apply to depository arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the depository for the global security or its nominee will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the respective amounts of the individual debt securities represented by such global security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with such depository, who are called "participants." Such accounts shall be designated by the underwriters, dealers, or agents with respect to the debt securities or by us if the securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to the depository's participants or persons that may hold interests through such participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the applicable depository or its nominee (with respect to beneficial interests of participants) and records of the participants (with respect to beneficial interests of persons who hold through participants). The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and laws may impair the ability to own, pledge, or transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

So long as the depository for a global security or its nominee is the registered owner of such global security, such depository or nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the securities represented by such global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Except as provided below or in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, owners of beneficial interest in a global security will not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities of the series represented by such global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such debt securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the applicable indenture.

Payments of amounts payable with respect to individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security representing such debt securities. None of us, our officers, board members, or any trustee, paying agent, or security registrar for an individual series of debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global security for such securities or for maintaining, supervising, or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the depository for a series of debt securities offered by means of this prospectus or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, interest, or other amount in respect of a permanent global security representing any of such debt securities, will immediately credit its participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such global security as shown on the records of such depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in such global security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the account of customers registered in "street name." Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

If a depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable, or ineligible to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the global security representing such series of debt securities. In addition, we may, at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to such debt securities, determine not to have any debt securities of such series represented by one or more global securities and, in such event, will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the global security or securities representing such series of debt securities.

# **Payment and Paying Agents**

We will pay principal and any premium or interest on a debt security to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest.

We will pay principal and any premium or interest on the debt securities at the office of our designated paying agent. Unless the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus indicates otherwise, the trustee will act as our paying agent.

Any other paying agents we designate for the debt securities of a particular series will be named in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. We may designate additional paying agents, rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, but we must maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities.

The paying agent will return to us all money we pay to it for the payment of the principal, premium, or interest on any debt security that remains unclaimed for a specified period. Thereafter, the holder may look only to us for payment, as an unsecured general creditor.

#### Guarantees

Debt securities issued by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by LHI. The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus relating to a series of debt securities may provide that those debt securities will have the benefit of a guarantee by LHI. Any such guarantees will be general obligations of LHI.

The obligations of LHI under its guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent that guarantee from constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance under applicable law. LHI, as guarantor, will be permitted to

consolidate or merge with, or lease or sell substantially all of its assets to another company as provided below under "—Limitation on Mergers and Consolidations." The terms of any guarantee and the conditions upon which a guaranter may be released from its obligations under that guarantee will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

# **Limitation on Mergers and Consolidations**

So long as any debt securities of a series remain outstanding, we may not consolidate or merge with or into any person, or sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets to any person, unless:

- (1) the person formed by or surviving such consolidation or merger (if other than us), or to which such sale, lease, conveyance, or other disposition shall be made (collectively, the Successor), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor assumes by supplemental indenture in a form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee all of our obligations under the indenture and under the debt securities;
- (2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no event, act or condition which is, or that with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an event of default under the indenture shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) we shall have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with the applicable indenture.

The Successor shall be the successor to us and shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, us under the indenture, and we (except in the case of a lease) shall be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the debt securities.

#### **Events of Default**

Each of the following will constitute an event of default under each indenture with respect to each series of debt securities:

- (1) failure to pay interest on the debt securities when due, which failure continues for 30 days;
- (2) failure to pay principal of the debt securities when due;
- (3) failure to comply with "—Limitation on Mergers and Consolidations" above;
- (4) failure to comply with any other covenant of ours set forth in the indenture for the series of debt securities, which failure continues for 90 days after notice as provided in the indenture;
- (5) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, or reorganization with respect to us (the bankruptcy provision);
- (6) any default or event of default under any indebtedness of ours or any of our subsidiaries (other than any indebtedness of ours or any subsidiary to the seller of a business or asset incurred in connection with the purchase thereof), which default or event of default results in at least \$200 million of aggregate principal amount of such indebtedness being declared due and payable prior to maturity; and
- (7) failure by us or any of our subsidiaries to pay at maturity or otherwise when due (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) at least \$200 million aggregate principal amount of indebtedness at any one time.

After the occurrence of a default or an event of default, the trustee is required to transmit notice thereof to the holders of the debt securities within 60 days after it occurs or promptly upon the trustee attaining knowledge thereof, whichever is earlier. Except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the

debt securities, the trustee may withhold such notice if and so long as the trustee, in good faith, determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the holders of the debt securities. If an event of default (other than the bankruptcy provision) occurs and is continuing with respect to a series of debt securities, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may declare the principal of and accrued but unpaid interest on all the debt securities of that series immediately due and payable. If a bankruptcy event occurs, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the debt securities shall become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holders of such debt securities. However, if prior to the entry of any judgment or decree for the accelerated amount, we shall pay or deposit with the trustee all principal and interest in arrears, the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series shall have the right to waive all defaults and the consequences of having all principal payments due. This waiver will not, however, be operative as against nor impair any rights arising as a result of any subsequent event of default. The trustee will not be charged with knowledge of any event of default other than our failure to make principal and interest payments unless actual written notice thereof is received by the trustee.

The indenture contains provisions regarding limitations on the right to institute legal proceedings. No holder of debt securities of a series shall have the right to institute an action or proceeding for rights arising under the indenture unless:

- (1) such holder has given written notice of default to the trustee;
- (2) the holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series shall have made a written request to the trustee to institute an action and offered the trustee such indemnification satisfactory to it:
- (3) the trustee shall have not commenced such action within 60 days of receipt of such notice and indemnification offer; and
- (4) no direction inconsistent with such request has been given to the trustee by the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series during such 60-day period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to applicable law, nothing shall prevent the holders of debt securities of a series from enforcing payment of the principal of or interest on their debt securities.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series. The trustee, however, may refuse to follow such direction if the trustee determines that the action so directed may not lawfully be taken, or that the action so directed would be unduly prejudicial to the holders of the debt securities of a series not taking part in such action or that such action would involve the trustee in personal liability.

The indenture provides that in case an event of default shall occur (which shall not have been cured or waived), the trustee will be required to use the degree of care a prudent person would use in the conduct of their own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of the debt securities of a series unless they shall have offered the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it.

We will be required to furnish to the trustee annually a statement as to the fulfillment by us of all our obligations under the indenture. In addition, we are required to notify the trustee of the occurrence of certain events of default in accordance with the indenture.

#### **Supplemental Indentures**

We and the trustee may enter into supplemental indentures and indentures without the consent of any holders of debt securities with respect to specific matters, including:

- to cure any ambiguity, defect, or inconsistency;
- to provide for the assumption by a Successor of our obligations under the indenture in accordance with the provisions described above under "—Limitation on Mergers and Consolidations";
- to provide for uncertificated securities in addition to or in place of certificated securities;
- to add to the covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us or to add any additional events of default for the benefit of all or any series of debt securities;
- to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder of debt securities in any material respect;
- to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of debt securities of any series, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of an indenture or any series of debt securities or to add to the rights of the holders of any series of debt securities;
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee with respect to the debt securities of one or more series and to add or change any of the provisions of an indenture as necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts by more than one trustee:
- to supplement any provisions of the indentures necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities; provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of such series or any other series:
- to comply with the rules or regulations of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which any of the debt securities may
  be listed or traded;
- to comply with the rules of any applicable depositary;
- subject to any limitations established pursuant to the applicable indenture, to provide for the issuance of additional debt securities of any series; or
- to conform any provision of the indentures, any supplemental indenture, one or more series of debt securities or any related guarantees or security documents, if any, to the description of such debt securities contained in the this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, or free writing prospectus, offering memorandum or similar document with respect to the offering of the debt securities of such series.

In addition, under the indentures, the rights of holders of a series of debt securities may be changed by us and the trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series that is affected. However, we and the trustee may only make the following changes with the consent of the holder of each debt security affected:

- changing the fixed maturity of principal or interest payments on the debt securities;
- reducing the principal amount or reducing the rate of interest, or any premium payable upon the redemption, or change the currency, or impair the right to enforce any payment of the security after maturity thereof, of any debt securities;
- · reducing the percentage of debt securities of any series the holders of which are required to consent to any amendment or waiver;

- modifying the provisions related to waivers of default, except to increase any required percentage of holders or provide that certain other provisions of the indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of each affected holder:
- if the debt securities of any series are convertible into or for any other of our securities or our property, make any change that adversely affects in any material respect the right to convert any debt security of such series, except as otherwise permitted in the indenture, or decrease the conversion rate or increase the conversion price of any such debt security of such series, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of such debt security; or
- modify the provisions related to the subordination of any subordinated debt security in a manner adverse to such holder.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default under the indenture with respect to debt securities of that series, except a default in the payment of principal, premium or interest on any debt security of that series or in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture that cannot be amended without each holder's consent.

Except in limited circumstances, we may set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series entitled to give or take any direction, notice, consent, waiver, or other action under the indentures. In limited circumstances, the trustee may set a record date. To be effective, the action must be taken by holders of the requisite principal amount of such debt securities within a specified period following the record date.

#### Defeasance, Satisfaction, and Discharge

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, at any time, we may terminate all of our obligations under a series of debt securities and our obligations under an indenture with respect to that series of debt securities, or "legal defeasance," except for certain obligations, including those respecting the defeasance trust and obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of a series, to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen debt securities and to maintain a registrar and paying agent in respect of the debt securities.

In addition, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, at any time we may terminate with respect to any series of senior debt securities our and our subsidiaries' obligations under certain covenants as described in any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

We may exercise our legal defeasance option with respect to a series of senior debt securities notwithstanding the prior exercise of our covenant defeasance option. If we exercise our legal defeasance option, payment of the debt securities of a series may not be accelerated because of an event of default with respect thereto. If we exercise our covenant defeasance option with respect to a series of senior debt securities, payment of the debt securities may not be accelerated because of an event of default specified in clause (4) under "—Events of Default" above due to a violation of covenants.

In order to exercise either of our defeasance options as to debt securities of a series, we must irrevocably deposit, or cause to be deposited, in trust (the defeasance trust) with the trustee money or governmental obligations, or a combination thereof, sufficient to pay all remaining principal and interest on the debt securities, and must comply with certain other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain, or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred (and, in the case of legal defeasance only, such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling received from or published by the Internal Revenue Service or other change in applicable Federal income tax law).

Our obligations under the applicable indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to a series of debt securities when either (i) all securities of that series have been delivered (except lost, stolen, or destroyed securities that have been replaced or paid and the securities for whose payment money or noncallable government obligations has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the company and thereafter repaid to us or discharged from such trust in accordance with the indenture) to the trustee for cancellation, or (ii) all such securities not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption and we have deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee, in trust, money, noncallable government obligations or a combination thereof, in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such debt securities not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation, for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, to the date of maturity or date of redemption, as the case may be;

- we have paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by us under the indenture with respect to such series; and
- we have delivered an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel relating to compliance with the conditions set forth in the indenture.

# Regarding the Trustee

The trustee for the senior debt securities is currently U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, which maintains its corporate trust offices at 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. The trustee provides certain corporate trust services to us in the ordinary course of business and may provide such services in the future. In addition, the trustee serves as the trustee with respect to numerous other notes issued by us pursuant to other indentures for which the trustee serves as trustee. The indenture for the senior debt securities and provisions of the Trust Indenture Act contain limitations on the rights of the trustee, should it become one of our creditors, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims as security or otherwise. The trustee is permitted to engage in other transactions. However, if the trustee acquires any conflicting interest, it must either eliminate such conflict, apply to the SEC for permission to continue or resign. The trustee for the subordinated debt securities has not been appointed.

Further information regarding the trustee for senior debt securities and information on the trustee for the subordinated debt securities, as applicable, will be provided in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### **Governing Law**

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

#### SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Selling securityholders are persons or entities that, directly or indirectly, have acquired or will from time to time acquire, securities in various private or other transactions. Such selling securityholders may be parties to registration rights agreements with us, or we otherwise may have agreed or will agree to register their securities for resale. The purchasers of our securities, as well as their transferees, pledges, donees, or successors, all of whom we refer to as "selling securityholders," may from time to time offer and sell the securities pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus will set forth the name of each of the selling securityholders and the number of shares of our common stock or other relevant securities beneficially owned by such selling securityholders that are covered by such prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Hogan Lovells US LLP will provide us with an opinion as to the legal validity of the securities offered hereby unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# **EXPERTS**

The financial statements of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings as of December 31, 2023, and 2022, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2023, incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, and the effectiveness of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings' internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports. Such financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon the reports of such firm given their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

# PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth an estimate, subject to future contingencies, of the fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, if any.

SEC Registration Fee			
	\$	(*)	
Rating Agency Fees		(**)	
Legal Fees and Expenses		(**)	
Accounting Fees and Expenses		(**)	
Printing and Engraving Expenses		(**)	
Trustee's Fees		(**)	
Transfer Agent's Fees		(**)	
Blue Sky Fees and Expenses		(**)	
Miscellaneous		(**)	
Total:	\$	(**)	

- (\*) Under SEC Rule 456(b) and 457(r), the SEC registration fee will be paid at the time of any particular offering of securities under this registration statement and is therefore not currently determinable.
- (\*\*) Because an indeterminate amount of securities are covered by this registration statement, the expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of securities are not currently determinable.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

As authorized by Section 145 of the DGCL, each director and officer of the registrants may be indemnified by the registrants against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of any threatened, pending, or completed legal proceedings in which the person is involved by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director or officer of one of the registrants; provided that the person acted in good faith and in a manner that the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the applicable registrant; and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, that the person had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. If the legal proceeding, however, is by or in the right of the registrants, the director or officer may not be indemnified in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which he shall have adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the registrants unless a court determines otherwise.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL in relevant part provides that a corporation may eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for willful or negligent conduct in paying dividends or repurchasing or redeeming stock out of other than lawfully available funds (pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL), or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No such provision shall eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when such provision becomes effective.

Article Five of the restated certificate of incorporation of the registrant each provide that no director of the registrant shall be personally liable to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of his/her fiduciary duty as director; provided, however, that such clause shall not apply to any liability of a director

(i) for any breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. In addition, the provisions of Article VII of the Company's amended and restated by-laws provide that the registrants shall indemnify persons entitled to be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The registrants maintain policies of officers' and directors' liability insurance in respect of acts or omissions of current and former officers and directors of the registrants, their respective subsidiaries, and "constituent" companies that have been merged with the registrants.

Item 16.	Exhibits
1.01	Form of Underwriting Agreement.**
3.01	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Labcorp Holdings Inc. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 17, 2024).
3.02	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Labcorp Holdings Inc. (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 17, 2024).
3.03	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (incorporated by reference herein to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 17, 2024).
3.04	Amended and Restated By-Laws of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings.*
4.01	Form of Senior Debt Security.**
4.02	Form of Senior Indenture.*
4.03	Form of Subordinated Debt Security.**
4.04	Form of Subordinated Indenture.*
4.05	Form of Certificate of Designations for shares of preferred stock.**
4.06	Form of Certificate of Preferred Stock.**
4.07	Form of Warrant Agreement (including form of warrant certificate).**
4.08	Form of Unit Agreement.**
4.09	Form of Guarantee.**
5.01	Opinion of Hogan Lovells US LLP.*
23.01	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.*
23.02	Consent of Hogan Lovells US LLP (included in Exhibit 5.01).*
24.01	Powers of Attorney.*
25.01	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1.*
107	Filing Fee Table*

Filed herewith

<sup>\*\*</sup> To be filed, if necessary, either by amendment to this registration statement or as an exhibit to a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and incorporated herein by reference in connection with the offering of offered securities, as appropriate.

# Item 17. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrants pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

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

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrants undertake that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrants pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrants will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrants relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrants or their securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants; and
  - (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrants to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrants have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrants in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrants will, unless in the opinion of their counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (d) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the SEC under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Burlington, state of North Carolina, on May 17, 2024.

LABCORP HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Sandra D. van der Vaart

Sandra D. van der Vaart Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on May 17, 2024, in the capacities indicated. Each person listed below has signed this registration statement as an officer or director of Labcorp Holdings Inc.

Name	Title	
*	President and Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board	
Adam H. Schechter	(Principal Executive Officer)	
*	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	
Glenn A. Eisenberg	(Principal Financial Officer)	
*	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer	
Peter J. Wilkinson	(Principal Accounting Officer)	
*	Director	
Kerrii B. Anderson		
*	Director	
Jeffrey A. Davis		
*	Director	
D. Gary Gilliland, M.D., Ph.D.		
*	Director	
Kirsten M. Kliphouse		
*	Director	
Garheng Kong, M.D., Ph.D.		
*	Director	
Peter M. Neupert		
*	Director	
Richelle P. Parham		
*	Director	
Paul B. Rothman, M. D.		
*	Director	
Kathryn E. Wengel		

<sup>\*</sup> The undersigned hereby signs this registration statement on Form S-3 on behalf of each of the indicated persons for whom she is attorney-in-fact pursuant to powers of attorney filed with this registration statement.

By: /s/ Sandra D. van der Vaart
Sandra D. van der Vaart, Attorney-in-Fact

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

By: /s/ Sandra D. van der Vaart

Sandra D. van der Vaart Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on May 17, 2024, in the capacities indicated. Each person listed below has signed this registration statement as an officer or director of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings.

Name	Title	
*	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	
Adam H. Schechter		
*	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director	
Glenn A. Eisenberg	(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	
*	Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer	
Peter J. Wilkinson	(Principal Accounting Officer)	
*	Director	
Sandra D. van der Vaart		
*	Director	
Thomas J. Kremer		

<sup>\*</sup> The undersigned hereby signs this registration statement on Form S-3 on behalf of each of the indicated persons for whom she is attorney-in-fact pursuant to powers of attorney filed with this registration statement.

By: /s/ Sandra D. van der Vaart
Sandra D. van der Vaart, Attorney-in-Fact

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(hereinafter called the "Corporation")
(as amended and restated as of May 17, 2024)

#### 1. OFFICES

# 1.1 Registered Office

The initial registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware shall be at 251 Little Falls Drive in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19808. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address is the Corporation Service Company.

#### 1.2 Other Offices

The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within and without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or as may be necessary or useful in connection with the business of the Corporation.

## 2. STOCKHOLDERS

## 2.1 Place of Meetings

All meetings of the stockholders shall be held at such place as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Chair or the President. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors may determine that the meeting shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held by means of remote communication.

# 2.2 Annual Meetings

Unless directors are elected by written consent in lieu of an annual meeting, the Corporation shall hold annual meetings of stockholders on such date and at such time as shall be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Chair or the President, at which stockholders shall elect a Board of Directors and transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. If a written consent electing directors is less than unanimous, such action by written consent may be in lieu of holding an annual meeting only if all of the directorships to which directors could be elected at an annual meeting held at the effective time of such action are vacant and are filled by such action.

# 2.3 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the stockholders, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the Board of Directors or by the record holders of at least a majority of the shares of stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereof.

## 2.4 Notice of Meetings

Notice of any meeting of stockholders, stating the place, if any, date and hour of the meeting, the means of remote communication, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting, and (if it is a special meeting) the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting (except to the extent that such notice is waived or is not required as provided in the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "<u>Delaware General Corporation Law</u>") or these By-Laws). Such notice shall be given in accordance with, and shall be deemed effective as set forth in, Sections 222 and 232 (or any successor section or sections) of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## 2.5 Waivers of Notice

Whenever the giving of any notice is required by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws, a written waiver thereof signed by the person or persons entitled to said notice, or a waiver thereof by electronic transmission by the person entitled to said notice, delivered to the Corporation, whether before or after the event as to which such notice is required, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance of a stockholder at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice (1) of such meeting, except when the stockholder at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting, and (2) (if it is a special meeting) of consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice, unless the stockholder objects to considering the matter at the beginning of the meeting.

## 2.6 Business at Special Meetings

Business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice (except to the extent that such notice is waived or is not required as provided in the Delaware General Corporation Law or these By-Laws).

## 2.7 Quorum at Meetings

Stockholders may take action on a matter at a meeting only if a quorum exists with respect to that matter. Except as otherwise provided by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation, the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting, and who are present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders for the transaction of business. Where a separate vote by a class or series or classes or series is required, a majority of the outstanding shares of such class or series or classes or series, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to that vote on that matter. Once a share is represented for any purpose at a meeting (other than solely to object (1) to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting, or (2) (if it is a special meeting) to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting that is not within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice), it is deemed present for quorum purposes for the remainder of the meeting and for any adjournment of that meeting unless a new record date is or must be set for the adjourned meeting. The holders of a majority of the voting shares represented at a meeting, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn such meeting from time to time.

# 2.8 Voting and Proxies

Unless otherwise provided in the Delaware General Corporation Law or in the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, and subject to the other provisions of these By-Laws, each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote on each matter, in person or by proxy, for each share of the Corporation's capital stock that has voting power and that is held by such stockholder. No proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A duly executed appointment of proxy shall be irrevocable if the appointment form states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. If authorized by the Board of Directors, and subject to

such guidelines as the Board of Directors may adopt, stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting of stockholders may, by means of remote communication, participate in a meeting of stockholders and be deemed present in person and vote at such meeting whether such meeting is held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication, provided that (1) the Corporation implements reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a stockholder or proxyholder, (2) the Corporation implements reasonable measures to provide such stockholders and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the stockholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings, and (3) if any stockholder or proxyholder votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action is maintained by the Corporation.

# 2.9 Required Vote

When a quorum is present at any meeting of stockholders, all matters shall be determined, adopted and approved by the affirmative vote (which need not be by ballot) of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote with respect to the matter, unless the proposed action is one upon which, by express provision of statutes or of the Certificate of Incorporation, a different vote is specified and required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control with respect to that vote on that matter. If the Certificate of Incorporation provides for more or less than one vote for any share, on any matter, every reference in these By-Laws to a majority or other proportion of stock, voting stock or shares shall refer to a majority or other proportion of the votes of such stock, voting stock or shares. Where a separate vote by a class or classes is required, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of such class or classes present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting shall be the act of such class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the election of directors.

# 2.10 Action Without a Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a stockholders' meeting may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if the action is taken by persons who would be entitled to vote at a meeting and who hold shares having voting power equal to not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take the action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote were present and voted. The action must be evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, signed by the stockholders entitled to take action without a meeting, and delivered to the Corporation in the manner prescribed by the Delaware General Corporation Law for inclusion in the minute book. No consent shall be effective to take the corporate action specified unless the number of consents required to take such action are delivered to the Corporation within 60 days of the delivery of the earliest-dated consent. An electronic transmission consenting to such action and transmitted by a stockholder or proxyholder, or by a person or persons authorized to act for a stockholder or proxyholder, shall be deemed to be written, signed and dated for the purposes of this Section 2.10. No consent given by electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been delivered until such consent is delivered to the Corporation in accordance with Section 228(d)(1) (or any successor section) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Written notice of the action taken shall be given in accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law to all stockholders who do not participate in taking the action who would have been entitled to notice if such action had been taken at a meeting having a record date on the date that written consents signed by a sufficient number of holders to take the action were delivered to the Corporation.

## 3. DIRECTORS

#### 3.1 Powers

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things, subject to any limitation set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation or as otherwise may be provided in the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## 3.2 Number

The number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall not be fewer than one member nor more than nine and shall be that number of members that the Board of Directors or stockholders determines shall be serving on the Board of Directors from time to time.

# 3.3 Election of Directors; Qualification

Except as provided in Section 3.4 hereof, directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders, and may be elected at any special meeting of stockholders for such purpose or by written consent in lieu of meeting pursuant to Section 2.10. Each director elected shall hold office until such director's successor is elected and qualified or until the director's earlier death, resignation or removal. Directors need not be stockholders.

# 3.4 Vacancies

Vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors elected by all of the stockholders having the right to vote as a single class may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although fewer than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Whenever the holders of any class or classes of stock or series thereof are entitled to elect one or more directors by the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, vacancies and newly created directorships of such class or classes or series may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors elected by such class or classes or series thereof then in office, or by a sole remaining director so elected. Each director so chosen shall hold office until the next election of directors of the class to which such director was appointed, and until such director's successor is elected and qualified, or until the director's earlier death, resignation or removal. In the event that one or more directors resign from the Board of Directors, effective at a future date, a majority of the directors then in office, including those who have so resigned, shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the vote thereon to take effect when such resignation or resignations shall become effective, and each director so chosen shall hold office until the next election of directors, and until such director's successor is elected and qualified, or until the director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

# 3.5 Meetings

# 3.5.1 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

# 3.5.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair or President on one day's notice to each director, either personally or by telephone, express delivery service (so that the scheduled delivery date of the notice is at least one day in advance of the meeting), facsimile transmission, electronic mail (effective when directed to an electronic mail address of the director), or other electronic transmission, as defined in Section 232(c) (or any successor section) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (effective when directed to the director), and on five days' notice by mail (effective upon deposit of such notice in the mail). The notice need not describe the purpose of a special meeting.

## 3.5.3 Telephone Meetings

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of telephone conference, videoconference or other communications equipment by means of which all participating directors can hear each other. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

# 3.5.4 Action Without Meeting

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if the action is taken by all members of the Board of Directors. The action must be evidenced by one or more consents in writing or by electronic transmission describing the action taken, signed by each director, and delivered to the Corporation for inclusion in the minute book.

# 3.5.5 Waiver of Notice of Meeting

A director may waive any notice required by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these By-Laws before or after the date and time stated in the notice. Except as set forth below, the waiver must be in writing, signed by the director entitled to the notice, or made by electronic transmission by the director entitled to the notice, and delivered to the Corporation for inclusion in the minute book. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a director's attendance at or participation in a meeting waives any required notice to the director of the meeting unless the director at the beginning of the meeting objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the meeting and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting.

# 3.6 Quorum and Vote at Meetings

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum of the Board of Directors consists of a majority of the total number of directors prescribed pursuant to Section 3.2 of these By-Laws. The vote of a majority of the directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these By-Laws.

## 3.7 Committees of Directors

The Board of Directors may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more directors. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. If a member of a committee shall be absent from any meeting, or disqualified from voting thereat, the remaining member or members present and not disqualified from voting, whether or not such member or members constitute a quorum, may, by unanimous vote, appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in the place of such absent or disqualified member. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; but no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter (other than the election or removal of directors) expressly required by the Delaware General Corporation Law to be submitted to stockholders for approval or adopting, amending or repealing any By-Law of the Corporation; and unless the resolution designating the committee, these By-Laws or the Certificate of Incorporation expressly so provide, no such committee shall have the power or authority to declare a dividend, to authorize the issuance of stock, or to adopt a certificate of ownership and merger pursuant to Section 253 (or any successor section) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Such committee shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall keep regular minutes

of its meetings and report the same to the Board of Directors, when required. Unless otherwise specified in the Board of Directors' resolution appointing the committee, all provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and these By-Laws relating to meetings, action without meetings, notice (and waiver thereof), and quorum and voting requirements of the Board of Directors apply, as well, to such committees and their members. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, or the resolution of the Board of Directors designating the committee, a committee may create one or more subcommittees, each subcommittee to consist of one or more members of the committee, and delegate to a subcommittee any or all of the powers and authority of the committee.

# 3.8 Compensation of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix the compensation of directors. No such payment shall preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

## 4. OFFICERS

#### 4.1 Positions

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors (or an officer authorized by the Board of Directors) from time to time may appoint. Each such officer shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be set forth below and such other powers and duties as from time to time may be specified by the Board of Directors or by any officer(s) authorized by the Board of Directors to prescribe the duties of such other officers. Any number of offices may be held by the same person. As set forth below, the President and any other officer authorized by the Board of Directors may execute contracts under the seal of the Corporation, if required, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise executed and except where the execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation.

#### 4.2 President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall have full responsibility and authority for management of the operations of the Corporation, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors. The President may execute contracts, under the seal of the Corporation, if required, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation.

# 4.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall have responsibility for preparation of minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and of the stockholders and for authenticating records of the Corporation. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary or an Assistant Secretary may also attest all instruments signed by any other officer of the Corporation.

# 4.4 Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary, or if there be more than one, the Assistant Secretaries in the order determined by the Board of Directors (or if there shall have been no such determination, then in the order of their election), shall, in the absence of the Secretary or in the event of the Secretary's inability or refusal to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Secretary.

#### 4.5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the Corporation and shall have responsibility for the custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall see to it that full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements are kept in books belonging to the Corporation.

The Treasurer shall render to the President, and the Board of Directors, upon request, an account of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

#### 4.6 Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer, or if there shall be more than one, the Assistant Treasurers in the order determined by the Board of Directors (or if there shall have been no such determination, then in the order of their election), shall, in the absence of the Treasurer or in the event of the Treasurer's inability or refusal to act, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Treasurer.

## 4.7 Term of Office

The officers of the Corporation shall hold office until their successors are chosen and qualify or until their earlier resignation or removal. Any officer may resign at any time upon written notice to the Corporation. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

# 4.8 Compensation

The compensation of officers of the Corporation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors or by any officer(s) authorized by the Board of Directors to prescribe the compensation of such other officers.

# 4.9 Fidelity Bonds

The Corporation may secure the fidelity of any or all of its officers or agents by bond or otherwise.

# 5. CAPITAL STOCK

#### 5.1 Stock Certificates; Uncertificated Shares

The shares of the Corporation shall be represented by certificates, provided that the Board of Directors may provide by resolution that some or all of any or all classes or series of the Corporation's stock shall be uncertificated shares that may be evidenced by a book-entry system maintained by the registrar of such stock. Any such resolution shall not apply to shares represented by a certificate until such certificate is surrendered to the Corporation. Every holder of stock represented by certificates shall be entitled to have a certificate (representing the number of shares registered in certificate form) signed in the name of the Corporation by any two authorized officers of the Corporation. Any or all the signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar whose signature or facsimile signature appears on a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such person were such officer, transfer agent or registrar at the date of issue.

## 5.2 Stock Transfers

Stock of the Corporation shall be transferable in the manner prescribed by law and in these By-Laws. Transfers of stock shall be made on the books of the Corporation only by the holder of record thereof, by such person's attorney lawfully constituted in writing and, in the case of certificated shares, upon the surrender of the certificate thereof, which shall be cancelled before a new certificate or uncertificated shares shall be issued. No transfer of stock shall be valid as against the Corporation for any purpose until it shall have been entered in the stock records of the Corporation by an entry showing from and to whom transferred. To the extent designated by the president or the treasurer of the Corporation, the Corporation may recognize the transfer of fractional uncertificated shares, but shall not otherwise be required to recognize the transfer of fractional shares.

# 5.3 Transfer Agents and Registrars

The Board of Directors may appoint, or authorize any officer or officers to appoint, one or more transfer agents and one or more registrars.

## 5.4 Lost Certificates

The Board of Directors may direct a new certificate of stock to be issued in place of any certificate theretofore issued by the Corporation and alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming that the certificate of stock has been lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issuance of a new certificate, the Board of Directors or any such officer may, as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or certificates, or such owner's legal representative, to advertise the same in such manner as the Board of Directors or such officer shall require and/or to give the Corporation a bond or indemnity, in such sum or on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors or such officer may direct, as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed or on account of the issuance of such new certificate or uncertificated shares.

# 5.5 Record Date

## 5.5.1 Actions by Stockholders

In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors, and which record date shall not be more than 60 days nor less than 10 days before the date of such meeting. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting, unless the Board of Directors fixes a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors, and which record date shall not be more than 10 days after the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors. If no record date has been fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, when no prior action by the Board of Directors is required by the Delaware General Corporation Law, shall be the first date on which a signed written consent setting forth the action taken or proposed to be taken is delivered to the Corporation in the manner prescribed by Section 213(b) (or any successor section) of the Delaware General Corporation Law. If no record date has been fixed by the Board of Directors and prior action by the Board of

Directors is required by the Delaware General Corporation Law, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution taking such prior action.

## 5.5.2 Payments

In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or the stockholders entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted, and which record date shall be not more than 60 days prior to such action. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto.

#### 5.6 Stockholders of Record

The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, to receive notifications, to vote as such owner, and to exercise all the rights and powers of an owner. The Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise may be provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## 6. INDEMNIFICATION

#### 6.1 Directors

The Corporation shall indemnify its directors and executive officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Corporation may limit the extent of such indemnification by individual contracts with its directors and executive officers; and, <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the Corporation shall not be required to indemnify any director or executive officer in connection with any proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person or any proceeding by such person against the Corporation or its directors, officers, employees or other agents unless (1) such indemnification is expressly required to be made by law, (2) the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, (3) such indemnification is provided by the Corporation, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in the Corporation under the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law or (4) such indemnification is required under Section 6.5.

# 6.2 Officers, Employees and Other Agents

The Corporation shall have power to indemnify its officers, employees and other agents as set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law. The Board of Directors shall have the power to delegate the determination of whether indemnification shall be given to any such person to such officers or other persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

# 6.3 Good Faith

For purposes of any determination under this Section 6.3, a director or executive officer shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, to have had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful, if his or her action is based on information, opinions, reports and statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared

or presented by: (1) one or more officers or employees of the Corporation whom the director or executive officer believed to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; (2) counsel, independent accountants or other persons as to matters which the director or executive officer believed to be within such person's professional competence; and (3) with respect to a director, a committee of the Board of Directors upon which such director does not serve, as to matters within such committee's designated authority, which committee the director believes to merit confidence; so long as, in each case, the director or executive officer acts without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.

The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, that such person had reasonable cause to believe that his or her consent was unlawful.

The provisions of this Section 6.3 shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way the circumstances in which a person may be deemed to have met the applicable standard of conduct set forth by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## 6.4 Expenses

The Corporation shall advance to any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, prior to the final disposition of the proceeding, promptly following request therefor, all expenses incurred by any director or executive officer in connection with such proceeding; provided, however, that, if the Delaware General Corporation Law requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by a director in his or her capacity as a director (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this section or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined pursuant to this Section 6.4, no advance shall be made by the Corporation if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding or (2) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, that the facts known to the decision-making party at the time such determination is made demonstrate clearly and convincingly that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation.

## 6.5 Enforcement

Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights to indemnification and advances to directors under this By-Law shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the Corporation and the director or executive officer. Any right to indemnification or advances granted by this By-Law to a director shall be enforceable by or on behalf of the person holding such right in any court of competent jurisdiction if (1) the claim for indemnification or advances is denied, in whole or in part, or (2) no disposition of such claim is made within ninety 90 days of request therefor. To the extent permitted by law, the claimant in such enforcement action, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting the claim. In connection with any claim for indemnification, the Corporation shall be entitled to raise as a defense to any such action that the claimant has

not met the standards of conduct that make it permissible under the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claim ed. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct. In any suit brought by a director or executive officer to enforce a right to indemnification or to an advancement of expenses hereunder, the burden of proving that the director is not entitled to be indemnified, or to such advancement of expenses, under this section or otherwise shall be on the Corporation.

## 6.6 Non-Exclusivity of Rights

The rights conferred on any person by this By-Law shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any applicable statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office. The Corporation is specifically authorized to enter into individual contracts with any or all of its directors, officers, employees or agents respecting indemnification and advances, to the fullest extent not prohibited by the Delaware General Corporation Law, or by any other applicable law.

#### 6.7 Survival of Rights

The rights conferred on any person by this By-Law shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or other agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

## 6.8 Insurance

To the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other applicable law, the Corporation, upon approval by the Board of Directors, may purchase insurance on behalf of any person required or permitted to be indemnified pursuant to this section.

#### 6.9 Amendments

Any repeal or modification of this section shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights under this By-Law in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the Corporation.

## 6.10 Savings Clause

If this By-Law or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall nevertheless indemnify each director and executive officer to the fullest extent not prohibited by any applicable portion of this section that shall not have been invalidated, or by any other applicable law. If this section shall be invalidated due to the application of the indemnification provisions of another jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall indemnify each director to the full extent under any other applicable law.

## 6.11 Certain Definitions.

For the purposes of these By-Laws, the following definitions shall apply:

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The term "proceeding" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, the investigation, preparation, prosecution, defense, settlement, arbitration and appeal of, and the giving of testimony in, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative.

## 6.11.2

The term "expenses" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, court costs, attorneys' fees, witness fees, fines, amounts paid in settlement or judgment and any other costs and expenses of any nature or kind incurred in connection with any proceeding.

## 6.11.3

The term the "Corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting Corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

# 6.11.4

References to a "director," "executive officer," "employee," or "agent" of the Corporation shall include, without limitation, situations where such person is serving at the request of the Corporation as, respectively, a director, executive officer, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

#### 6.11.5

References to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the Corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation" as referred to in this section.

## 7. GENERAL PROVISIONS

# 7.1 Inspection of Books and Records

Any stockholder, in person or by attorney or other agent, shall, upon written demand under oath stating the purpose thereof, have the right during the usual hours for business to inspect for any proper purpose, and to make copies or extracts from: (1) the Corporation's stock ledger, a list of its stockholders, and its other books and records; and (2) other documents as required by law. A proper purpose shall mean a purpose

reasonably related to such person's interest as a stockholder. In every instance where an attorney or other agent shall be the person who seeks the right to inspection, the demand under oath shall be accompanied by a power of attorney or such other writing which authorizes the attorney or other agent to so act on behalf of the stockholder. The demand under oath shall be directed to the Corporation at its registered office or at its principal place of business.

# 7.2 Dividends

The Board of Directors may declare dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and the laws of the State of Delaware.

## 7.3 Reserves

The directors of the Corporation may set apart, out of the funds of the Corporation available for dividends, a reserve or reserves for any proper purpose and may abolish any such reserve.

# 7.4 Execution of Instruments

All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, and promissory notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

## 7.5 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

# 7.6 Seal

The corporate seal shall be in such form as the Board of Directors shall approve. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or otherwise reproduced.

# LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS, as Issuer

AND

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

INDENTURE

DATED AS OF  $[\bullet]$ ,  $20[\bullet]$ 

SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES

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## **INDENTURE**

INDENTURE, dated as of [●], 20[●], between LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as trustee (the "Trustee"):

WHEREAS, for its lawful corporate purposes, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance of unsecured senior debt securities (hereinafter referred to as the "Securities"), in an unlimited aggregate principal amount to be issued from time to time in one or more series as in this Indenture provided, as registered Securities without coupons, to be authenticated by the certificate of the Trustee;

WHEREAS, to provide the terms and conditions upon which the Securities are to be authenticated, issued and delivered, the Company has duly authorized the execution of this Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Indenture a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows for the equal and ratable benefit of the holders of Securities or of series thereof.

## ARTICLE I

## **DEFINITIONS**

# SECTION 1.01 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS.

The terms defined in this Section (except as in this Indenture otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this Indenture and of any indenture supplemental hereto shall have the respective meanings specified in this Section and shall include the plural as well as the singular. All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, or that are by reference in said Trust Indenture Act defined in the Securities Act (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires), shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in said Trust Indenture Act and in said Securities Act as in force at the date of the execution of this instrument.

"AFFILIATE" means, as applied to any Person, (i) any other Person, directly or indirectly, Controlling or Controlled by or under direct or indirect common Control with such specified Person or (ii) any Person who is a director or officer (A) of such Person, (B) of any Subsidiary of such Person or (C) of any Person described in clause (i) above.

"APPLICABLE PROCEDURES" of a Depositary means, with respect to any matter at any time, the policies and procedures of such Depositary, if any, that are applicable to such matter at such time.

"AUTHENTICATING AGENT" means an authenticating agent with respect to all or any of the series of Securities appointed with respect to all or any series of the Securities by the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.10.

"BANKRUPTCY LAW" means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"BOARD OF DIRECTORS" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of such Board.

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

"BUSINESS DAY" means a day other than a Legal Holiday.

"CAPITALIZED LEASE" means any obligation of a Person to pay rent or other amounts incurred with respect to real property or equipment acquired or leased by such Person and used in its business that is required to be recorded as a capital lease in accordance with GAAP; provided that, for purposes of this definition only, "GAAP" shall mean GAAP as in effect as of November 25, 2019 and not as in effect from time to time.

"CERTIFICATE" means a certificate signed by the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer or the principal accounting officer of the Company. The Certificate need not comply with the provisions of Section 12.07.

"COMMISSION" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"COMPANY" means Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware until a successor replaces it in accordance with Article V and thereafter means the successor and, for purposes of any provision contained herein and required by the TIA, each other obligor on the Securities.

"CONTROL" shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "Controlled" and "Controlling" shall have meanings correlative thereto.

"CORPORATE TRUST OFFICE" means the designated office of the Trustee at which, at any particular time, this corporate trust account shall be principally administered, which office at the date hereof is located at 214 N. Tryon Street, 27th Floor, Charlotte, NC 28202.

"COVENANT DEFEASANCE OPTION" has the meaning given in Section 10.02.

"CUSTODIAN" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

"DEFAULT" means any event, act or condition which is, or that with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"DEFAULTED INTEREST" has the meaning given in Section 2.03.

"DEPOSITARY" means, with respect to Securities of any series, for which the Company shall determine that such Securities will be issued as a Global Security, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, another clearing agency, or any successor registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act, or other applicable statute or regulation, which, in each case, shall be designated by the Company pursuant to either Section 2.01 or 2.11.

"EVENT OF DEFAULT" means, with respect to Securities of a particular series any event specified in Section 6.01, continued for the period of time, if any, therein designated.

"EXCHANGE ACT" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor statute or statutes thereto.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America in effect from time to time, including those set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements of pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other entity as are approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession.

"GLOBAL SECURITY" means, with respect to any series of Securities, a Security executed by the Company and delivered by the Trustee to the Depositary or pursuant to the Depositary's instruction, all in accordance with the Indenture, which shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee.

"GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a Person Controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, the payment of which is

unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America that, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act) as custodian with respect to any such Governmental Obligation or a specific payment of principal of or interest on any such Governmental Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt; provided, however, that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Governmental Obligation or the specific payment of principal of or interest on the Governmental Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

"HEREIN", "HEREOF" and "HEREUNDER", and other words of similar import, refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

"INDEBTEDNESS" of any Person means, without duplication (i) any obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (ii) any obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (iii) any reimbursement obligation of such Person in respect of letters of credit or other similar instruments which support financial obligations which would otherwise become Indebtedness, and (iv) any obligation of such Person under Capitalized Leases; provided, however, that "Indebtedness" of such Person shall not include any obligation of such Person to any Subsidiary of such Person or to any Person with respect to which such Person is a Subsidiary.

"INDENTURE" means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into in accordance with the terms hereof, including, for all purposes of this instrument and any such supplemental indenture, the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are deemed to be a part of and govern this instrument and any such supplemental indenture, respectively. The term "Indenture" shall also include the terms of particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 2.01.

"INTEREST PAYMENT DATE", when used with respect to any installment of interest on a Security of a particular series, means the date specified in such Security or in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, in an Officer's Certificate or in an indenture supplemental hereto with respect to such series as the fixed date on which an installment of interest with respect to Securities of that series is due and payable.

"LEGAL DEFEASANCE OPTION" has the meaning given in Section 10.02.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banking institutions are not required to be open in the State of New York.

"LIEN" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, lien or other security interest.

"OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE" means a certificate signed by the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or any other officer or officers of the Company designated in writing by or pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof. Each such certificate shall include the statements provided for in Section 12.07, if and to the extent required by the provisions thereof.

"OPINION OF COUNSEL" means an opinion in writing of legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel for the Company that is delivered to the Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof. Each such opinion shall include the statements provided for in Section 12.07, if and to the extent required by the provisions thereof.

"ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT SECURITY" means any Security which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Stated Maturity thereof.

"PAYING AGENT" has the meaning given in Section 4.04.

"PERSON" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint-venture, joint-stock company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"PLACE OF PAYMENT", when used with respect to the Securities of any series, means the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities of that series are payable as specified or contemplated by Section 2.01.

"PREDECESSOR SECURITY" of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 2.07 in lieu of a lost, destroyed or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the lost, destroyed or stolen Security.

"PRINCIPAL OF" a Security means the principal of the Security plus the premium, if any, payable on the Security which is due or overdue or is to become due at the relevant time.

"REDEMPTION DATE", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"REDEMPTION PRICE", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

"RESPONSIBLE OFFICER" when used with respect to the Trustee means any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant treasurer, any trust officer or any other officer or assistant officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"SECURITIES" means the debt Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"SECURITIES ACT" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor statute or statutes thereto.

"SECURITYHOLDER", "HOLDER of SECURITIES", "REGISTERED HOLDER", "HOLDER" or other similar term, means the Person or Persons in whose name or names a particular Security shall be registered on the books of the Company kept for that purpose in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"SECURITY REGISTER" has the meaning given in Section 2.05.

"SECURITY REGISTRAR" has the meaning given in Section 2.05.

"STATED MATURITY" means, with respect to any Security of a series, the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the final payment of principal of such Security is due and payable.

"SUBSIDIARY" means, with respect to any Person, (i) any corporation at least a majority of whose outstanding Voting Stock shall at the time be owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more of its Subsidiaries or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries, (ii) any general partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or similar entity, at least a majority of whose outstanding partnership or similar interests shall at the time be owned by such Person, or by one or more of its Subsidiaries, or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries and (iii) any limited partnership of which such Person or any of its Subsidiaries is a general partner.

"SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR" means any Subsidiary of the Company if and so long as such Subsidiary provides a guarantee of the Securities substantially in the form of Annex A of this Indenture.

"TRUSTEE" means U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association and, subject to the provisions of Article VII, shall also include its successors and assigns, and, if at any time there is more than one Person acting in such capacity hereunder, "Trustee" shall mean each such Person. The term "Trustee" as used with respect to a particular series of the Securities shall mean the trustee with respect to that series.

"TRUST INDENTURE ACT" and "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, subject to the provisions of Sections 9.01, 9.02, and 12.09, as in effect at the date of execution of this instrument.

"UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE" means the New York Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time.

"VOTING STOCK", as applied to stock of any Person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such Person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such Person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

## ARTICLE II

# ISSUE, DESCRIPTION, TERMS, EXECUTION, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

#### SECTION 2.01 DESIGNATION AND TERMS OF SECURITIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more series up to the aggregate principal amount of Securities of that series from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, pursuant to an Officer's Certificate or pursuant to one or more indentures supplemental hereto. Prior to the initial issuance of Securities of any series, there shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and set forth in an Officer's Certificate, or established in an Officer's Certificate or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto:

- (1) the title of the Security of the series including CUSIP numbers (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from all other Securities);
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of that series);
  - (3) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the series is payable and the place(s) of payment;
  - (4) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest or the manner of calculation of such rate or rates, if any;
- (5) the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest will be payable or the manner of determination of such Interest Payment Dates, the place(s) of payment, and the record date or other method for the determination of holders to whom interest is payable on any such Interest Payment Dates;
  - (6) the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of such extension;
- (7) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which, Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;
- (8) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase Securities of the series or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Securities of the series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
  - (9) the form of the Securities of the series including the form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication for such series;
- (10) if other than denominations of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the series shall be issuable;

- (11) whether the Securities of the series are issuable as a Global Security and, in such case, the identity of the Depositary for such series;
- (12) whether the Securities of the series will be convertible into shares of common stock or other securities of the Company and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such Securities will be so convertible, including the conversion price and the conversion period;
- (13) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.01 and the amount that will be deemed to be the principal amount of the Securities for any other purpose;
- (14) any additional or different Events of Default or restrictive covenants and related definitions provided for with respect to the Securities of the series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the Holders to declare the principal amount of the Securities of a series due and payable;
- (15) whether the Securities of the series shall not be defeasible pursuant to Section 10.02 and, if other than by a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Company to defease such Securities shall be evidenced;
- (16) if other than the currency of the United States of America, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for any purpose;
- (17) whether and to what extent the Securities of such series will be guaranteed by a guaranter and, if so, the identity of such Person or Persons, the terms and conditions upon which such Securities shall be guaranteed and, if applicable, the terms and conditions upon which such guarantees may be subordinated to other Indebtedness of the respective guarantors;
- (18) the place or places where, subject to the provisions of Section 4.02, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable, Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration or transfer, Securities of the series may be surrendered for exchange, and notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of the series and this Indenture may be served; and
- (19) any and all other terms with respect to such series, including, but not limited to, any terms which may be required by or advisable under U.S. laws or regulations or otherwise included in connection with the marketing of Securities of that series.

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to any such Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or in any indentures supplemental hereto. If any of the terms of the series are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officer's Certificate setting forth the terms of the series.

Securities of any particular series may be issued at various times, with different dates on which the principal or any installment of principal is payable, with different rates of interest, if any, or different methods by which rates of interest may be determined, with different dates on which such interest may be payable and with different redemption dates. Notwithstanding Section 2.01(2) and unless otherwise expressly provided with respect to a series of Securities, the aggregate principal amount of a series of Securities may be increased and additional Securities of such series may be issued up to the maximum aggregate principal amount authorized with respect to such series as increased without the consent of the Holders; provided that such additional Securities are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the Securities of the applicable series.

## SECTION 2.02 FORM OF SECURITIES AND TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE.

The Securities of any series and the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by such Securities shall be substantially of the tenor and purport as set forth in one or more indentures supplemental hereto or as provided in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or in an Officer's Certificate. The Securities may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities of that series may be listed, or to conform to usage.

## SECTION 2.03 DENOMINATIONS: PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT.

The Securities shall be issuable as registered Securities and in the denominations equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, subject to Section 2.01(10). The Securities of a particular series shall bear interest payable on the dates and at the rates specified or provided for with respect to that series. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(16), the principal of and the interest on the Securities of any series, as well as any premium thereon in case of redemption thereof prior to maturity, shall be payable in the coin or currency of the United States of America that at the time is legal tender for public and private debt, at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York: provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication by the Trustee. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(4), interest on the Securities shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(5), the interest installment on any Security that is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date for Securities of that series shall be paid to the Person in whose name said Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment. In the event that any Security of a particular series or portion thereof is called for redemption and the Redemption Date is subsequent to a regular record date with respect to any Interest Payment Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date, interest on such Security will be paid upon presentation and surrender of such Security as provided in Section 3.03. Any interest on any Security that is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date for Securities of the same series (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered holder on the relevant regular record date by virtue of having been such holder; and such Defaulted Interest shall be paid by the Company, at its election, as provided in clause (1) or clause (2) below:

- (1) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner: the Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall not be more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such special record date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the special record date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each Securityholder at his or her address as it appears in the Security Register (as hereinafter defined), not less than 10 days prior to such special record date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the special record date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered on such special record date.
- (2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on any Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee

Unless otherwise set forth in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, in an Officer's Certificate or one or more indentures supplemental hereto establishing the terms of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof, the term "regular record date" as used in this Section with respect to a series of Securities with respect to any Interest Payment Date for such series shall mean either the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the month in which an Interest Payment Date established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof shall occur, if such Interest Payment Date is the first day of the month in which an Interest Payment Date established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof shall occur, if such Interest Payment Date is the fifteenth day of a month, whether or not such date is a Business Day. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Security of a series delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security of such series shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, that were carried by such other Security.

# SECTION 2.04 EXECUTION AND AUTHENTICATION.

The Securities shall be signed on behalf of the Company by the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary (or any other officer of the Company designated in writing by or pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee from time to time); provided that such signing officer shall be listed on an incumbency certificate, containing their specimen signature, provided to the Trustee pursuant to Section 7.02(l) hereof. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual, electronic or facsimile and shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 12.04 hereof. The Company may use the manual, electronic or facsimile signature of any Person who shall have been a President or Vice President thereof, or of any Person who shall have been the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary thereof, notwithstanding the fact that at the time the Securities shall be authenticated and delivered or disposed of such Person shall have ceased to be the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company.

The Securities may contain such notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. A Security shall not be valid until authenticated manually by an authorized signatory of the Trustee, or by an Authenticating Agent. The Securities shall be dated the date of their authentication. Such signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security so authenticated has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and that the holder is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a written order of the Company for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, signed by the President, any Vice President, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and the Trustee in accordance with such written order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. In authenticating such Securities and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be provided with, and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that:

- (a) the form and terms thereof have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and
- (b) that such Securities, when authenticated by the Trustee and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to any Bankruptcy Law or other insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles and that applicable laws and legal requirements (with reasonable and customary exceptions and qualification for such an Opinion of Counsel).

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issue of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture will materially and adversely affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner, as determined in the Trustee's sole discretion, that is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

## SECTION 2.05 REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

- (a) Securities of any series may be exchanged upon presentation thereof at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, for other Securities of such series of authorized denominations, with the same terms, and for a like aggregate principal amount, upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto, all as provided in this Section. In respect of any Securities so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in exchange therefor the Security or Securities of the same series that the Securityholder making the exchange shall be entitled to receive, bearing numbers not contemporaneously outstanding.
- (b) The Company shall keep, or cause to be kept, at its office or agency designated for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, or such other location designated by the Company a register or registers (herein referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall register the Securities and the transfers of Securities as in this Article provided and which at all reasonable times shall be open for inspection by the Trustee. The registrar for the purpose of registering Securities and transfer of Securities as herein provided shall be appointed as authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate (the "Security Registrar"). Upon surrender for transfer of any Security at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose, the Company shall execute, the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Security or Securities of the same series as the Security presented for a like aggregate principal amount. All Securities presented or surrendered for exchange or registration of transfer, as provided in this Section, shall be accompanied (if so required by the Company or the Security Registrar) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar, duly executed by the registered holder or by such holder's duly authorized attorney in writing.
- (c) No service charge shall be made for any exchange or registration of transfer of Securities, or issue of new Securities in case of partial redemption of any series, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee), other than exchanges pursuant to Section 2.06, Section 3.07 and Section 9.04 not involving any transfer
- (d) The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Securities during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of less than all the outstanding Securities of the same series and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, nor (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Securities of any series or portions thereof called for redemption. The provisions of this Section 2.05 are, with respect to any Global Security, subject to Section 2.11 hereof.

# **SECTION 2.06 TEMPORARY SECURITIES.**

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities (printed, lithographed or typewritten) of any authorized denomination. Such temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued, but with such omissions, insertions and variations as may be appropriate for temporary Securities, all as may be determined by the Company. Every temporary Security of any series shall be executed by the Company and be authenticated by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with like effect, as the definitive Securities of such series. Without unnecessary delay the Company will execute and will furnish definitive Securities of such series and thereupon any or all temporary Securities of such series may be surrendered in exchange therefor (without charge to the holders), at the office or agency of the Company designated for the purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, and the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in exchange for such temporary Securities an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive Securities of such series, unless the Company advises the Trustee to the effect that definitive Securities need not be executed and furnished until further notice from the Company. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of such series shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series authenticated and delivered hereunder.

## SECTION 2.07 MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST OR STOLEN SECURITIES.

In case any temporary or definitive Security shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company (subject to the next succeeding sentence) shall execute, and upon the Company's request the Trustee (subject as aforesaid) shall authenticate and deliver, a new Security of the same series, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Security, or in lieu of and in substitution for the Security so destroyed, lost or stolen. In every case the applicant for a substituted Security shall furnish to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, and, in every case of destruction, loss or theft, the applicant shall also furnish to the Company and the Trustee evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of the applicant's Security and of the ownership thereof. The Trustee may authenticate any such substituted Security and deliver the same upon the written request or authorization of any officer of the Company. Upon the issuance of any substituted Security, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith. In case any Security that has matured or is about to mature shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company may, instead of issuing a substitute Security, pay or authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated Security) if the applicant for such payment shall furnish to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as they may require to save them harmless, and, in case of destruction, loss or theft, evidence to the satisfaction of the Company and the Trustee of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security and of the ownership thereof. Every replacement Security issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Company whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be found at any time, or be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of the same series duly issued hereunder. All Securities shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities, and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) any and all other rights or remedies, notwithstanding any law or statute existing or hereafter enacted to the contrary with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments or other securities without their surrender.

## SECTION 2.08 CANCELLATION.

All Securities surrendered for the purpose of payment, redemption, exchange or registration of transfer shall, if surrendered to the Company or any Paying Agent, be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, or, if surrendered to the Trustee, shall be cancelled by it, and no Securities shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly required or permitted by any of the provisions of this Indenture. On request of the Company at the time of such surrender, the Trustee shall deliver to the Company canceled Securities held by the Trustee. In the absence of such request the Trustee may dispose of canceled Securities in accordance with its standard procedures and deliver a certificate of disposition to the Company upon its request therefor. If the Company shall otherwise acquire any of the Securities, however, such acquisition shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the Indebtedness represented by such Securities unless and until the same are delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

## **SECTION 2.09 BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.**

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and the holders of the Securities any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Indenture, or under any covenant, condition or provision herein contained; all such covenants, conditions and provisions being for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and of the holders of the Securities.

# SECTION 2.10 AUTHENTICATING AGENT.

So long as any of the Securities of any series remain outstanding there may be an Authenticating Agent for any or all such series of Securities which the Trustee shall have the right to appoint. Said Authenticating Agent shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series issued upon exchange, transfer or partial redemption thereof, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. All references in this Indenture to the authentication of Securities by the Trustee shall be deemed to include authentication by an Authenticating Agent for such series. Each Authenticating Agent shall be acceptable to the Company and shall be a

corporation that has a combined capital and surplus, as most recently reported or determined by it, sufficient under the laws of any jurisdiction under which it is organized or in which it is doing business to conduct a trust business, and that is otherwise authorized under such laws to conduct such business and is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities. If at any time any Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with these provisions, it shall resign immediately. Any Authenticating Agent may at any time resign by giving written notice of resignation to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time (and upon request by the Company shall) terminate the agency of any Authenticating Agent by giving written notice of termination to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon resignation, termination or cessation of eligibility of any Authenticating Agent, the Trustee may appoint an eligible successor Authenticating Agent acceptable to the Company. Any successor Authenticating Agent, upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder, shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent pursuant hereto. Any corporation into which an Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided that such corporation shall be otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

## SECTION 2.11 GLOBAL SECURITIES.

- (a) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 2.01 that the Securities of a particular series are to be issued as a Global Security, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with Section 2.04, authenticate and deliver, a Global Security that:
  - (1) shall represent, and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of, all or a portion of the outstanding Securities of such series,
    - (2) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee,
    - (3) shall be delivered by the Trustee to the Depositary or pursuant to the Depositary's instruction, and
  - (4) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.11 of the Indenture, this Security may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to the Depositary, another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor Depositary or to a nominee of such successor Depositary."
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.05, the Global Security of a series may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.05, only to the Depositary for such series, another nominee of the Depositary for such series, or to a successor Depositary for such series selected or approved by the Company or to a nominee of such successor Depositary.
- (c) If at any time the Depositary for a series of the Securities notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such series or if at any time the Depositary for such series shall no longer be registered or in good standing under the Exchange Act, or other applicable statute or regulation, and a successor Depositary for such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, as the case may be, this Section 2.11 shall no longer be applicable to the Securities of such series and the Company will execute, and subject to Section 2.05, the Trustee will authenticate and deliver the Securities of such series in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security of such series in exchange for such Global Security. In addition, the Company may at any time determine that the Securities of any series shall no longer be represented by a Global Security and that the provisions of this Section 2.11 shall no longer apply to the Securities of such series. In such event the Company will execute and subject to Section 2.05, the Trustee, upon receipt of an Officer's Certificate evidencing such determination by the Company, will authenticate and deliver the Securities of such series in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security of such series in exchange for such Global Security. Upon

the exchange of the Global Security for such Securities in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, the Global Security shall be canceled by the Trustee. Such Securities in definitive registered form issued in exchange for the Global Security pursuant to this Section 2.11(c) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities to the Depositary for delivery to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

# SECTION 2.12 COMPANY TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee

- (a) not more than 15 days after each regular record date (as defined in Section 2.03) a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the holders of each series of Securities as of such regular record date, provided that the Company shall not be obligated to furnish or cause to furnish such list at any time that the list shall not differ in any respect from the most recent list furnished to the Trustee by the Company, and
- (b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that, in either case, no such list need be furnished for any series for which the Trustee shall be the Security Registrar.

## SECTION 2.13 PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION; COMMUNICATIONS WITH SECURITYHOLDERS.

- (a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of the holders of Securities contained in the most recent list furnished to it as provided in Section 2.12(a) and as to the names and addresses of holders of Securities received by the Trustee in its capacity as Security Registrar (if acting in such capacity).
  - (b) The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 2.12 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.
- (c) Securityholders may communicate as provided in Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act with other Securityholders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities.

## SECTION 2.14 CUSIP NUMBERS.

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

# SECTION 2.15 OUTSTANDING SECURITIES.

Securities of a series outstanding at any time are all Securities of such series authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation and those described in this Section 2.15 as not outstanding. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.04, a Security of a series does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to them that the replaced Security is held by a protected person (as such term is defined in Section 8-303 of the Uniform Commercial Code).

If the Paying Agent segregates and holds in trust, in accordance with this Indenture, on a Redemption Date or at Stated Maturity money sufficient to pay all principal and interest payable on that date with respect to the Securities of a series (or a portion thereof) to be redeemed or maturing, as the case may be, then on and after that date such Securities (or portions thereof) cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

#### ARTICLE III

# REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

# **SECTION 3.01 REDEMPTION.**

- (a) The Company may redeem the Securities of any series issued hereunder on and after the dates and as set forth herein and in accordance with the terms established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.
- (b) The election of the Company to redeem any Securities shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities.

## SECTION 3.02 NOTICES TO TRUSTEE.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, in case of any redemption at the election of the Company of the Securities of any series (including any such redemption affecting only a single Security), the Company shall, not less than 10 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date, of the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed and, if applicable, of the tenor of the Securities to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Securities (a) prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, or (b) pursuant to an election of the Company which is subject to a condition specified in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officer's Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction or condition.

## SECTION 3.03 SELECTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, if less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed (unless all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed or unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the outstanding Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which complies with any securities exchange or other Applicable Procedures; provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security. If less than all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed (unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the outstanding Securities of such series and specified tenor not previously called for redemption in accordance with the preceding sentence.

If any Security selected for partial redemption is converted in part before termination of the conversion right with respect to the portion of the Security so selected, the converted portion of such Security shall be deemed (so far as may be) to be the portion selected for redemption. Securities which have been converted during a selection of securities to be redeemed shall be treated by the Trustee as outstanding for the purpose of such selection.

The provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall not apply with respect to any redemption affecting only a single Security, whether such Security is to be redeemed in whole or in part. In the case of any such redemption in part, the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed. If the Company shall so direct, Securities registered in the name of the Company, any Affiliate or any Subsidiary thereof shall not be included in the Securities selected for redemption.

#### **SECTION 3.04 NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.**

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, the Company shall mail or request the Trustee to mail, by first-class mail, or electronically deliver, a notice of redemption to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, as applicable.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, all notices of redemption shall identify the Securities to be redeemed (including CUSIP numbers, if any) and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price (or the method of calculating such price);
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (d) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price;
- (e) if fewer than all the outstanding Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification and the principal amounts of the particular Securities to be redeemed;
- (f) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on the Securities (or portion thereof) called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;
  - (g) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Securities;
- (h) for any Securities that by their terms may be converted, the terms of conversion, the date on which the right to convert the Security to be redeemed will terminate and the place or places where such Securities may be surrendered for conversion; and
  - (i) any conditions precedents described in the second paragraph below.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request (which may be rescinded or revoked at any time prior the time at which the Trustee shall have given such notice to the Holders), by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company. The notice, if sent in the manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice by mail or otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Security designated for redemption as a whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Securities.

Notice of any redemption of Securities may, at the Company's discretion, be given subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is so subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice (i) shall describe each such condition, (ii) shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the Redemption Date may be postponed (including more than 60 days after the notice of redemption was delivered) until such time as any or all such conditions have been satisfied (or waived by the Company) and (iii) may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied or otherwise waived or such notice may be rescinded at any time in the Company's discretion if in its good faith judgment any or all of such conditions will not be satisfied. The Company shall notify Holders of any such rescission or postponement as soon as practicable after the Company determines that it will not be able to satisfy or otherwise waive such conditions precedent. Once notice of redemption is mailed or sent, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions precedent provided in the notice of redemption, the Securities called for redemption will become due and payable on the Redemption Date and at the applicable Redemption Price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date. In addition, such notice may provide that payment of the Redemption Price and performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another person.

#### SECTION 3.05 EFFECT OF NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Once notice of redemption has been given as contemplated by Section 3.04, the Securities to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest) such Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price, together, if applicable, with accrued interest to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the related Interest Payment Date). Failure to give notice or any defect in the notice to any Holder shall not affect the validity of the notice to any other Holder. If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal and any premium shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate prescribed therefor in the Security.

#### SECTION 3.06 DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, on or prior to Noon, New York City time, on any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust) money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date or the Securities of the series provide otherwise) accrued interest on, all the Securities that are to be redeemed on that date, other than Securities or portions of Securities called for redemption that are owned by the Company or a Subsidiary and have been delivered by the Company or such Subsidiary to the Trustee for cancellation. All money, if any, earned on funds held by the Paying Agent shall be remitted to the Company. In addition, the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the Redemption Price of, and accrued interest, if any, on, all Securities to be redeemed.

If any Security called for redemption is converted into shares of common stock or other securities of the Company in compliance with the terms of such Security, any money deposited with the Trustee or with any Paying Agent or so segregated and held in trust for the redemption of such Security shall (subject to any right of the Holder of such Security to receive interest as provided in the terms of such Security) be paid to the Company upon Company Request or, if then held by the Company, shall be discharged from such trust.

#### SECTION 3.07 SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part (with, if the Company or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing), the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder (at the Company's expense) a new Security equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **COVENANTS**

#### SECTION 4.01 PAYMENT OF SECURITIES.

The Company shall promptly pay the principal of and interest on the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided herein and established with respect to such Securities and in this Indenture. Principal and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if on such date the Trustee or the Paying Agent holds in accordance with this Indenture money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal and interest on the Securities then due.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Indenture, the Company or the Paying Agent may, to the extent it is required to do so by law, deduct or withhold income or other similar taxes imposed by applicable law from principal or interest payments hereunder.

The Company shall pay interest on overdue principal at the rate specified therefor in the Securities, and subject to Section 2.11, it shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the same rate to the extent lawful.

# SECTION 4.02 MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE AND PAYMENT OF SECURITIES.

So long as any of the Securities shall remain outstanding, the Company shall maintain in each Place of Payment an office or agency where the Securities of a series may be surrendered for exchange or registration of transfer as in this Indenture provided, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect to such Securities may be served, and where such Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment. The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where Securities of a series may be presented or surrendered for any and all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series for such purposes. The Company shall give to the Trustee prompt written notice of the location of any such office or agency and of any change of location thereof.

In case the Company shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to give such notice of the location or of any change in the location thereof, such surrenders, presentations and demands may be made and notices may be served at the principal office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee its agent to receive at the aforesaid office all such surrenders, presentations, notices and demands. The Trustee shall give the Company prompt notice of any change in location of the Trustee's principal office.

Except as otherwise specified with respect to a series of Securities as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Company hereby initially designates the Place of Payment for each series of Securities to be The City of New York, and initially appoints the Trustee as Paying Agent at its Corporate Trust Office as the Company's office or agency for each such purpose in such city; provided that with respect to a Global Security, and except as may otherwise be specified for such Global Security as contemplated by Section 2.01, any payment, presentation, surrender of delivery effected pursuant to the Applicable Procedures of the Depositary for such Global Security shall be deemed to have been effected at the Place of Payment for such Global Securities in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

## SECTION 4.03 APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE.

The Company, whenever necessary to avoid or fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee, shall appoint, in the manner provided in Section 7.08, a Trustee, so that there shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder.

## SECTION 4.04 PROVISION AS TO PAYING AGENT.

(a) If the Company shall appoint one or more paying agents for all or any series of the Securities (each a "Paying Agent" and collectively, the "Paying Agents") other than the Trustee, it shall cause such Paying Agent to

execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such agent shall undertake, subject to the provisions of this Section 4.04,

- (1) that it shall hold all sums held by it as such agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Securities of any series such sums which have been paid to it by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Securities) in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series and shall notify the Trustee of the receipt of sums to be so held,
- (2) that it shall give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Securities) to make any payment of the principal of or interest on the Securities of any series when the same shall be due and payable,
- (3) that it shall at any time during the continuance of any Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(1) or 6.01(2), upon the written request of the Trustee, deliver to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by it, and
- (4) acknowledge, accept and agree to comply in all aspects with the provisions of this Indenture relating to the duties, rights and liabilities of such Paying Agent.
- (b) If the Company shall not act as its own Paying Agent, it shall, by the opening of business (New York City time) on each due date of the principal and interest on any Security, deposit with such Paying Agent a sum in same day funds sufficient to pay the principal of or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of a series entitled to such principal of or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of its failure so to act.
- (c) If the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent, it shall, by the opening of business (New York City time) on each due date of the principal and interest on any Security, set aside, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, a sum sufficient to pay such principal or interest so becoming due and shall notify the Trustee of any failure to take such action.
- (d) Anything in this Section 4.04 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may, at any time, for the purpose of obtaining a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums held in trust by it, or any Paying Agent hereunder, as required by this Section 4.04, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the trusts herein contained.
- (e) Anything in this Section 4.04 to the contrary notwithstanding, the agreement to hold sums in trust as provided in this Section 4.04 is subject to the provisions of Sections 10.05 and 10.07.

#### SECTION 4.05 MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

So long as any of the Securities shall remain outstanding, the Company shall at all times (except as otherwise provided or permitted elsewhere in this Indenture) do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and franchises.

#### SECTION 4.06 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, an Officer's Certificate stating that in the course of the performance by the signer of his or her duties as a Responsible Officer of the Company, he or she would normally have knowledge of any Default and whether or not he or she knows of any Default or Event of Default that occurred during such period. If he or she does, the certificate shall describe the Default or Event of Default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Company also shall comply with TIA Section 314(a)(4). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's

compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

#### SECTION 4.07 FURTHER INSTRUMENTS AND ACTS.

Upon request of the Trustee or as necessary, the Company shall execute and deliver such further instruments and do such further acts as may be reasonably necessary or proper to carry out more effectively the purpose of this Indenture.

#### SECTION 4.08 COMMISSION REPORTS.

Without regard to whether the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company shall file with the Commission (so long as permitted by the Commission) and provide the Trustee and Securityholders with such annual reports and such information, documents and other reports as are specified in Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act and applicable to a U.S. corporation subject to such Sections, such information, documents and other reports to be so filed and provided at the times specified for the filing of such information, documents and reports under such Sections. The Company also shall comply with the other provisions of TIA Section 314(a). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

Such information, documents and reports shall be deemed to have been (i) filed by the Company with the Trustee and (ii) transmitted by the Company to Holders, as the case may be, if the Company has filed such information, documents, reports and summaries with the Commission using the EDGAR filing system (or any successor filing system) and such reports are publicly available, in each case to the extent such filing with the EDGAR filing system (or any successor filing system) and the foregoing effect thereof, is not prohibited by the Securities Act.

#### ARTICLE V

#### SUCCESSOR COMPANY

#### SECTION 5.01 WHEN COMPANY MAY MERGE OR TRANSFER ASSETS.

The Company shall not, while any of the Securities remain outstanding, consolidate or merge with or into any Person, or sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, unless:

- (1) the Person formed by or surviving such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company), or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall be made (collectively, the "Successor Company"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor Company assumes by supplemental indenture in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee all of the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and under the Securities;
  - (2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with this Indenture.

The Successor Company shall be the successor to the Company and shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture, and the predecessor Company (except in the case of a lease) shall be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Securities.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES**

#### SECTION 6.01 EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

An "Event of Default" occurs with respect to a series of Securities if:

- (1) the Company defaults in any payment of interest on any of the Securities of that series when the same becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (2) the Company defaults in the payment of the principal of any of the Securities of that series when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon declaration or otherwise;
  - (3) the Company fails to comply with Section 5.01;
- (4) the Company fails to comply with any of its agreements in the Securities of that series or this Indenture (other than those referred to in clauses (1), (2) or (3) above) and such failure continues for 90 days after the notice specified below;
- (5) any default or event of default under any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary to the seller of a business or asset incurred in connection with the purchase thereof) which default or event of default results in at least \$200.00 million of aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness being declared due and payable prior to maturity (the "cross acceleration provision"):
- (6) failure by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay at maturity or otherwise when due (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) at least \$200.00 million aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness at any one time;
  - (7) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
    - (A) commences a voluntary case;
    - (B) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;
    - (C) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property;
    - (D) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
    - (E) takes any comparable action under any foreign laws relating to insolvency; or
  - (8) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
    - (A) is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case;
    - (B) appoints a Custodian of the Company or for any substantial part of its property; or
    - (C) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company;

or any similar relief is granted under any foreign laws and the order, decree or relief remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days.

The foregoing shall constitute Events of Default whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order

of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body. No Event of Default with respect to a single series of Securities issued hereunder (and under or pursuant to any supplemental indenture, Officer's Certificate or Board Resolution) specific to such series shall constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other series of Securities unless otherwise provided in this Indenture or any supplemental indenture, Officer's Certificate or Board Resolution with respect to any other series of Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Default under Section 6.01(4) shall not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series notify the Company of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default within the time specified in Section 6.01(4) after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default."

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, promptly after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any Event of Default under clauses (3), (5), (6), (7) and (8) and, within 60 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time would become an Event of Default under clause (4), its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### SECTION 6.02 ACCELERATION.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8)) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Securities of such series to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal and interest shall be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8) occurs, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Securities of such series shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series outstanding by notice to the Trustee may rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of acceleration. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

#### SECTION 6.03 OTHER REMEDIES.

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

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities of such series or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. No remedy is exclusive of any other remedy. All available remedies are cumulative.

## SECTION 6.04 WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series by notice to the Trustee may waive an existing Default and its consequences except (i) a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a Security or (ii) a Default in respect of a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be amended without the consent of each Holder affected. When a Default is waived, it is deemed cured, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any consequent right.

#### SECTION 6.05 CONTROL BY MAJORITY.

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or, subject to Section 7.01, that the Trustee reasonably determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders or, in the Trustee's reasonable opinion, would involve the Trustee in personal liability; provided, however, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action hereunder, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such action.

#### SECTION 6.06 LIMITATION ON SUITS.

Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal or interest when due, no Holder of Securities of a particular series may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Securities of such series unless:

- (1) the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice stating that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (2) the Holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
  - (3) such Holder or Holders offer to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense;
  - (4) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (5) the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request during such 60-day period.

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

#### SECTION 6.07 RIGHTS OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on the Securities held by such Holder, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Securities, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

#### SECTION 6.08 COLLECTION SUIT BY TRUSTEE.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(1) or (2) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as Trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount then due and owing (together with interest on any unpaid interest to the extent lawful) and the amounts provided for in Section 7.07.

#### SECTION 6.09 TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

The Trustee may file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company, its Subsidiaries or their respective creditors or properties and, unless prohibited by law or applicable regulations, may vote on behalf of the Holders in any election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other Person performing similar functions, and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and its counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07.

#### SECTION 6.10 PRIORITIES.

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

FIRST: to the Trustee for amounts due under Section 7.07;

SECOND: to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities of such series for principal and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Securities of such series for principal and interest, respectively; and

THIRD: to the Company.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2.03, the Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.10. At least 15 days before such record date, the Company shall mail to each Holder and the Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and amount to be paid.

#### SECTION 6.11 UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07 or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series.

#### SECTION 6.12 WAIVER OF STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

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

#### ARTICLE VII

#### CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

#### SECTION 7.01 DUTIES OF TRUSTEE.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (1) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision hereof to be furnished to it, the Trustee shall examine the

certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of Section 7.01(b);
  - (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
  - (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company.
  - (e) Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (f) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.
- (g) Every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 7.01 and to the provisions of the TIA.

#### SECTION 7.02 RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely on any document (whether in original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on the Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the willful misconduct or negligence of any attorney or agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, however, that the Trustee's conduct does not constitute willful misconduct or negligence.
- (e) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of counsel with respect to legal matters relating to this Indenture and the Securities shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel.
- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

- (g) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action
- (h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a Default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture.
- (i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (j) Any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a company order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution.
- (k) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of Indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (l) The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Indenture sent by unsecured e-mail (PDF only), facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods; provided, however, that the Company shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing designated persons with the authority to provide such instructions and containing specimen signatures of such designated persons, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Company elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile transmission instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, damages, costs, fees or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or inconsistency with a subsequent written instruction. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception by third parties.

#### SECTION 7.03 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Trustee must comply with Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

#### SECTION 7.04 TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any document issued in connection with the sale of the Securities, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent (other than itself as Paying Agent), and it shall not be responsible for any statement in this Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Securities or in the Securities other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication.

#### **SECTION 7.05 NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.**

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder notice of the Default or Event of Default within 60 days after it occurs or promptly upon the Trustee's attaining knowledge of such Default or Event of Default, whichever comes first. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, or interest on, any Security, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders.

#### SECTION 7.06 REPORTS BY TRUSTEE TO HOLDERS.

As promptly as practicable after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and in any event prior to July 15 in each year, if required by TIA Section 313, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder a brief report dated as of such May 15 that complies with TIA Section 313(a). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA Section 313(b). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports required by TIA Section 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Holders shall be filed by the Company with the Commission and each stock exchange (if any) on which the Securities are listed. The Company agrees to notify promptly the Trustee whenever the Securities become listed on any stock exchange and of any delisting thereof.

#### SECTION 7.07 COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time, and the Trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation for its services. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a Trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, costs of preparing and reviewing reports, certificates and other documents, costs of preparation and mailing of notices to Holders and reasonable fees and expenses of counsel retained by the Trustee in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the administration of this trust and the performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture (including this Section 7.07) and of defending itself against any claims (whether asserted by any Holder, the Company or otherwise). The Trustee, upon a Responsible Officer receiving written notice thereof, shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct, negligence or bad faith.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee other than money or property held in trust to pay principal of and interest on particular Securities. The Trustee's right to receive payment of any amounts due under this Section 7.07 shall not be subordinate to any other liability or Indebtedness of the Company.

The Company's payment obligations pursuant to this Section 7.07 shall survive the discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee. When the Trustee incurs expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8) with respect to the Company, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

## SECTION 7.08 REPLACEMENT OF TRUSTEE.

No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of this Article. The Trustee may resign at any time by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a

majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and may appoint a successor Trustee as to such series. The Company shall remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (3) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns, is removed by the Company, is removed by the Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series and such Holders do not reasonably promptly appoint a successor Trustee, or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason (the Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Trustee), the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to the Securityholders. The retiring Trustee shall (upon payment of its charges) promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee or the Holders of 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series at the expense of the Company may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

#### SECTION 7.09 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE BY MERGER.

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

If at the time such successor or successors by merger, conversion or consolidation to the Trustee shall succeed to the trusts created by this Indenture, any of the Securities of a series shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any such successor to the Trustee may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Trustee, and deliver such Securities so authenticated; and if at that time any of the Securities of a series shall not have been authenticated, any successor to the Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of the successor to the Trustee; and in all such cases such certificates shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities of a series or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the Trustee shall have.

## SECTION 7.10 ELIGIBILITY; DISQUALIFICATION.

The Trustee shall at all times satisfy the requirements of TIA Section 310(a). The Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA Section 310(b); provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of TIA Section 310(b)(1) any indenture or indentures under which other securities or certificates of interest or participation in other securities of the Company are outstanding if the requirements for such exclusion set forth in TIA Section 310(b)(1) are met.

#### SECTION 7.11 PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST COMPANY.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

## CONCERNING THE SECURITYHOLDERS

#### SECTION 8.01 EVIDENCE OF ACTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS.

Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the holders of a majority or specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the holders of such majority or specified percentage of that series have joined therein may be evidenced by any instrument or any number of instruments of similar tenor executed by such holders of Securities of that series in Person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing. If the Company shall solicit from the Securityholders of any series any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action, the Company may, at its option, as evidenced by an Officer's Certificate, fix in advance a record date for such series for the determination of Securityholders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action may be given before or after the record date, but only the Securityholders of record at the close of business on the record date shall be deemed to be Securityholders for the purposes of determining whether Securityholders of the requisite proportion of outstanding Securities of that series have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, notice, consent, waiver or other action, and for that purpose the outstanding Securities of that series shall be computed as of the record date; provided, however, that no such authorization, agreement or consent by such Securityholders on the record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than six months after the record date.

#### SECTION 8.02 PROOF OF EXECUTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, proof of the execution of any instrument by a Securityholder (such proof will not require notarization) or his agent or proxy and proof of the holding by any Person of any of the Securities shall be sufficient if made in the following manner:

- (a) The fact and date of the execution by any such Person of any instrument may be proved in any reasonable manner acceptable to the Trustee.
- (b) The ownership of Securities shall be proved by the Security Register of such Securities or by a certificate of the Security Registrar thereof.
- (c) The Trustee may require such additional proof of any matter referred to in this Section as it shall deem necessary.

#### SECTION 8.03 WHO MAY BE DEEMED OWNERS.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of any Security, the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent and any Security Registrar may deem and treat the Person in whose name such Security shall be registered upon the books of the Company as the absolute owner of such Security (whether or not such Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 2.03) interest on such Security and for all other purposes; and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any Paying Agent nor any Security Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

#### SECTION 8.04 CERTAIN SECURITIES OWNED BY COMPANY DISREGARDED.

In determining whether the holders of the requisite aggregate principal amount of Securities of a particular series have concurred in any direction, consent or waiver under this Indenture, the Securities of that series that are owned by the Company or any other obligor on the Securities of by any Person directly or indirectly Controlling or Controlled by or under common Control with the Company or any other obligor on the Securities of that series shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of any such determination, except that for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, consent or waiver, only Securities of such series that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. The Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding for the purposes of this Section, if the pledgee shall establish to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not a Person directly or indirectly Controlling or Controlled by or under direct or indirect common Control with the Company or any such other obligor. In case of a dispute as to such right, any decision by the Trustee taken upon the advice of counsel shall be full protection to the Trustee. Also, subject to the foregoing, only Securities of a series outstanding at the time shall be considered in any such determination.

#### SECTION 8.05 ACTIONS BINDING ON FUTURE SECURITYHOLDERS.

At any time prior to (but not after) the evidencing to the Trustee, as provided in Section 8.01, of the taking of any action by the holders of the majority or percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series specified in this Indenture in connection with such action, any holder of a Security of that series that is shown by the evidence to be included in the Securities the holders of which have consented to such action may, by filing written notice with the Trustee, and upon proof of holding as provided in Section 8.02, revoke such action so far as concerns such Security. Except as aforesaid any such action taken by the holder of any Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of such Security, and of any Security issued in exchange therefor, on registration of transfer thereof or in place thereof, irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Security. Any action taken by the holders of the majority or percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series specified in this Indenture in connection with such action shall be conclusively binding upon the Company, the Trustee and the holders of all the Securities of that series.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

#### SECTION 9.01 SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

In addition to any supplemental indenture otherwise authorized by this Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect), without the consent of the Securityholders, for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect, or inconsistency herein, or in the Securities of any series;
- (2) to comply with Article V;
- (3) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (4) to add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company or to add any additional Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such additional Events of Default are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such additional Events of Default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to add guarantees with respect to any series of Securities;

- (5) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Securityholder in any material respect;
- (6) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the Securities of any series as provided in Section 2.01, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or any series of Securities, or to add to the rights of the Holders of any series of Securities;
- (7) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.08;
- (8) to supplement any provisions of this Indenture necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities; provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of such series or any other series;
- (9) to comply with the rules or regulations of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which any of the Securities may be listed or traded;
  - (10) to comply with the rules of any applicable Depositary;
  - (11) subject to any limitations established pursuant to Section 2.01, to provide for the issuance of additional Securities of any series; or
- (12) to conform any provision of this Indenture, any supplemental indenture, one or more series of Securities or any related guarantees or security documents, if any, to the description of such Securities contained in the Company's prospectus, prospectus supplement, offering memorandum or similar document with respect to the offering of the Securities of such series.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to join with the Company in the execution of any such supplemental indenture, and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Any supplemental indenture authorized by the provisions of this Section may be executed by the Company and the Trustee without the consent of the Holders of any of the Securities at the time outstanding, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 9.02.

#### SECTION 9.02 SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

With the consent (evidenced as provided in Section 8.01) of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture or indentures at the time outstanding, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner not covered by Section 9.01 the rights of the Holders of the Securities of such series under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holders of each Security then outstanding and affected thereby:

(1) change the maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Security which would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.01 or change the coin or currency in which any Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute

suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

- (2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver of certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture:
- (3) modify any of the provisions of this Section or Section 6.04 relating to waivers of Default, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Security affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 7.08 and 9.01; or
- (4) if the Securities of any series are convertible into or for any other securities or property of the Company, make any change that adversely affects in any material respect the right to convert any Security of such series (except as permitted by Section 9.01) or decrease the conversion rate or increase the conversion price of any such Security of such series, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of such Security.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series. It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Securityholders of any series affected thereby under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such consent shall approve the substance thereof.

#### SECTION 9.03 EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article, this Indenture shall, with respect to such series, be and be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities under this Indenture of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of Securities of the series affected thereby shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

#### SECTION 9.04 SECURITIES AFFECTED BY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Securities of any series, affected by a supplemental indenture, authenticated and delivered after the execution of such supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article, may bear a notation in form approved by the Company, provided such form meets the requirements of any exchange upon which such series may be listed, as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of that series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, to any modification of this Indenture contained in any such supplemental indenture may be prepared by the Company, authenticated by the Trustee and delivered in exchange for the Securities of that series then outstanding.

#### SECTION 9.05 EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Upon the request of the Company, accompanied by its Board Resolutions authorizing the execution of any such supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence of the consent of Securityholders required to consent thereto as aforesaid, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such supplemental indenture unless such supplemental indenture affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion but shall not be obligated to enter into such supplemental indenture. The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, shall be provided with an Opinion of Counsel and Officer's Certificate as conclusive evidence that any supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this

Article is authorized or permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Article and that it is proper for the Trustee under the provisions of this Article to join in the execution thereof; provided, however, that such Opinion of Counsel and Officer's Certificate need not be provided in connection with the execution of a supplemental indenture that establishes the terms of a series of Securities pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Trustee shall transmit at the expense of the Company by mail, first class postage prepaid, a notice, setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture, to the Securityholders of all series affected thereby as their names and addresses appear upon the Security Register. Any failure of the Trustee to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

#### ARTICLE X

#### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

#### SECTION 10.01 SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect with respect to a series of Securities (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such series of Securities herein expressly provided for), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such series, when:

- (1) either (A) all Securities of that series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) any Securities that shall have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that shall have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.07 and (ii) Securities for whose payment money or noncallable Governmental Obligations have theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 10.05) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or (B) all Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable, or (ii) will by their terms become due and payable within one year, or (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and the Company shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for such purpose (x) moneys in an amount, or (y) noncallable Governmental Obligations the scheduled principal of and interest on which in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (z) a combination thereof, sufficient, in the case of (y) or (z), in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, at maturity or upon redemption, all Securities of that series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, including principal (and premium, if any) and interest due or to become due to such date of maturity or date fixed for redemption, as the case may be;
  - (2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder with respect to such series by the Company; and
- (3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all the conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such series of Securities have been complied with. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to a series of Securities, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 7.07 and, if money and or securities shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (iii) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Sections 10.04 and 10.05 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.

## **SECTION 10.02 DEFEASANCE.**

(a) Subject to Sections 10.02(b) and 10.03, the Company at any time may terminate (1) all of its obligations under a particular series of Securities and under this Indenture with respect to that series of Securities ("Legal Defeasance Option") or (2) with respect to a particular series of Securities, its obligations under Sections 2.01(14), 4.06, 4.07 and 4.08 ("Covenant Defeasance Option").

If the Company exercises its Legal Defeasance Option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default. If the Company exercises its Covenant Defeasance Option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in Sections 6.01(4) due to a violation of Sections 4.06, 4.07 and 4.08.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and upon request of the Company, the Trustee shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of those obligations that the Company terminates.

(b) The Company's obligations in Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.07, 7.07 and 7.08 and this Article X shall survive until the Securities have been paid in full. Thereafter, the Company's obligations in Sections 7.07 and 10.05 shall survive.

#### SECTION 10.03 CONDITIONS TO DEFEASANCE.

The Company may exercise its Legal Defeasance Option or its Covenant Defeasance Option with respect to a series of Securities only if:

- (1) the Company irrevocably deposits, or causes to be deposited, in trust with the Trustee money or Governmental Obligations, or a combination thereof, for the payment of principal of and interest on that series of the Securities to Stated Maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (2) the Company delivers to the Trustee a certificate from a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants or a financial advisor expressing their opinion that the payments of principal and interest when due and without reinvestment on the deposited Governmental Obligations plus any deposited money without reinvestment will provide cash at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to pay principal and interest when due on all the Securities of that series to Stated Maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders over any other creditors of the Company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company or others;
- (4) in the case of the Legal Defeasance Option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (B) since the date of this Indenture there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Securityholders will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance had not occurred;
- (5) in the case of the Covenant Defeasance Option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Securityholders shall not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and shall be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred;
- (6) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit (and any similar concurrent deposit relating to other Indebtedness) and the incurrence of Liens associated with any such borrowings);
- (7) the deposit does not constitute a default under any other material agreement (other than this Indenture and the agreements governing any other Indebtedness being defeased, discharged or replaced) binding on the Company;
  - (8) such defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest with respect to any securities of the Company; and

(9) the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent to the defeasance and discharge of the Securities and this Indenture as contemplated by this Article X have been complied with.

Before or after a deposit, the Company may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of Securities at a future date in accordance with Article III.

#### SECTION 10.04 APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.

The Trustee shall hold in trust money or Governmental Obligations deposited with it pursuant to this Article X. It shall apply the deposited money and the money from Governmental Obligations through the Paying Agent and in accordance with this Indenture to the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities.

#### SECTION 10.05 REPAYMENT TO COMPANY.

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall promptly turn over to the Company upon request any excess money or securities held by them on account of any series of Securities in accordance with this Article X upon payment of all principal of and interest on the Securities of that series. Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal of or interest on the Securities that remains unclaimed for two years, and, thereafter, Securityholders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors.

#### SECTION 10.06 INDEMNITY FOR GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS.

The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against deposited Governmental Obligations or the principal and interest received on such Governmental Obligations.

#### SECTION 10.07 REINSTATEMENT.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Governmental Obligations in accordance with this Article X by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article X until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money or Governmental Obligations in accordance with this Article X; provided, however, that, if the Company has made any payment of interest on or principal of any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or Governmental Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### IMMUNITY OF INCORPORATORS, STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

## SECTION 11.01 NO RECOURSE.

No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, or of any Security, or for any claim based thereon or otherwise in respect thereof, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any such predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly understood that this Indenture and the obligations issued hereunder are solely corporate obligations, and that no such personal liability whatever shall attach to, or is or shall be incurred by, the incorporators, stockholders, officers or directors as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, or any of them, because of the creation of the Indebtedness hereby authorized, or under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities or implied therefrom; and that any and all such personal liability of every name

and nature, either at common law or in equity or by constitution or statute, of, and any and all such rights and claims against, every such incorporator, stockholder, officer or director as such, because of the creation of the Indebtedness hereby authorized, or under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities or implied therefrom, are hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as a consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issuance of such Securities.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### SECTION 12.01 EFFECT ON SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

All the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Indenture contained by or on behalf of the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

#### SECTION 12.02 ACTIONS BY SUCCESSOR.

Any act or proceeding by any provision of this Indenture authorized or required to be done or performed by any board, committee or officer of the Company shall and may be done and performed with like force and effect by the corresponding board, committee or officer of any corporation that shall at the time be the lawful successor of the Company.

#### SECTION 12.03 SURRENDER OF COMPANY POWERS.

The Company by instrument in writing executed by authority of its Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee may surrender any of the powers reserved to the Company, and thereupon such power so surrendered shall terminate both as to the Company and as to any successor corporation.

#### SECTION 12.04 NOTICES

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any notice, instruction, request or demand that by any provision of this Indenture is required or permitted to be given or served by the Trustee or by the Holders of Securities to or on the Company may be given or served by being deposited first class postage prepaid in a post-office letterbox addressed (until another address is filed in writing by the Company with the Trustee), as follows: 358 South Main Street, Burlington, North Carolina 27215. Any notice, election, request or demand by the Company or any Securityholder to or upon the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, if given or made in writing (which may be by facsimile or, in the case of the Company only, electronic transmission) at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

All notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder must be in writing (provided that any communication sent to the Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign or AdobeSign (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to the Trustee by the authorized representative), in English. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

The Company may send notices and other communications hereunder by electronic mail. The Company agrees that the Trustee cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such communications and that the Trustee shall conclusively presume that communications that purport to have been sent by an authorized officer of the Company have been sent by such authorized officer. The Company shall be responsible for ensuring that only authorized officers transmit such communications to the Trustee, and the Company and the authorized officers are responsible for safeguarding the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and authentication keys provided by the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs, or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such communications notwithstanding such communications conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written communication. The Company agrees (i)

to assume all risks arising out of the use of electronic mail to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions and the risk or interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting communications to the Trustee and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting communications than the method(s) selected by the Company; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of communications provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) that it will notify the Trustee immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures.

#### SECTION 12.05 GOVERNING LAW.

This Indenture and each Security shall be deemed to be a contract made under the internal laws of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with the laws of said State, but without giving effect to the applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the laws of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

#### SECTION 12.06 TREATMENT OF SECURITIES AS DEBT.

It is intended that the Securities will be treated as indebtedness and not as equity for federal income tax purposes. The provisions of this Indenture shall be interpreted to further this intention.

#### SECTION 12.07 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

- (a) Upon any application or demand by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any of the provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent have been complied with, except that (i) in the case of any such application or demand as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or demand, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished; and (ii) no Opinion of Counsel shall be required to be delivered in connection with a request by the Company that the Trustee deliver a notice to Holders under this Indenture where the Trustee receives an Officer's Certificate with respect to such notice.
- (b) Each certificate or opinion provided for in this Indenture and delivered to the Trustee with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant in this Indenture shall include
  - (i) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
  - (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
  - (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
    - (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

#### SECTION 12.08 PAYMENTS ON BUSINESS DAYS.

Except as provided pursuant to Section 2.01 pursuant to a Board Resolution, pursuant to an Officer's Certificate, or pursuant to one or more indentures supplemental to this Indenture, in any case where the date of maturity of interest or principal of any Security or the date of redemption of any Security shall not be a Business Day, then payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the

same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of maturity or redemption, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such nominal date.

#### SECTION 12.09 CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If and to the extent that any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act which may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or to be excluded, as the case may be.

#### SECTION 12.10 COUNTERPARTS.

This Indenture may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Indenture by facsimile or any other rapid transmission device designed to produce a written record of the communication transmitted shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof. The words "execution," "executed," "signed," signature" and words of like import in this Indenture or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Indenture shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf," "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including, without limitation, any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act and any other applicable law, including, without limitation, any state law based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### SECTION 12.11 SEPARABILITY.

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Indenture or in the Securities of any series shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Indenture or of such Securities, but this Indenture and such Securities shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

#### SECTION 12.12 ASSIGNMENT.

The Company will have the right at all times to assign any of its rights or obligations under this Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company, provided that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company, will remain liable for all such obligations. Subject to the foregoing, the Indenture is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties thereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Indenture may not otherwise be assigned by the parties thereto.

#### SECTION 12.13 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.

EACH OF THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

#### **SECTION 12.14** FORCE MAJEURE.

In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software

and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

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

LABOR HOLDII	ATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA NGS
By:	
Name:	
Title	
	NK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL IATION, as Trustee
By:	
Name:	
Title	

#### [FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS]

SUPPLEMEN	NTAL INDENTURE (th	is "Supplemental Indentu	re"), dated as of [	], among [	] (the "Subsid	liary Guarantor"), a
[ ] corpora	ation and a subsidiary o	f Laboratory Corporation	of America Holdings,	a Delaware corporat	tion (or its permit	tted successor) (the
"Company"), the C	ompany, [the other Subsi	idiary Guarantors] and U.S	S. Bank Trust Company	, National Associatio	n, as Trustee unde	r the Indenture (the
"Trustee").						

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture (the "Indenture"), dated as of  $[\bullet]$ ,  $20[\bullet]$  providing for the issuance of a series of its senior debt securities designated as the [ ] (the "Securities");

WHEREAS, in its discretion, the Company may cause the Subsidiary Guarantor to execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Subsidiary Guarantor will guarantee payment of the Securities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01(4) of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

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

SECTION 1. Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

SECTION 2. <u>Guarantee</u>. The Subsidiary Guarantor hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees[, jointly and severally with the other Guarantors], to each Holder and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns (a) the full and punctual payment of principal of and interest on the Securities when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, by redemption or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations of the Company under the Indenture and the Securities and (b) the full and punctual performance within applicable grace periods of all other obligations of the Company under the Indenture and the Securities (all the foregoing being hereinafter collectively called the "Obligations").

The Subsidiary Guarantor further agrees that the Obligations may be extended or renewed, in whole or in part, without notice to or further assent from the Subsidiary Guarantor and that the Subsidiary Guarantor will remain bound under this Supplemental Indenture notwithstanding any extension or renewal of any Obligation.

The Subsidiary Guarantor waives presentation to, demand of, payment from and protest to the Company of any of the Obligations and also waives notice of protest for nonpayment. The Subsidiary Guarantor waives notice of any default under the Securities or the Obligations. The obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall not be affected by (a) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any right or remedy against the Company or any other Person under the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement or otherwise; (b) any extension or renewal of any thereof; (c) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of any of the terms or provisions of the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement; (d) the release of any security held by any Holder or the Trustee for the Obligations or any of them; (e) the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to exercise any right or remedy against any other guarantor of the Obligations; or (f) except as set forth in Section 7 of this Supplemental Indenture, any change in the ownership of the Subsidiary Guarantor.

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

Except as expressly set forth in Section 10.02 of the Indenture and Sections 3 and 7 of this Supplemental Indenture, the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor hereunder shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason, including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise, and shall not be subject to any defense of setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever or by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of the Obligations or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor herein shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of any Holder or the Trustee to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy under the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture, the Securities or any other agreement, by any waiver or modification of any provision thereof, by any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of the Obligations, or by any other act or thing or omission or delay to do any other act or thing which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of the Subsidiary Guarantor or would otherwise operate as a discharge of the Subsidiary Guarantor as a matter of law or equity.

The Subsidiary Guarantor further agrees that its guaranty herein shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment, or any part thereof, of principal of or interest on any Obligation is rescinded or must otherwise be restored by any Holder or the Trustee upon the bankruptcy or reorganization of the Company or otherwise.

In furtherance of the foregoing and not in limitation of any other right which any Holder or the Trustee has at law or in equity against the Subsidiary Guarantor by virtue hereof, upon the failure of the Company to pay the principal of or interest on any Obligation when and as the same shall become due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, by redemption or otherwise, or to perform or comply with any other Obligation, the Subsidiary Guarantor hereby promises to and shall, upon receipt of written demand by the Trustee, forthwith pay, or cause to be paid, in cash, to the Holders or the Trustee an amount equal to the sum of (1) the unpaid amount of such Obligations, (2) accrued and unpaid interest on such Obligations (but only to the extent not prohibited by law) and (3) all other monetary Obligations of the Company to the Holders and the Trustee.

The Subsidiary Guarantor agrees that, as between it, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article VI of the Indenture for the purposes of the Subsidiary Guarantor's guaranty herein, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such Obligations as provided in Article VI of the Indenture, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Subsidiary Guarantor for the purposes of this Supplemental Indenture.

The Subsidiary Guarantor also agrees to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Section 2.

SECTION 3. <u>Limitation on Liability</u>. Any term or provision of this Supplemental Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum aggregate amount of the Obligations guaranteed hereunder by the Subsidiary Guarantor shall not exceed the maximum amount that can be hereby guaranteed without rendering this Supplemental Indenture, as it relates to the Subsidiary Guarantor, voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

SECTION 4. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Supplemental Indenture shall be binding upon the Subsidiary Guarantor and its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Trustee and the Holders and, in the event of any transfer or assignment of rights by any Holder or the Trustee, the rights and privileges conferred upon that party in this Supplemental Indenture and in the Securities shall automatically extend to and be vested in such transferee or assignee, all subject to the terms and conditions of this Supplemental Indenture.

SECTION 5. No Waiver. Neither a failure nor a delay on the part of either the Trustee or the Holders in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Supplemental Indenture shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall

a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise of any right, power or privilege. The rights, remedies and benefits of the Trustee and the Holders herein expressly specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights, remedies or benefits which either may have under this Supplemental Indenture at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise.

SECTION 6. <u>Modification</u>. No modification, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Supplemental Indenture, nor the consent to any departure by the Subsidiary Guarantor therefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Trustee, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice to or demand on the Subsidiary Guarantor in any case shall entitle the Subsidiary Guarantor to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances.

SECTION 7. Release. Upon the sale or other disposition (including by way of consolidation, merger or spin-off) of the Subsidiary Guarantor or the sale or disposition of all or substantially all the assets of the Subsidiary Guarantor (in each case other than a sale or disposition to the Company or an Affiliate of the Company), the Subsidiary Guarantor shall be deemed released from all obligations under this Supplemental Indenture without any further action required on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. At the request and expense of the Company, the Trustee shall execute and deliver an appropriate instrument evidencing such release.

Upon the merger or consolidation of the Subsidiary Guarantor with or into, or the dissolution and liquidation of the Subsidiary Guarantor into, a Subsidiary Guarantor or another Person that Guarantees the Securities, the Subsidiary Guarantor shall be released from all obligations under this Supplemental Indenture without any further action required on the part of the Trustee or any Holder. At the request and expense of the Company, the Trustee shall execute and deliver an appropriate instrument evidencing such release.

SECTION 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Supplemental Indenture shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York but without giving effect to applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the laws of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

SECTION 9. No Recourse Against Others. A director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Subsidiary Guarantor shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or of the Subsidiary Guarantor under its guaranty, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. By accepting a Security, each Holder shall waive and release all such liability. The waiver and release shall be part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

SECTION 10. Multiple Originals. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Supplemental Indenture by facsimile or any other rapid transmission device designed to produce a written record of the communication transmitted shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof. The words "execution," "executed," "signed," signature" and words of like import in this Supplemental Indenture or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Supplemental Indenture shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf," "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including, without limitation, any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act and any other applicable law, including, without limitation, any state law based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or the Uniform Commercial Code.

SECTION 11. <u>Headings</u>. The headings of the Sections of this Supplemental Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not intended to be considered a part hereof and shall not modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

SECTION 12. <u>Contribution</u>. The Subsidiary Guarantor shall be entitled upon payment in full of all guaranteed Obligations to a contribution from each other Subsidiary Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Subsidiary Guarantor's pro rata portion of such payment based on the respective net assets of all the Subsidiary Guarantors at the time of such payment determined in accordance with GAAP.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

Ву:
Name:
Title
LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS
By:
Name:
Title
[OTHER SUBSIDIARY GUARANTORS]
Ву:
Name:
Title
U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee
By:
Name:
Title

[SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR]

Exhibit 4.04

## LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS,

as Issuer

AND

[ ], as Trustee

INDENTURE

DATED AS OF [ ], 202[ ]

SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES

## CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE<sup>1</sup>

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310(a)	7.10
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311(b)	7.11
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312(a)	5.01; 5.02(a)
312(b)	5.02(c)
312(c)	Inapplicable
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313(c)	7.06
313(d)	7.06
314(a)	4.06; 5.03
314(b)	Inapplicable
314(c)	12.07
314(d)	Inapplicable
314(e)	12.07
314(f)	Inapplicable
315(a)	7.01
315(b)	7.05
315(c)	7.01
315(d)	7.01
315(e)	6.11; 7.07
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This Cross-Reference Table does not constitute part of the Indenture and shall not have any bearing on the interpretation of any of its terms or provisions.

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**INDENTURE**, dated as of [ ], 202[ ], between **LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS**, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and [ ], a [ ], as trustee (the "Trustee"):

WHEREAS, for its lawful corporate purposes, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance of unsecured subordinated debt securities (hereinafter referred to as the "Securities"), in an unlimited aggregate principal amount to be issued from time to time in one or more series as in this Indenture provided, as registered Securities without coupons, to be authenticated by the certificate of the Trustee:

WHEREAS, to provide the terms and conditions upon which the Securities are to be authenticated, issued and delivered, the Company has duly authorized the execution of this Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Indenture a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows for the equal and ratable benefit of the holders of Securities or of series thereof.

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### SECTION 1.01 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS.

The terms defined in this Section (except as in this Indenture otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires) for all purposes of this Indenture and of any indenture supplemental hereto shall have the respective meanings specified in this Section and shall include the plural as well as the singular. All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined in the Trust Indenture Act or that are by reference in said Trust Indenture Act defined in the Securities Act (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires), shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in said Trust Indenture Act and in said Securities Act as in force at the date of the execution of this instrument.

"AFFILIATE" means, as applied to any Person, (i) any other Person, directly or indirectly, Controlling or Controlled by or under direct or indirect common Control with such specified Person or (ii) any Person who is a director or officer (A) of such Person, (B) of any Subsidiary of such Person or (C) of any Person described in clause (i) above.

"APPLICABLE PROCEDURES" of a Depositary means, with respect to any matter at any time, the policies and procedures of such Depositary, if any, that are applicable to such matter at such time.

"AUTHENTICATING AGENT" means an authenticating agent with respect to all or any of the series of Securities appointed with respect to all or any series of the Securities by the Trustee pursuant to Section 2.10.

"BANKRUPTCY LAW" means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"BOARD OF DIRECTORS" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee of such Board.

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

"BUSINESS DAY" means a day other than a Legal Holiday.

"CAPITALIZED LEASE" means any obligation of a Person to pay rent or other amounts incurred with respect to real property or equipment acquired or leased by such Person and used in its business that is required to be recorded as a capital lease in accordance with GAAP; provided that, for purposes of this definition only, "GAAP" shall mean GAAP as in effect as of November 25, 2019 and not as in effect from time to time.

"CERTIFICATE" means a certificate signed by the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer or the principal accounting officer of the Company. The Certificate need not comply with the provisions of Section 12.07.

"COMMISSION" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"COMPANY" means Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware until a successor replaces it in accordance with Article V and thereafter means the successor and, for purposes of any provision contained herein and required by the TIA, each other obligor on the Securities.

"CONTROL" shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "Controlled" and "Controlling" shall have meanings correlative thereto.

"CORPORATE TRUST OFFICE" means the designated office of the Trustee at which, at any particular time, this corporate trust account shall be principally administered, which office at the date hereof is located at [ ].

"COVENANT DEFEASANCE OPTION" has the meaning given in Section 10.02.

"CUSTODIAN" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

"DEFAULT" means any event, act or condition which is, or that with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"DEFAULTED INTEREST" has the meaning given in Section 2.03.

"DEPOSITARY" means, with respect to Securities of any series, for which the Company shall determine that such Securities will be issued as a Global Security, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, another clearing agency, or any successor registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act, or other applicable statute or regulation, which, in each case, shall be designated by the Company pursuant to either Section 2.01 or 2.11.

"EVENT OF DEFAULT" means, with respect to Securities of a particular series any event specified in Section 6.01, continued for the period of time, if any, therein designated.

"EXCHANGE ACT" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor statute or statutes thereto.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America in effect from time to time, including those set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements of pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other entity as are approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession.

"GLOBAL SECURITY" means, with respect to any series of Securities, a Security executed by the Company and delivered by the Trustee to the Depositary or pursuant to the Depositary's instruction, all in accordance with the Indenture, which shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee.

"GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a Person Controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America that, in either case, are

not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act) as custodian with respect to any such Governmental Obligation or a specific payment of principal of or interest on any such Governmental Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depositary receipt; provided, however, that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Governmental Obligation or the specific payment of principal of or interest on the Governmental Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

"HEREIN", "HEREOF" and "HEREUNDER", and other words of similar import, refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

"INDEBTEDNESS" of any Person means, without duplication (i) any obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (ii) any obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (iii) any reimbursement obligation of such Person in respect of letters of credit or other similar instruments which support financial obligations which would otherwise become Indebtedness, and (iv) any obligation of such Person under Capitalized Leases; provided, however, that "Indebtedness" of such Person shall not include any obligation of such Person to any Subsidiary of such Person or to any Person with respect to which such Person is a Subsidiary.

"INDENTURE" means this instrument as originally executed or as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into in accordance with the terms hereof, including, for all purposes of this instrument and any such supplemental indenture, the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are deemed to be a part of and govern this instrument and any such supplemental indenture, respectively. The term "Indenture" shall also include the terms of particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 2.01.

"INTEREST PAYMENT DATE", when used with respect to any installment of interest on a Security of a particular series, means the date specified in such Security or in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, in an Officer's Certificate or in an indenture supplemental hereto with respect to such series as the fixed date on which an installment of interest with respect to Securities of that series is due and payable.

"LEGAL DEFEASANCE OPTION" has the meaning given in Section 10.02.

"LEGAL HOLIDAY" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banking institutions are not required to be open in the State of New York.

"LIEN" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, lien or other security interest.

"OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE" means a certificate signed by the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company or any other officer or officers of the Company designated in writing by or pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof. Each such certificate shall include the statements provided for in Section 12.07, if and to the extent required by the provisions thereof.

"OPINION OF COUNSEL" means an opinion in writing of legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel for the Company that is delivered to the Trustee in accordance with the terms hereof. Each such opinion shall include the statements provided for in Section 12.07, if and to the extent required by the provisions thereof.

"ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT SECURITY" means any Security which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Stated Maturity thereof.

"PAYING AGENT" has the meaning given in Section 4.03.

"PERSON" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint-venture, joint-stock company, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"PLACE OF PAYMENT", when used with respect to the Securities of any series, means the place or places where the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Securities of that series are payable as specified or contemplated by Section 2.01.

"PREDECESSOR SECURITY" of any particular Security means every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security; and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 2.07 in lieu of a lost, destroyed or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the lost, destroyed or stolen Security.

"PRINCIPAL OF" a Security means the principal of the Security plus the premium, if any, payable on the Security which is due or overdue or is to become due at the relevant time.

"REDEMPTION DATE", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

"REDEMPTION PRICE", when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, means the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to this Indenture.

"RESPONSIBLE OFFICER" when used with respect to the Trustee means any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant treasurer, any trust officer or any other officer or assistant officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"SECURITIES" means the debt Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"SECURITIES ACT" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor statute or statutes thereto.

"SECURITYHOLDER", "HOLDER of SECURITIES", "REGISTERED HOLDER", "HOLDER" or other similar term, means the Person or Persons in whose name or names a particular Security shall be registered on the books of the Company kept for that purpose in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"SECURITY REGISTER" has the meaning given in Section 2.05.

"SECURITY REGISTRAR" has the meaning given in Section 2.05.

"SENIOR INDEBTEDNESS" means the principal, premium (if any) and unpaid interest on all present and future (i) Indebtedness of the Company for borrowed money; (ii) obligations of the Company evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments; (iii) obligations of the Company under (a) interest rate swaps, caps, collars, options and similar arrangements, (b) any foreign exchange contract, currency swap contract, futures contract, currency option contract, or other foreign currency hedge and (c) credit swaps, caps, floors, collars and similar arrangements; (iv) Indebtedness incurred, assumed or guaranteed by the Company in connection with the acquisition by it or a subsidiary of the Company of any business, properties or assets (except purchase-money Indebtedness classified as accounts payable under GAAP); (v) all obligations and liabilities (contingent or otherwise) in respect of leases of the Company required, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, to be accounted for as capitalized lease obligations on the balance sheet of the Company and all obligations and liabilities (contingent or otherwise) under any lease or related document (including a purchase agreement) in connection with the lease or real property which provides that the Company is contractually obligated to purchase or cause a third party to purchase the leased property and thereby guarantee a minimum residual value of the leased property to the lessor and the obligations of the Company under such lease or related document to purchase or cause a third party to purchase such leased property; (vi) reimbursement obligations of the Company in respect of letters of credit relating to Indebtedness or other obligations of the Company under direct or indirect guaranties in respect of, and obligations (contingent or otherwise) to purchase or otherwise acquire, or otherwise to assure a creditor against loss in respect of, Indebtedness or obligations of others of the kinds referred to in clauses (i) through (vi) above, in

each case as to clauses (i) through (vii) above unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the Indebtedness or obligation or pursuant to which the same is outstanding provides that (x) such Indebtedness or obligation is not senior in right of payment to the Securities or (y) such Indebtedness or obligation is subordinated to any other Indebtedness or obligation of the Company, unless such Indebtedness or obligation expressly provides that such Indebtedness or obligations be senior in right of payment to the Securities.

"STATED MATURITY" means, with respect to any Security of a series, the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the final payment of principal of such Security is due and payable.

"SUBSIDIARY" means, with respect to any Person, (i) any corporation at least a majority of whose outstanding Voting Stock shall at the time be owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person or by one or more of its Subsidiaries or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries, (ii) any general partnership, limited liability company, joint venture or similar entity, at least a majority of whose outstanding partnership or similar interests shall at the time be owned by such Person, or by one or more of its Subsidiaries, or by such Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries and (iii) any limited partnership of which such Person or any of its Subsidiaries is a general partner.

"TRUSTEE" means [ ], and, subject to the provisions of Article VII, shall also include its successors and assigns, and, if at any time there is more than one Person acting in such capacity hereunder, "Trustee" shall mean each such Person. The term "Trustee" as used with respect to a particular series of the Securities shall mean the trustee with respect to that series.

"TRUST INDENTURE ACT" and "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, subject to the provisions of Sections 9.01, 9.02, and 12.09, as in effect at the date of execution of this instrument.

"UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE" means the New York Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time.

"VOTING STOCK", as applied to stock of any Person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such Person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such Person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

#### ARTICLE II

#### ISSUE, DESCRIPTION, TERMS, EXECUTION, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE OF SECURITIES

#### SECTION 2.01 DESIGNATION AND TERMS OF SECURITIES.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more series up to the aggregate principal amount of Securities of that series from time to time authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution, pursuant to an Officer's Certificate or pursuant to one or more indentures supplemental hereto. Prior to the initial issuance of Securities of any series, there shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, and set forth in an Officer's Certificate, or established in an Officer's Certificate or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto:

- (1) the title of the Security of the series including CUSIP numbers (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from all other Securities);
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of, transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of that series);
  - (3) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the series is payable and the place(s) of payment;

- (4) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest or the manner of calculation of such rate or rates, if any;
- (5) the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest will be payable or the manner of determination of such Interest Payment Dates, the place(s) of payment, and the record date or other method for the determination of holders to whom interest is payable on any such Interest Payment Dates;
  - (6) the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of such extension;
- (7) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which, Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;
- (8) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase Securities of the series or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Securities of the series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
  - (9) any additional or different subordination terms applicable to the Securities of the series;
  - (10) the form of the Securities of the series including the form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication for such series;
- (11) if other than denominations of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the series shall be issuable:
  - (12) whether the Securities of the series are issuable as a Global Security and, in such case, the identity of the Depositary for such series;
- (13) whether the Securities of the series will be convertible into shares of common stock or other securities of the Company and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such Securities will be so convertible, including the conversion price and the conversion period;
- (14) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.01 and the amount that will be deemed to be the principal amount of the Securities for any other purpose;
- (15) any additional or different Events of Default or restrictive covenants and related definitions provided for with respect to the Securities of the series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the Holders to declare the principal amount of the Securities of a series due and payable;
- (16) whether the Securities of the series shall not be defeasible pursuant to Section 10.02 and, if other than by a Board Resolution, the manner in which any election by the Company to defease such Securities shall be evidenced;
- (17) if other than the currency of the United States of America, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or any premium or interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable and the manner of determining the equivalent thereof in the currency of the United States of America for any purpose;
- (18) whether and to what extent the Securities of such series will be guaranteed by a guaranter and, if so, the identity of such Person or Persons, the terms and conditions upon which such Securities shall be guaranteed and, if applicable, the terms and conditions upon which such guarantees may be subordinated to other Indebtedness of the respective guaranters;

(19) the place or places where, subject to the provisions of Section 4.02, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any Securities of the series shall be payable, Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration or transfer, Securities of the series may be surrendered for exchange, and notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of the series and this Indenture may be served; and

(20) any and all other terms with respect to such series, including, but not limited to, any terms which may be required by or advisable under U.S. laws or regulations or otherwise included in connection with the marketing of Securities of that series.

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to any such Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or in any indentures supplemental hereto. If any of the terms of the series are established by action taken pursuant to a Board Resolution, a copy of an appropriate record of such action shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officer's Certificate setting forth the terms of the series. Securities of any particular series may be issued at various times, with different dates on which the principal or any installment of principal is payable, with different rates of interest, if any, or different methods by which rates of interest may be determined, with different dates on which such interest may be payable and with different redemption dates. Notwithstanding Section 2.01(2) and unless otherwise expressly provided with respect to a series of Securities, the aggregate principal amount of a series of Securities may be increased and additional Securities of such series may be issued up to the maximum aggregate principal amount authorized with respect to such series as increased without the consent of the Holders; provided that such additional Securities are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with the Securities of the applicable series.

#### SECTION 2.02 FORM OF SECURITIES AND TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE.

The Securities of any series and the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by such Securities shall be substantially of the tenor and purport as set forth in one or more indentures supplemental hereto or as provided in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or in an Officer's Certificate. The Securities may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements printed, lithographed or engraved thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which Securities of that series may be listed, or to conform to usage.

# SECTION 2.03 DENOMINATIONS: PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT.

The Securities shall be issuable as registered Securities and in the denominations equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, subject to Section 2.01(11). The Securities of a particular series shall bear interest payable on the dates and at the rates specified or provided for with respect to that series. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(17), the principal of and the interest on the Securities of any series, as well as any premium thereon in case of redemption thereof prior to maturity, shall be payable in the coin or currency of the United States of America that at the time is legal tender for public and private debt, at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York; provided, however, that at the option of the Company payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication by the Trustee. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(4), interest on the Securities shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months. Except as contemplated by Section 2.01(5), the interest installment on any Security that is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date for Securities of that series shall be paid to the Person in whose name said Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for such interest installment. In the event that any Security of a particular series or portion thereof is called for redemption and the Redemption Date is subsequent to a regular record date with respect to any Interest Payment Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date, interest on such Security will be paid upon presentation and surrender of such Security as provided in Section 3.03. Any interest on any Security that is payable, but is not punctually pa

regular record date by virtue of having been such holder; and such Defaulted Interest shall be paid by the Company, at its election, as provided in clause (1) or clause (2) below:

- (1) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner: the Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall not be more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such special record date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the special record date therefor to be mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each Securityholder at his or her address as it appears in the Security Register (as hereinafter defined), not less than 10 days prior to such special record date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the special record date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered on such special record date.
- (2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on any Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.

Unless otherwise set forth in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, in an Officer's Certificate or one or more indentures supplemental hereto establishing the terms of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof, the term "regular record date" as used in this Section with respect to a series of Securities with respect to any Interest Payment Date for such series shall mean either the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the month in which an Interest Payment Date established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof shall occur, if such Interest Payment Date is the first day of the month in which an Interest Payment Date established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof shall occur, if such Interest Payment Date is the fifteenth day of a month, whether or not such date is a Business Day. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section, each Security of a series delivered under this Indenture upon transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security of such series shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, that were carried by such other Security.

#### SECTION 2.04 EXECUTION AND AUTHENTICATION.

The Securities shall be signed on behalf of the Company by the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary (or any other officer of the Company designated in writing by or pursuant to authority of the Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee from time to time); provided that such signing officer shall be listed on an incumbency certificate, containing their specimen signature, provided to the Trustee pursuant to Section 7.02(l) hereof. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual, electronic or facsimile and shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 12.04 hereof. The Company may use the manual, electronic or facsimile signature of any Person who shall have been a President or Vice President thereof, or of any Person who shall have been the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary thereof, notwithstanding the fact that at the time the Securities shall be authenticated and delivered or disposed of such Person shall have ceased to be the President, a Vice President, the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company.

The Securities may contain such notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule or usage. A Security shall not be valid until authenticated manually by an authorized signatory of the Trustee, or by an Authenticating Agent. The Securities shall be dated the date of their authentication. Such signature shall be conclusive

evidence that the Security so authenticated has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and that the holder is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a written order of the Company for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, signed by the President, any Vice President, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary, and the Trustee in accordance with such written order shall authenticate and deliver such Securities. In authenticating such Securities and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be provided with, and (subject to Section 7.01) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that:

- (a) the form and terms thereof have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture; and
- (b) that such Securities, when authenticated by the Trustee and issued and delivered by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to any Bankruptcy Law or other insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles and that applicable laws and legal requirements (with reasonable and customary exceptions and qualification for such an Opinion of Counsel).

The Trustee shall not be required to authenticate such Securities if the issue of such Securities pursuant to this Indenture will materially and adversely affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise in a manner, as determined in the Trustee's sole discretion, that is not reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

# SECTION 2.05 REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE.

- (a) Securities of any series may be exchanged upon presentation thereof at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, for other Securities of such series of authorized denominations, with the same terms, and for a like aggregate principal amount, upon payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto, all as provided in this Section. In respect of any Securities so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in exchange therefor the Security or Securities of the same series that the Securityholder making the exchange shall be entitled to receive, bearing numbers not contemporaneously outstanding.
- (b) The Company shall keep, or cause to be kept, at its office or agency designated for such purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, or such other location designated by the Company a register or registers (herein referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall register the Securities and the transfers of Securities as in this Article provided and which at all reasonable times shall be open for inspection by the Trustee. The registrar for the purpose of registering Securities and transfer of Securities as herein provided shall be appointed as authorized by or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate (the "Security Registrar"). Upon surrender for transfer of any Security at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose, the Company shall execute, the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new Security or Securities of the same series as the Security presented for a like aggregate principal amount. All Securities presented or surrendered for exchange or registration of transfer, as provided in this Section, shall be accompanied (if so required by the Company or the Security Registrar) by a written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Company or the Security Registrar, duly executed by the registered holder or by such holder's duly authorized attorney in writing.
- (c) No service charge shall be made for any exchange or registration of transfer of Securities, or issue of new Securities in case of partial redemption of any series, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient

to cover any tax or other governmental charge in relation thereto (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee), other than exchanges pursuant to Section 2.06, Section 3.07 and Section 9.04 not involving any transfer.

(d) The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Securities during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of less than all the outstanding Securities of the same series and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, nor (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Securities of any series or portions thereof called for redemption. The provisions of this Section 2.05 are, with respect to any Global Security, subject to Section 2.11 hereof.

#### **SECTION 2.06 TEMPORARY SECURITIES.**

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Company may execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities (printed, lithographed or typewritten) of any authorized denomination. Such temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued, but with such omissions, insertions and variations as may be appropriate for temporary Securities, all as may be determined by the Company. Every temporary Security of any series shall be executed by the Company and be authenticated by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with like effect, as the definitive Securities of such series. Without unnecessary delay the Company will execute and will furnish definitive Securities of such series and thereupon any or all temporary Securities of such series may be surrendered in exchange therefor (without charge to the holders), at the office or agency of the Company designated for the purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, the City and State of New York, and the Trustee shall authenticate and such office or agency shall deliver in exchange for such temporary Securities an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive Securities of such series, unless the Company advises the Trustee to the effect that definitive Securities need not be executed and furnished until further notice from the Company. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of such series shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series authenticated and delivered hereunder.

# SECTION 2.07 MUTILATED, DESTROYED, LOST OR STOLEN SECURITIES.

In case any temporary or definitive Security shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company (subject to the next succeeding sentence) shall execute, and upon the Company's request the Trustee (subject as aforesaid) shall authenticate and deliver, a new Security of the same series, bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding, in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Security, or in lieu of and in substitution for the Security so destroyed, lost or stolen. In every case the applicant for a substituted Security shall furnish to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, and, in every case of destruction, loss or theft, the applicant shall also furnish to the Company and the Trustee evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of the applicant's Security and of the ownership thereof. The Trustee may authenticate any such substituted Security and deliver the same upon the written request or authorization of any officer of the Company. Upon the issuance of any substituted Security, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith. In case any Security that has matured or is about to mature shall become mutilated or be destroyed, lost or stolen, the Company may, instead of issuing a substitute Security, pay or authorize the payment of the same (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated Security) if the applicant for such payment shall furnish to the Company and the Trustee such security or indemnity as they may require to save them harmless, and, in case of destruction, loss or theft, evidence to the satisfaction of the Company and the Trustee of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security and of the ownership thereof. Every replacement Security issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall constitute an additional contractual obligation of the Company whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be found at any time, or be enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of the same series duly issued hereunder. All Securities shall be held and owned upon the express condition that the foregoing provisions are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities, and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) any and all other rights or remedies, notwithstanding any law or statute existing or hereafter enacted to the contrary with respect to the replacement or payment of negotiable instruments or other securities without their surrender.

#### **SECTION 2.08 CANCELLATION.**

All Securities surrendered for the purpose of payment, redemption, exchange or registration of transfer shall, if surrendered to the Company or any Paying Agent, be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, or, if surrendered to the Trustee, shall be cancelled by it, and no Securities shall be issued in lieu thereof except as expressly required or permitted by any of the provisions of this Indenture. On request of the Company at the time of such surrender, the Trustee shall deliver to the Company canceled Securities held by the Trustee. In the absence of such request the Trustee may dispose of canceled Securities in accordance with its standard procedures and deliver a certificate of disposition to the Company upon its request therefor. If the Company shall otherwise acquire any of the Securities, however, such acquisition shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the Indebtedness represented by such Securities unless and until the same are delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

#### **SECTION 2.09 BENEFITS OF INDENTURE.**

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities, express or implied, shall give or be construed to give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and the holders of the Securities (and, with respect to the provisions of Section 4.05, the holders of Senior Indebtedness) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Indenture, or under any covenant, condition or provision herein contained; all such covenants, conditions and provisions being for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and of the holders of the Securities (and, with respect to the provisions of Section 4.05, the holders of Senior Indebtedness).

# **SECTION 2.10 AUTHENTICATING AGENT.**

So long as any of the Securities of any series remain outstanding there may be an Authenticating Agent for any or all such series of Securities which the Trustee shall have the right to appoint. Said Authenticating Agent shall be authorized to act on behalf of the Trustee to authenticate Securities of such series issued upon exchange, transfer or partial redemption thereof, and Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder. All references in this Indenture to the authentication of Securities by the Trustee shall be deemed to include authentication by an Authenticating Agent for such series. Each Authenticating Agent shall be acceptable to the Company and shall be a corporation that has a combined capital and surplus, as most recently reported or determined by it, sufficient under the laws of any jurisdiction under which it is organized or in which it is doing business to conduct a trust business, and that is otherwise authorized under such laws to conduct such business and is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities. If at any time any Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with these provisions, it shall resign immediately. Any Authenticating Agent may at any time resign by giving written notice of resignation to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time (and upon request by the Company shall) terminate the agency of any Authenticating Agent by giving written notice of termination to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon resignation, termination or cessation of eligibility of any Authenticating Agent, upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder, shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent pursuant hereto.

Any corporation into which an Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided that such corporation shall be otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

## SECTION 2.11 GLOBAL SECURITIES.

(a) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 2.01 that the Securities of a particular series are to be issued as a Global Security, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall, in accordance with Section 2.04, authenticate and deliver, a Global Security that:

- (1) shall represent, and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of, all or a portion of the outstanding Securities of such series,
  - (2) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee,
  - (3) shall be delivered by the Trustee to the Depositary or pursuant to the Depositary's instruction, and
  - (4) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect:

"Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.11 of the Indenture, this Security may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to the Depositary, another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor Depositary or to a nominee of such successor Depositary."

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.05, the Global Security of a series may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.05, only to the Depositary for such series, another nominee of the Depositary for such series, or to a successor Depositary for such series selected or approved by the Company or to a nominee of such successor Depositary.
- (c) If at any time the Depositary for a series of the Securities notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such series or if at any time the Depositary for such series shall no longer be registered or in good standing under the Exchange Act, or other applicable statute or regulation, and a successor Depositary for such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, as the case may be, this Section 2.11 shall no longer be applicable to the Securities of such series and the Company will execute, and subject to Section 2.05, the Trustee will authenticate and deliver the Securities of such series in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security of such series in exchange for such Global Security. In addition, the Company may at any time determine that the Securities of any series shall no longer be represented by a Global Security and that the provisions of this Section 2.11 shall no longer apply to the Securities of such series. In such event the Company will execute and subject to Section 2.05, the Trustee, upon receipt of an Officer's Certificate evidencing such determination by the Company, will authenticate and deliver the Securities of such series in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security of such series in exchange for such Global Security. Upon the exchange of the Global Security for such Securities in definitive registered form without coupons, in authorized denominations, the Global Security shall be canceled by the Trustee. Such Securities in definitive registered form issued in exchange for the Global Security pursuant to this Section 2.11(c) shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities to the Depositary for delivery to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

#### **SECTION 2.12 CUSIP NUMBERS.**

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

# SECTION 2.13 OUTSTANDING SECURITIES.

Securities of a series outstanding at any time are all Securities of such series authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation and those described in this Section 2.13 as not outstanding. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.04, a Security of a series does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to them that the replaced Security is held by a protected person (as such term is defined in Section 8-303 of the Uniform Commercial Code).

If the Paying Agent segregates and holds in trust, in accordance with this Indenture, on a Redemption Date or at Stated Maturity money sufficient to pay all principal and interest payable on that date with respect to the Securities of a series (or a portion thereof) to be redeemed or maturing, as the case may be, then on and after that date such Securities (or portions thereof) cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

#### ARTICLE III

#### REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

# **SECTION 3.01 REDEMPTION.**

- (a) The Company may redeem the Securities of any series issued hereunder on and after the dates and as set forth herein and in accordance with the terms established for such series pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.
- (b) The election of the Company to redeem any Securities shall be established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities.

# SECTION 3.02 NOTICES TO TRUSTEE.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, in case of any redemption at the election of the Company of the Securities of any series (including any such redemption affecting only a single Security), the Company shall, not less than 10 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date, of the principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed and, if applicable, of the tenor of the Securities to be redeemed. In the case of any redemption of Securities (a) prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, or (b) pursuant to an election of the Company which is subject to a condition specified in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee with an Officer's Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction or condition.

# SECTION 3.03 SELECTION OF SECURITIES TO BE REDEEMED.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, if less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed (unless all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed or unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the outstanding Securities of such series not previously called for redemption, by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which complies with any securities exchange or other Applicable Procedures; provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security. If less than all the Securities of such series and of a specified tenor are to be redeemed (unless such redemption affects only a single Security), the particular Securities to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 45 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee, from the outstanding Securities of such series and specified tenor not previously called for redemption in accordance with the preceding sentence.

If any Security selected for partial redemption is converted in part before termination of the conversion right with respect to the portion of the Security so selected, the converted portion of such Security shall be deemed (so far as may be) to be the portion selected for redemption. Securities which have been converted during a selection of securities to be redeemed shall be treated by the Trustee as outstanding for the purpose of such selection.

The provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall not apply with respect to any redemption affecting only a single Security, whether such Security is to be redeemed in whole or in part. In the case of any such redemption in part, the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of the Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Securities redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed. If the Company shall so direct, Securities registered in the name of the Company, any Affiliate or any Subsidiary thereof shall not be included in the Securities selected for redemption.

# **SECTION 3.04 NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.**

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, the Company shall mail or request the Trustee to mail, by first-class mail, or electronically deliver, a notice of redemption to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, as applicable.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, all notices of redemption shall identify the Securities to be redeemed (including CUSIP numbers, if any) and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price (or the method of calculating such price);
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (d) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the Redemption Price;
- (e) if fewer than all the outstanding Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification and the principal amounts of the particular Securities to be redeemed;
- (f) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on the Securities (or portion thereof) called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;
- (g) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Securities;
- (h) for any Securities that by their terms may be converted, the terms of conversion, the date on which the right to convert the Security to be redeemed will terminate and the place or places where such Securities may be surrendered for conversion; and
  - (i) any conditions precedents described in the second paragraph below.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request (which may be rescinded or revoked at any time prior the time at which the Trustee shall have given such notice to the Holders), by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company. The notice, if sent in the manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice by mail or otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Security designated for redemption as a whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Securities.

Notice of any redemption of Securities may, at the Company's discretion, be given subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is so subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice (i) shall describe each such condition, (ii) shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the Redemption Date may be postponed (including more than 60 days after the notice of redemption was delivered) until such time as any or all such conditions have been satisfied (or waived by the Company) and (iii) may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied or otherwise waived or such notice may be rescinded at any time in the Company's discretion if in its good faith judgment any or all of such conditions will not be satisfied. The Company shall notify Holders of any such rescission or postponement as soon as practicable after the Company determines that it will not be able to satisfy or otherwise waive such conditions precedent. Once notice of redemption is mailed or sent, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions precedent provided in the notice of redemption, the Securities called for redemption will become due and payable on the Redemption Date and at the applicable Redemption Price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date. In addition, such notice may provide that payment of the Redemption Price and performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another person.

# SECTION 3.05 EFFECT OF NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

Once notice of redemption has been given as contemplated by Section 3.04, the Securities to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest) such Securities shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Security shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price, together, if applicable, with accrued interest to the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the related Interest Payment Date). Failure to give notice or any defect in the notice to any Holder shall not affect the validity of the notice to any other Holder. If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal and any premium shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate prescribed therefor in the Security.

# SECTION 3.06 DEPOSIT OF REDEMPTION PRICE.

Except as otherwise established in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate or in another manner specified as contemplated by Section 2.01 for such Securities, on or prior to Noon, New York City time, on any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company or a Subsidiary is the Paying Agent, shall segregate and hold in trust) money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of, and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date or the Securities of the series provide otherwise) accrued interest on, all the Securities that are to be redeemed on that date, other than Securities or portions of Securities called for redemption that are owned by the Company or a Subsidiary and have been delivered by the Company or such Subsidiary to the Trustee for cancellation. All money, if any, earned on funds held by the Paying Agent shall be remitted to the Company. In addition, the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the Redemption Price of, and accrued interest, if any, on, all Securities to be redeemed.

If any Security called for redemption is converted into shares of common stock or other securities of the Company in compliance with the terms of such Security, any money deposited with the Trustee or with any Paying Agent or so segregated and held in trust for the redemption of such Security shall (subject to any right of the Holder of such Security to receive interest as provided in the terms of such Security) be paid to the Company upon Company Request or, if then held by the Company, shall be discharged from such trust.

## SECTION 3.07 SECURITIES REDEEMED IN PART.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part (with, if the Company or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing), the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder (at the Company's expense) a new Security equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **COVENANTS**

#### SECTION 4.01 PAYMENT OF SECURITIES.

The Company shall promptly pay the principal of and interest on the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided herein and established with respect to such Securities and in this Indenture. Principal and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if on such date the Trustee or the Paying Agent holds in accordance with this Indenture money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal and interest on the Securities then due.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Indenture, the Company or the Paying Agent may, to the extent it is required to do so by law, deduct or withhold income or other similar taxes imposed by applicable law from principal or interest payments hereunder.

The Company shall pay interest on overdue principal at the rate specified therefor in the Securities, and subject to Section 2.11, it shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the same rate to the extent lawful.

# SECTION 4.02 MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE OR AGENCY FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE AND PAYMENT OF SECURITIES.

So long as any of the Securities shall remain outstanding, the Company shall maintain in each Place of Payment an office or agency where the Securities of a series may be surrendered for exchange or registration of transfer as in this Indenture provided, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect to such Securities may be served, and where such Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment. The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where Securities of a series may be presented or surrendered for any and all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series for such purposes. The Company shall give to the Trustee prompt written notice of the location of any such office or agency and of any change of location thereof.

In case the Company shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to give such notice of the location or of any change in the location thereof, such surrenders, presentations and demands may be made and notices may be served at the principal office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee its agent to receive at the aforesaid office all such surrenders, presentations, notices and demands. The Trustee shall give the Company prompt notice of any change in location of the Trustee's principal office.

Except as otherwise specified with respect to a series of Securities as contemplated by Section 2.01, the Company hereby initially designates the Place of Payment for each series of Securities to be The City of New York, and initially appoints the Trustee as Paying Agent at its Corporate Trust Office as the Company's office or agency for each such purpose in such city; provided that with respect to a Global Security, and except as may otherwise be specified for such Global Security as contemplated by Section 2.01, any payment, presentation, surrender of delivery effected pursuant to the Applicable Procedures of the Depositary for such Global Security shall be deemed to have been effected at the Place of Payment for such Global Securities in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

## SECTION 4.03 PROVISION AS TO PAYING AGENT.

- (a) If the Company shall appoint one or more paying agents for all or any series of the Securities (each a "Paying Agent" and collectively, the "Paying Agents") other than the Trustee, it shall cause such Paying Agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such agent shall undertake, subject to the provisions of this Section 4.03,
  - (1) that it shall hold all sums held by it as such agent for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Securities of any series such sums which have been paid to it by the Company (or by any other

obligor on the Securities) in trust for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series and shall notify the Trustee of the receipt of sums to be so held,

- (2) that it shall give the Trustee notice of any failure by the Company (or by any other obligor on the Securities) to make any payment of the principal of or interest on the Securities of any series when the same shall be due and payable,
- (3) that it shall at any time during the continuance of any Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(1) or 6.01(2), upon the written request of the Trustee, deliver to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by it, and
- (4) acknowledge, accept and agree to comply in all aspects with the provisions of this Indenture relating to the duties, rights and liabilities of such Paying Agent.
- (b) If the Company shall not act as its own Paying Agent, it shall, by the opening of business (New York City time) on each due date of the principal and interest on any Security, deposit with such Paying Agent a sum in same day funds sufficient to pay the principal of or interest so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of a series entitled to such principal of or interest, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of its failure so to act.
- (c) If the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent, it shall, by the opening of business (New York City time) on each due date of the principal and interest on any Security, set aside, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, a sum sufficient to pay such principal or interest so becoming due and shall notify the Trustee of any failure to take such action.
- (d) Anything in this Section 4.03 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may, at any time, for the purpose of obtaining a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums held in trust by it, or any Paying Agent hereunder, as required by this Section 4.03, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the trusts herein contained.
- (e) Anything in this Section 4.03 to the contrary notwithstanding, the agreement to hold sums in trust as provided in this Section 4.03 is subject to the provisions of Sections 10.05 and 10.07.

# SECTION 4.04 APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN OFFICE OF TRUSTEE.

The Company, whenever necessary to avoid or fill a vacancy in the office of Trustee, shall appoint, in the manner provided in Section 7.08, a Trustee, so that there shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder.

# SECTION 4.05 WHEN COMPANY MAY MERGE OR TRANSFER ASSETS.

The Company shall not, while any of the Securities remain outstanding, consolidate or merge with or into any Person, or sell, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, unless:

- (1) the Person formed by or surviving such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company), or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall be made (collectively, the "Successor Company"), is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any State thereof or the District of Columbia and the Successor Company assumes by supplemental indenture in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee all of the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and under the Securities;
  - (2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture (if any) comply with this Indenture.

The Successor Company shall be the successor to the Company and shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture, and the predecessor Company (except in the case of a lease) shall be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on the Securities.

# SECTION 4.06 STATEMENT BY OFFICERS AS TO DEFAULT.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, an Officer's Certificate, stating that in the course of the performance by the signer of his or her duties as a Responsible Officer of the Company, he or she would normally have knowledge of any Default and whether or not he or she knows of any Default or Event of Default that occurred during such period. If he or she does, the certificate shall describe the Default or Event of Default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Company also shall comply with TIA Section 314(a)(4). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

#### ARTICLE V

#### SECURITYHOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY THE COMPANY

#### SECTION 5.01 COMPANY TO FURNISH TRUSTEE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

The Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee

- (a) not more than 15 days after each regular record date (as defined in Section 2.03) a list, in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of the holders of each series of Securities as of such regular record date, provided that the Company shall not be obligated to furnish or cause to furnish such list at any time that the list shall not differ in any respect from the most recent list furnished to the Trustee by the Company, and
- (b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that, in either case, no such list need be furnished for any series for which the Trustee shall be the Security Registrar.

#### SECTION 5.02 PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION: COMMUNICATIONS WITH SECURITYHOLDERS.

- (a) The Trustee shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, all information as to the names and addresses of the holders of Securities contained in the most recent list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01(a) and as to the names and addresses of holders of Securities received by the Trustee in its capacity as Security Registrar (if acting in such capacity).
  - (b) The Trustee may destroy any list furnished to it as provided in Section 5.01 upon receipt of a new list so furnished.
- (c) Securityholders may communicate as provided in Section 312(b) of the Trust Indenture Act with other Securityholders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities.

#### **SECTION 5.03 REPORTS BY THE COMPANY.**

Without regard to whether the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company shall file with the Commission (so long as permitted by the Commission) and provide the Trustee and Securityholders with such annual reports and such information, documents and other reports as are specified in Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act and applicable to a U.S. corporation subject to such Sections, such information, documents and other reports to be so filed and provided at the times specified for the filing of such information, documents and reports under such Sections. The Company also shall comply with the other provisions of TIA Section 314(a). Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

Such information, documents and reports shall be deemed to have been (i) filed by the Company with the Trustee and (ii) transmitted by the Company to Holders, as the case may be, if the Company has filed such information, documents, reports and summaries with the Commission using the EDGAR filing system (or any successor filing system) and such reports are publicly available, in each case to the extent such filing with the EDGAR filing system (or any successor filing system) and the foregoing effect thereof, is not prohibited by the Securities Act.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES**

#### SECTION 6.01 EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

An "Event of Default" occurs with respect to a series of Securities if:

- (1) the Company defaults in any payment of interest on any of the Securities of that series when the same becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (2) the Company defaults in the payment of the principal of any of the Securities of that series when the same becomes due and payable at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon declaration or otherwise;
  - (3) the Company fails to comply with Section 4.05;
- (4) the Company fails to comply with any of its agreements in the Securities of that series or this Indenture (other than those referred to in clauses (1), (2) or (3) above) and such failure continues for 90 days after the notice specified below;
- (5) any default or event of default under any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary to the seller of a business or asset incurred in connection with the purchase thereof) which default or event of default results in at least \$200.00 million of aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness being declared due and payable prior to maturity (the "cross acceleration provision");
- (6) failure by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to pay at maturity or otherwise when due (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) at least \$200.00 million aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness at any one time;
  - (7) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
    - (A) commences a voluntary case
    - (B) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;

- (C) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for any substantial part of its property;
- (D) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (E) takes any comparable action under any foreign laws relating to insolvency; or
- (8) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (A) is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case;
  - (B) appoints a Custodian of the Company or for any substantial part of its property; or
  - (C) orders the winding up or liquidation of the Company;

or any similar relief is granted under any foreign laws and the order, decree or relief remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days.

The foregoing shall constitute Events of Default whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body. No Event of Default with respect to a single series of Securities issued hereunder (and under or pursuant to any supplemental indenture, Officer's Certificate or Board Resolution) specific to such series shall constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other series of Securities unless otherwise provided in this Indenture or any supplemental indenture, Officer's Certificate or Board Resolution with respect to any other series of Securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Default under Section 6.01(4) shall not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series notify the Company of the Default and the Company does not cure such Default within the time specified in Section 6.01(4) after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the Default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default."

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, promptly after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any Event of Default under clauses (3), (5), (6), (7) and (8) and, within 60 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice of any event which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time would become an Event of Default under clause (4), its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### SECTION 6.02 ACCELERATION.

If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8)) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee by notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Securities of such series to be due and payable. Upon such a declaration, such principal and interest shall be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8) occurs, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Securities of such series shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holders. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series outstanding by notice to the Trustee may rescind an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of acceleration. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

#### SECTION 6.03 OTHER REMEDIES.

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

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities of such series or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. No remedy is exclusive of any other remedy. All available remedies are cumulative.

#### SECTION 6.04 WAIVER OF PAST DEFAULTS.

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series by notice to the Trustee may waive an existing Default and its consequences except (i) a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a Security or (ii) a Default in respect of a provision that under Section 9.02 cannot be amended without the consent of each Holder affected. When a Default is waived, it is deemed cured, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any consequent right.

#### SECTION 6.05 CONTROL BY MAJORITY.

The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or, subject to Section 7.01, that the Trustee reasonably determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders or, in the Trustee's reasonable opinion, would involve the Trustee in personal liability; provided, however, that the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction. Prior to taking any action hereunder, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnification satisfactory to it in its sole discretion against all losses and expenses caused by taking or not taking such action.

#### SECTION 6.06 LIMITATION ON SUITS.

Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal or interest when due, no Holder of Securities of a particular series may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Securities of such series unless:

- (1) the Holder gives to the Trustee written notice stating that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (2) the Holders of at least 25% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series make a written request to the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
  - (3) such Holder or Holders offer to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense;
  - (4) the Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or indemnity; and
- (5) the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series do not give the Trustee a direction inconsistent with the request during such 60-day period.

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

#### SECTION 6.07 RIGHTS OF HOLDERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on the Securities held by such Holder, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Securities, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

#### SECTION 6.08 COLLECTION SUIT BY TRUSTEE.

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(1) or (2) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as Trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount then due and owing (together with interest on any unpaid interest to the extent lawful) and the amounts provided for in Section 7.07.

# SECTION 6.09 TRUSTEE MAY FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

The Trustee may file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company, its Subsidiaries or their respective creditors or properties and, unless prohibited by law or applicable regulations, may vote on behalf of the Holders in any election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other Person performing similar functions, and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and its counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07.

#### SECTION 6.10 PRIORITIES.

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

FIRST: to the Trustee for amounts due under Section 7.07;

SECOND: to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Securities of such series for principal and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Securities of such series for principal and interest, respectively; and

THIRD: to the Company.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 2.03, the Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.10. At least 15 days before such record date, the Company shall mail to each Holder and the Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and amount to be paid.

# SECTION 6.11 UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07 or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of such series.

# SECTION 6.12 WAIVER OF STAY OR EXTENSION LAWS.

The Company (to the extent it may lawfully do so) shall not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time

hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and shall not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

# SECTION 7.01 DUTIES OF TRUSTEE.

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
  - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (1) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
  - (2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision hereof to be furnished to it, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:
  - (1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of Section 7.01(b);
  - (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.
  - (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company.
  - (e) Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.
- (f) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.
- (g) Every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 7.01 and to the provisions of the TIA.

#### **SECTION 7.02 RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.**

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely on any document (whether in original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on the Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the willful misconduct or negligence of any attorney or agent appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, however, that the Trustee's conduct does not constitute willful misconduct or negligence.
- (e) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, and the advice or opinion of counsel with respect to legal matters relating to this Indenture and the Securities shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel.
- (f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.
- (h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a Default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture.
- (i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (j) Any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a company order and any resolution of the Board of Directors may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution.
- (k) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of Indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (1) The Trustee agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Indenture sent by unsecured e-mail (PDF only), facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods; provided, however, that the Company shall provide to the Trustee an incumbency certificate listing designated persons with the

authority to provide such instructions and containing specimen signatures of such designated persons, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the Company elects to give the Trustee e-mail or facsimile transmission instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Trustee in its sole and absolute discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Trustee's understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, damages, costs, fees or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflict or inconsistency with a subsequent written instruction. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception by third parties.

# SECTION 7.03 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS OF TRUSTEE.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Trustee must comply with Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

#### SECTION 7.04 TRUSTEE'S DISCLAIMER.

The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any document issued in connection with the sale of the Securities, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent (other than itself as Paying Agent), and it shall not be responsible for any statement in this Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Securities or in the Securities other than the Trustee's certificate of authentication.

#### SECTION 7.05 NOTICE OF DEFAULTS.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder notice of the Default or Event of Default within 60 days after it occurs or promptly upon the Trustee's attaining knowledge of such Default or Event of Default, whichever comes first. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, or interest on, any Security, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders.

#### SECTION 7.06 REPORTS BY TRUSTEE TO HOLDERS.

As promptly as practicable after each May 15 beginning with the May 15 following the date of this Indenture, and in any event prior to July 15 in each year, if required by TIA Section 313, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder a brief report dated as of such May 15 that complies with TIA Section 313(a). The Trustee also shall comply with TIA Section 313(b). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports required by TIA Section 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Holders shall be filed by the Company with the Commission and each stock exchange (if any) on which the Securities are listed. The Company agrees to notify promptly the Trustee whenever the Securities become listed on any stock exchange and of any delisting thereof.

#### SECTION 7.07 COMPENSATION AND INDEMNITY.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time, and the Trustee shall be entitled to, reasonable compensation for its services. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a Trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, costs of preparing and reviewing reports, certificates and other documents, costs of preparation and mailing of notices to Holders and reasonable fees and expenses of counsel retained by the Trustee in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable

compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the Trustee against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the administration of this trust and the performance of its duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture (including this Section 7.07) and of defending itself against any claims (whether asserted by any Holder, the Company or otherwise). The Trustee, upon a Responsible Officer receiving written notice thereof, shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct, negligence or bad faith.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee other than money or property held in trust to pay principal of and interest on particular Securities. The Trustee's right to receive payment of any amounts due under this Section 7.07 shall not be subordinate to any other liability or Indebtedness of the Company.

The Company's payment obligations pursuant to this Section 7.07 shall survive the discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee. When the Trustee incurs expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 6.01(7) or (8) with respect to the Company, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

# SECTION 7.08 REPLACEMENT OF TRUSTEE.

No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of this Article. The Trustee may resign at any time by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and may appoint a successor Trustee as to such series. The Company shall remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (3) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns, is removed by the Company, is removed by the Holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series and such Holders do not reasonably promptly appoint a successor Trustee, or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason (the Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Trustee), the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to the Securityholders. The retiring Trustee shall (upon payment of its charges) promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee or the Holders of 10% in outstanding principal amount of the Securities of a series at the expense of the Company may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Company's obligations under Section 7.07 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

#### SECTION 7.09 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE BY MERGER.

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

If at the time such successor or successors by merger, conversion or consolidation to the Trustee shall succeed to the trusts created by this Indenture, any of the Securities of a series shall have been authenticated but not delivered, any such successor to the Trustee may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Trustee, and deliver such Securities so authenticated; and if at that time any of the Securities of a series shall not have been authenticated, any successor to the Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor hereunder or in the name of the successor to the Trustee; and in all such cases such certificates shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities of a series or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the Trustee shall have.

# SECTION 7.10 ELIGIBILITY; DISQUALIFICATION.

The Trustee shall at all times satisfy the requirements of TIA Section 310(a). The Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA Section 310(b); provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of TIA Section 310(b)(1) any indenture or indentures under which other securities or certificates of interest or participation in other securities of the Company are outstanding if the requirements for such exclusion set forth in TIA Section 310(b)(1) are met

# SECTION 7.11 PREFERENTIAL COLLECTION OF CLAIMS AGAINST COMPANY.

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

#### ARTICLE VIII

# CONCERNING THE SECURITYHOLDERS

#### SECTION 8.01 EVIDENCE OF ACTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS.

Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the holders of a majority or specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the holders of such majority or specified percentage of that series have joined therein may be evidenced by any instrument or any number of instruments of similar tenor executed by such holders of Securities of that series in Person or by agent or proxy appointed in writing. If the Company shall solicit from the Securityholders of any series any request, demand, authorization, notice, consent, waiver or other action, the Company may, at its option, as evidenced by an Officer's Certificate, fix in advance a record date for such series for the determination of Securityholders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action may be given before or after the record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action may be given before or after the record date, but only the Securityholders of record at the close of business on the record date shall be deemed to be Securityholders for the purposes of determining whether Securityholders of the requisite proportion of outstanding Securities of that series have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, notice, consent, waiver or other action, and for that purpose the outstanding Securities of that series shall be computed as of the record date; provided, however, that no such authorization, agreement or consent by such Securityholders on the record date shall

be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than six months after the record date.

#### SECTION 8.02 PROOF OF EXECUTION BY SECURITYHOLDERS.

Subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, proof of the execution of any instrument by a Securityholder (such proof will not require notarization) or his agent or proxy and proof of the holding by any Person of any of the Securities shall be sufficient if made in the following manner:

- (a) The fact and date of the execution by any such Person of any instrument may be proved in any reasonable manner acceptable to the Trustee.
- (b) The ownership of Securities shall be proved by the Security Register of such Securities or by a certificate of the Security Registrar thereof.
  - (c) The Trustee may require such additional proof of any matter referred to in this Section as it shall deem necessary.

#### SECTION 8.03 WHO MAY BE DEEMED OWNERS.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of any Security, the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent and any Security Registrar may deem and treat the Person in whose name such Security shall be registered upon the books of the Company as the absolute owner of such Security (whether or not such Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon made by anyone other than the Security Registrar) for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 2.03) interest on such Security and for all other purposes; and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any Paying Agent nor any Security Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

#### SECTION 8.04 CERTAIN SECURITIES OWNED BY COMPANY DISREGARDED.

In determining whether the holders of the requisite aggregate principal amount of Securities of a particular series have concurred in any direction, consent or waiver under this Indenture, the Securities of that series that are owned by the Company or any other obligor on the Securities of that series or by any Person directly or indirectly Controlling or Controlled by or under common Control with the Company or any other obligor on the Securities of that series shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding for the purpose of any such determination, except that for the purpose of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, consent or waiver, only Securities of such series that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. The Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding for the purposes of this Section, if the pledgee shall establish to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not a Person directly or indirectly Controlling or Controlled by or under direct or indirect common Control with the Company or any such other obligor. In case of a dispute as to such right, any decision by the Trustee taken upon the advice of counsel shall be full protection to the Trustee. Also, subject to the foregoing, only Securities of a series outstanding at the time shall be considered in any such determination.

# SECTION 8.05 ACTIONS BINDING ON FUTURE SECURITYHOLDERS.

At any time prior to (but not after) the evidencing to the Trustee, as provided in Section 8.01, of the taking of any action by the holders of the majority or percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series specified in this Indenture in connection with such action, any holder of a Security of that series that is shown by the evidence to be included in the Securities the holders of which have consented to such action may, by filing written notice with the Trustee, and upon proof of holding as provided in Section 8.02, revoke such action so far as concerns such Security. Except as aforesaid any such action taken by the holder of any Security shall be conclusive and binding upon such holder and upon all future holders and owners of such Security, and of any Security issued in

exchange therefor, on registration of transfer thereof or in place thereof, irrespective of whether or not any notation in regard thereto is made upon such Security. Any action taken by the holders of the majority or percentage in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a particular series specified in this Indenture in connection with such action shall be conclusively binding upon the Company, the Trustee and the holders of all the Securities of that series

#### ARTICLE IX

# SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

# SECTION 9.01 SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

In addition to any supplemental indenture otherwise authorized by this Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect), without the consent of the Securityholders, for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect, or inconsistency herein, or in the Securities of any series;
- (2) to comply with Section 4.05;
- (3) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (4) to add to the covenants of the Company for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company or to add any additional Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such additional Events of Default are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such additional Events of Default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of such series) or to add guarantees with respect to any series of Securities;
  - (5) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Securityholder in any material respect;
- (6) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the Securities of any series as provided in Section 2.01, to establish the form of any certifications required to be furnished pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or any series of Securities, or to add to the rights of the Holders of any series of Securities;
- (7) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.08;
- (8) to supplement any provisions of this Indenture necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities; provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of such series or any other series;
- (9) to comply with the rules or regulations of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which any of the Securities may be listed or traded;
  - (10) to comply with the rules of any applicable Depositary;
  - (11) subject to any limitations established pursuant to Section 2.01, to provide for the issuance of additional Securities of any series; or

(12) to conform any provision of this Indenture, any supplemental indenture, one or more series of Securities or any related guarantees or security documents, if any, to the description of such Securities contained in the Company's prospectus, prospectus supplement, offering memorandum or similar document with respect to the offering of the Securities of such series.

The Trustee is hereby authorized to join with the Company in the execution of any such supplemental indenture, and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Any supplemental indenture authorized by the provisions of this Section may be executed by the Company and the Trustee without the consent of the Holders of any of the Securities at the time outstanding, notwithstanding any of the provisions of Section 9.02.

# SECTION 9.02 SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES WITH CONSENT OF SECURITYHOLDERS.

With the consent (evidenced as provided in Section 8.01) of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each series affected by such supplemental indenture or indentures at the time outstanding, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee may from time to time and at any time enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto (which shall conform to the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect) for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner not covered by Section 9.01 the rights of the Holders of the Securities of such series under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holders of each Security then outstanding and affected thereby:

- (1) change the maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Security which would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.01 or change the coin or currency in which any Security or any premium or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);
- (2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver of certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;
- (3) modify any of the provisions of this Section or Section 6.04 relating to waivers of default, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each outstanding Security affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any holder with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 7.08 and 9.01(8);
  - (4) modify the provisions of this Indenture with respect to the subordination of such Security in a manner adverse to the holder thereof; or
- (5) if the Securities of any series are convertible into or for any other securities or property of the Company, make any change that adversely affects in any material respect the right to convert any Security of such series (except as permitted by Section 9.01) or decrease the conversion rate or increase the conversion price of any such Security of such series, unless such decrease or increase is permitted by the terms of such Security.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the

rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series. It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Securityholders of any series affected thereby under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such consent shall approve the substance thereof.

#### SECTION 9.03 EFFECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article, this Indenture shall, with respect to such series, be and be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities under this Indenture of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of Securities of the series affected thereby shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

#### SECTION 9.04 SECURITIES AFFECTED BY SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Securities of any series, affected by a supplemental indenture, authenticated and delivered after the execution of such supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article, may bear a notation in form approved by the Company, provided such form meets the requirements of any exchange upon which such series may be listed, as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of that series so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Company, to any modification of this Indenture contained in any such supplemental indenture may be prepared by the Company, authenticated by the Trustee and delivered in exchange for the Securities of that series then outstanding.

# SECTION 9.05 EXECUTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES.

Upon the request of the Company, accompanied by its Board Resolutions authorizing the execution of any such supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence of the consent of Securityholders required to consent thereto as aforesaid, the Trustee shall join with the Company in the execution of such supplemental indenture unless such supplemental indenture affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion but shall not be obligated to enter into such supplemental indenture. The Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 7.01, shall be provided with an Opinion of Counsel and Officer's Certificate as conclusive evidence that any supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article is authorized or permitted by, and conforms to, the terms of this Article and that it is proper for the Trustee under the provisions of this Article to join in the execution thereof; provided, however, that such Opinion of Counsel and Officer's Certificate need not be provided in connection with the execution of a supplemental indenture that establishes the terms of a series of Securities pursuant to Section 2.01 hereof.

Promptly after the execution by the Company and the Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Trustee shall transmit at the expense of the Company by mail, first class postage prepaid, a notice, setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture, to the Securityholders of all series affected thereby as their names and addresses appear upon the Security Register. Any failure of the Trustee to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

#### ARTICLE X

# SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

# SECTION 10.01 SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect with respect to a series of Securities (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such series of Securities herein expressly

provided for), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such series, when:

- (1) either (A) all Securities of that series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) any Securities that shall have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that shall have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.07 and (ii) Securities for whose payment money or noncallable Governmental Obligations have theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 10.05) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or (B) all Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable, or (ii) will by their terms become due and payable within one year, or (iii) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption, and the Company shall deposit or cause to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for such purpose (x) moneys in an amount, or (y) noncallable Governmental Obligations the scheduled principal of and interest on which in accordance with their terms will provide, not later than the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (z) a combination thereof, sufficient, in the case of (y) or (z), in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge, at maturity or upon redemption, all Securities of that series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, including principal (and premium, if any) and interest due or to become due to such date of maturity or date fixed for redemption, as the case may be;
  - (2) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder with respect to such series by the Company; and
- (3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all the conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such series of Securities have been complied with. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to a series of Securities, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 7.07 and, if money and or securities shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (iii) of clause (1) of this Section, the obligations of the Trustee under Sections 10.04 and 10.05 shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.

# SECTION 10.02 DEFEASANCE.

(a) Subject to Sections 10.02(b) and 10.03, the Company at any time may terminate (1) all of its obligations under a particular series of Securities and under this Indenture with respect to that series of Securities ("legal defeasance option") or (2) with respect to a particular series of Securities, its obligations under Sections 2.01(15), 4.06 and 5.03 ("covenant defeasance option").

If the Company exercises its legal defeasance option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default. If the Company exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the Securities may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in Sections 6.01(4) due to a violation of Sections 4.06 and 4.08.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and upon request of the Company, the Trustee shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of those obligations that the Company terminates.

(b) The Company's obligations in Sections 2.05, 2.06, 2.07, 7.07 and 7.08 and this Article X shall survive until the Securities have been paid in full. Thereafter, the Company's obligations in Sections 7.07 and 10.05 shall survive.

# SECTION 10.03 CONDITIONS TO DEFEASANCE.

The Company may exercise its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option with respect to a series of Securities only if:

- (1) the Company irrevocably deposits, or causes to be deposited, in trust with the Trustee money or Governmental Obligations, or a combination thereof, for the payment of principal of and interest on that series of the Securities to Stated Maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (2) the Company delivers to the Trustee a certificate from a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants or a financial advisor expressing their opinion that the payments of principal and interest when due and without reinvestment on the deposited Governmental Obligations plus any deposited money without reinvestment will provide cash at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to pay principal and interest when due on all the Securities of that series to Stated Maturity or redemption, as the case may be:
- (3) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders over any other creditors of the Company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company or others;
- (4) in the case of the legal defeasance option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that (A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (B) since the date of this Indenture there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Securityholders will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such legal defeasance had not occurred;
- (5) in the case of the covenant defeasance option, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Securityholders shall not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and shall be subject to Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such covenant defeasance had not occurred;
- (6) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit (and any similar concurrent deposit relating to other Indebtedness) and the incurrence of Liens associated with any such borrowings);
- (7) the deposit does not constitute a default under any other material agreement (other than this Indenture and the agreements governing any other Indebtedness being defeased, discharged or replaced) binding on the Company;
  - (8) such defeasance shall not cause the Trustee to have a conflicting interest with respect to any securities of the Company; and
- (9) the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent to the defeasance and discharge of the Securities and this Indenture as contemplated by this Article X have been complied with.

Before or after a deposit, the Company may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of Securities at a future date in accordance with Article III.

#### **SECTION 10.04 APPLICATION OF TRUST MONEY.**

The Trustee shall hold in trust money or Governmental Obligations deposited with it pursuant to this Article X. It shall apply the deposited money and the money from Governmental Obligations through the Paying Agent and in accordance with this Indenture to the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities.

#### SECTION 10.05 REPAYMENT TO COMPANY.

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall promptly turn over to the Company upon request any excess money or securities held by them on account of any series of Securities in accordance with this Article X upon payment of all principal of and interest on the Securities of that series. Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal of or interest on the Securities that remains unclaimed for two years, and, thereafter, Securityholders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors.

#### SECTION 10.06 INDEMNITY FOR GOVERNMENTAL OBLIGATIONS.

The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against deposited Governmental Obligations or the principal and interest received on such Governmental Obligations.

# SECTION 10.07 REINSTATEMENT.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or Governmental Obligations in accordance with this Article X by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Company under this Indenture and the Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article X until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money or Governmental Obligations in accordance with this Article X; provided, however, that, if the Company has made any payment of interest on or principal of any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or Governmental Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

#### ARTICLE XI

# IMMUNITY OF INCORPORATORS, STOCKHOLDERS, OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

#### SECTION 11.01 NO RECOURSE.

No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, or of any Security, or for any claim based thereon or otherwise in respect thereof, shall be had against any incorporator, stockholder, officer or director, past, present or future as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, either directly or through the Company or any such predecessor or successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law, or by the enforcement of any assessment or penalty or otherwise; it being expressly understood that this Indenture and the obligations issued hereunder are solely corporate obligations, and that no such personal liability whatever shall attach to, or is or shall be incurred by, the incorporators, stockholders, officers or directors as such, of the Company or of any predecessor or successor corporation, or any of them, because of the creation of the Indebtedness hereby authorized, or under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities or implied therefrom; and that any and all such personal liability of every name and nature, either at common law or in equity or by constitution or statute, of, and any and all such rights and claims against, every such incorporator, stockholder, officer or director as such, because of the creation of the Indebtedness hereby authorized, or under or by reason of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities or implied therefrom, are hereby expressly waived and released as a condition of, and as a consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issuance of such Securities.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### SECTION 12.01 EFFECT ON SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

All the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Indenture contained by or on behalf of the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

#### SECTION 12.02 ACTIONS BY SUCCESSOR.

Any act or proceeding by any provision of this Indenture authorized or required to be done or performed by any board, committee or officer of the Company shall and may be done and performed with like force and effect by the corresponding board, committee or officer of any corporation that shall at the time be the lawful successor of the Company.

# SECTION 12.03 SURRENDER OF COMPANY POWERS.

The Company by instrument in writing executed by authority of its Board of Directors and delivered to the Trustee may surrender any of the powers reserved to the Company, and thereupon such power so surrendered shall terminate both as to the Company and as to any successor corporation.

#### **SECTION 12.04 NOTICES.**

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, any notice, instruction, request or demand that by any provision of this Indenture is required or permitted to be given or served by the Trustee or by the Holders of Securities to or on the Company may be given or served by being deposited first class postage prepaid in a post-office letterbox addressed (until another address is filed in writing by the Company with the Trustee), as follows: 358 South Main Street, Burlington, North Carolina 27215. Any notice, election, request or demand by the Company or any Securityholder to or upon the Trustee shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given or made, for all purposes, if given or made in writing (which may be by facsimile or electronic transmission) at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

All notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder must be in writing (provided that any communication sent to the Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign or AdobeSign (or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to the Trustee by the authorized representative), in English. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

The Company may send notices and other communications hereunder by electronic mail. The Company agrees that the Trustee cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such communications and that the Trustee shall conclusively presume that communications that purport to have been sent by an authorized officer of the Company have been sent by such authorized officer. The Company shall be responsible for ensuring that only authorized officers transmit such communications to the Trustee, and the Company and the authorized officers are responsible for safeguarding the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and authentication keys provided by the Trustee. The Trustee shall not be liable for any losses, costs, or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Trustee's reliance upon and compliance with such communications notwithstanding such communications conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written communication. The Company agrees (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of electronic mail to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions and the risk or interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting communications to the Trustee and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting communications than the method(s) selected by the Company; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of communications provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and

circumstances; and (iv) that it will notify the Trustee immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures.

#### **SECTION 12.05 GOVERNING LAW.**

This Indenture and each Security shall be deemed to be a contract made under the internal laws of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with the laws of said State, but without giving effect to the applicable principles of conflicts of law to the extent that the application of the laws of another jurisdiction would be required thereby.

#### SECTION 12.06 TREATMENT OF SECURITIES AS DEBT.

It is intended that the Securities will be treated as indebtedness and not as equity for federal income tax purposes. The provisions of this Indenture shall be interpreted to further this intention.

# SECTION 12.07 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES AND OPINIONS.

- (a) Upon any application or demand by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any of the provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent have been complied with, except that (i) in the case of any such application or demand as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or demand, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished; and (ii) no Opinion of Counsel shall be required to be delivered in connection with a request by the Company that the Trustee deliver a notice to Holders under this Indenture where the Trustee receives an Officer's Certificate with respect to such notice.
- (b) Each certificate or opinion provided for in this Indenture and delivered to the Trustee with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant in this Indenture shall include
  - (i) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
  - (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
  - (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
    - (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

#### SECTION 12.08 PAYMENTS ON BUSINESS DAYS.

Except as provided pursuant to Section 2.01 pursuant to a Board Resolution, pursuant to an Officer's Certificate, or pursuant to one or more indentures supplemental to this Indenture, in any case where the date of maturity of interest or principal of any Security or the date of redemption of any Security shall not be a Business Day, then payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of maturity or redemption, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such nominal date.

#### SECTION 12.09 CONFLICT WITH TRUST INDENTURE ACT.

If and to the extent that any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Sections 310 to 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act, such imposed duties shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act which may be so modified or excluded, the latter provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or to be excluded, as the case may be.

#### **SECTION 12.10 COUNTERPARTS.**

This Indenture may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Indenture by facsimile or any other rapid transmission device designed to produce a written record of the communication transmitted shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof. The words "execution," "executed," "signed," signature" and words of like import in this Indenture or in any other certificate, agreement or document related to this Indenture shall include images of manually executed signatures transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic format (including, without limitation, "pdf," "tif" or "jpg") and other electronic signatures (including, without limitation, DocuSign and AdobeSign). The use of electronic signatures and electronic records (including, without limitation, any contract or other record created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means) shall be of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act and any other applicable law, including, without limitation, any state law based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or the Uniform Commercial Code.

# **SECTION 12.11 SEPARABILITY.**

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Indenture or in the Securities of any series shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Indenture or of such Securities, but this Indenture and such Securities shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

#### **SECTION 12.12 ASSIGNMENT.**

The Company will have the right at all times to assign any of its rights or obligations under this Indenture to a direct or indirect wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Company, provided that, in the event of any such assignment, the Company, will remain liable for all such obligations. Subject to the foregoing, the Indenture is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties thereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Indenture may not otherwise be assigned by the parties thereto.

#### **SECTION 12.13 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.**

EACH OF THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

# **SECTION 12.14 FORCE MAJEURE.**

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

### ARTICLE XIII

### SUBORDINATION OF SECURITIES

### SECTION 13.01 SUBORDINATION TERMS.

The payment by the Company of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on any series of Securities issued hereunder shall be subordinated to the extent set forth in an indenture supplemental hereto relating to such securities.

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

HOLDING	iS	
By:		
Name:		
Title:		
Title.		
[	], as Trustee	
By:		
Name:		
Title:		

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA



May 17, 2024

Board of Directors Labcorp Holdings Inc. 358 South Main Street Burlington, North Carolina 27215

Board of Directors Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings 358 South Main Street Burlington, North Carolina 27215

To the addressees referred to above:

Hogan Lovells US LLP Harbor East 100 International Drive Suite 2000 Baltimore, MD 21202 T +1 410 659 2700 F +1 410 659 2701 www.hoganlovells.com

We are acting as counsel to Labcorp Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation ("LHI"), and Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a Delaware corporation ("LCAH"), in connection with their registration statement on Form S-3, as amended (the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the proposed public offering of one or more series of the following securities of (A) LHI: (i) shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Shares"), (ii) shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Preferred Shares"), (iii) warrants to purchase Preferred Shares or Common Shares (the "Warrants"), (iv) units comprising one or more of the Preferred Shares, the Common Shares, the Warrants or any combination of each of those (the "Units") and (v) guarantees of the LCAH Debt Securities (as defined below) issued by LCAH (the "Debt Guarantees," and together with the Common Shares, the Preferred Shares, the Warrants and the Units, the "LHI Securities") and (B) LCAH: senior or subordinated debt securities (the "LCAH Debt Securities," and together with the LHI Securities, the "Securities"), all of which may be sold from time to time and on a delayed or continuous basis, as set forth in the prospectus which forms a part of the Registration Statement, and as to be set forth in one or more supplements to the prospectus. This opinion letter is furnished to you at your request to enable you to fulfill the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, 17 C.F.R. § 229.601(b)(5), in connection with the Registration Statement.

For purposes of this opinion letter, we have examined copies of such agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed an appropriate basis on which to render the opinions hereinafter expressed. In our examination of the aforesaid documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted to us, the authenticity of all original documents, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies (including pdfs and conformed copies provided through the EDGAR System of the Commission). As to all matters of fact, we have relied on the representations and statements of fact made in the documents so reviewed, and we have not independently established the facts so relied on. This opinion letter is given, and all statements herein are made, in the context of the foregoing.

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For purposes of this opinion letter, we have assumed that (i) the issuance, sale, amount and terms of any Securities of LHI or LCAH, as applicable, to be offered from time to time will have been duly authorized and established by proper action of the board of directors of LHI or LCAH, as applicable, or a duly authorized committee of such board ("Board Action") consistent with the procedures and terms described in the Registration Statement and in accordance with the charters and bylaws of LHI and LCAH and applicable Delaware corporate law, in a manner that does not violate any law, government or court-imposed order or restriction or agreement or instrument then binding on LHI or LCAH or otherwise impair the legal or binding nature of the obligations represented by the applicable Securities; (ii) at the time of offer, issuance and sale of any Securities, the Registration Statement shall have become effective under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and no stop order suspending its effectiveness will have been issued and remain in effect; (iii) any LCAH Debt Securities will be issued pursuant to a senior indenture, substantially in the form of such indenture filed as Exhibit 4.03 to the Registration Statement (the "Senior Indenture"), and any subordinated LCAH Debt Securities will be issued pursuant to a subordinated indenture, substantially in the form of such indenture filed as Exhibit 4.05 to the Registration Statement (the "Subordinated Indenture") and, together with the Senior Indenture, the "Indentures" and, each, individually, an "Indenture"), each with items shown in such exhibits as subject to completion completed in a satisfactory manner; (iv) the Indentures under which any LCAH Debt Securities are issued will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended; (v) any Warrants will be issued under one or more warrant agreements, each to be between LHI and a financial institution identified therein as a warrant agent; (vi) prior to any issuance of Preferred Shares, appropriate certificates of designation will be accepted for record by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware; (vii) any Units will be issued under one or more unit agreements, to be between LHI and the financial institution identified therein as unit agent; (viii) if being sold by the issuer thereof, the Securities will be delivered against payment of valid consideration therefor and in accordance with the terms of the applicable Board Action authorizing such sale and any applicable underwriting agreement or purchase agreement and as contemplated by the Registration Statement and/or the applicable prospectus supplement; (ix) issuance of the Debt Guarantees by LHI is necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of its business purposes or activities; and (x) LHI and LCAH will remain Delaware corporations.

To the extent that the obligations of LHI and LCAH with respect to the Securities may be dependent upon such matters, we assume for purposes of this opinion that the other party under the Indenture for any LCAH Debt Securities or Debt Guarantees, under the warrant agreement for any Warrants, and under the unit agreement for any Units, namely, the trustee, the warrant agent, or the unit agent, respectively, is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization; that such other party is duly qualified to engage in the activities contemplated by such Indenture, warrant agreement, or unit agreement, as applicable; that such Indenture, warrant agreement, or unit agreement, as applicable, has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the other party and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the other party enforceable against the other party in accordance with its terms; that such other party is in compliance with respect to performance of its obligations under such Indenture, warrant agreement, or unit agreement, as applicable, with all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and that such other party has the requisite organizational and legal power and authority to perform its obligations under such Indenture, warrant agreement, or unit agreement, as applicable.

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This opinion letter is based as to matters of law solely on the applicable provisions of the following, as currently in effect: (i) as to the opinions given in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e), the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended, and (ii) as to the opinions given in paragraphs (a), (b), (e), and (f), the laws of the State of New York (but not including any laws, statutes, ordinances, administrative decisions, rules or regulations of any political subdivision below the state level). We express no opinion herein as to any other statutes, rules or regulations (and in particular, we express no opinion as to any effect that such other statutes, rules or regulations may have on the opinions expressed herein). As used herein, the term "Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended" includes the statutory provisions contained therein, all applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws.

Based upon, subject to and limited by the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

- (a) The LCAH Debt Securities, upon due execution and delivery of an Indenture relating thereto on behalf of LCAH and the trustee named therein, and upon authentication by such trustee and due execution and delivery on behalf of LCAH in accordance with the Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating thereto, will constitute valid and binding obligations of LCAH.
- (b) Assuming due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the LCAH Debt Securities pursuant to the terms of the Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating thereto, the Debt Guarantees relating thereto, upon due execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture to the Indenture on behalf of LHI, LCAH and the trustee named therein, will constitute valid and binding obligations of LHI.
- (c) The Preferred Shares (including any Preferred Shares duly issued as a part of any Units or upon the exercise of Warrants and receipt by LHI of any additional consideration payable upon such exercise), upon due execution and delivery on behalf of LHI of certificates therefor, including global certificates, or the entry of the issuance thereof in the books and records of LHI, as the case may be, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- (d) The Common Shares (including any Common Shares duly issued as part of any Units or upon the exchange or conversion of LCAH Debt Securities or Preferred Shares that are exchangeable for or convertible into Common Shares or upon the exercise of Warrants and receipt by LHI of any additional consideration payable upon such conversion, exchange or exercise), upon due execution and delivery on behalf of LHI of certificates therefor, including global certificates, or the entry of the issuance thereof in the books and records of LHI, as the case may be, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

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- (e) The Warrants, upon due execution and delivery of a warrant agreement relating thereto on behalf of LHI and the warrant agent named therein and due authentication of the Warrants by such warrant agent, and upon due execution and delivery of the Warrants on behalf of LHI, will constitute valid and binding obligations of LHI.
- (f) The Units, upon due execution and delivery of a unit agreement relating thereto on behalf of LHI and the unit agent named therein upon due authentication of the Units by such unit agent, and upon due execution and delivery of the underlying LHI Securities that are components of the Units in accordance with the applicable unit agreement, certificates of designation (in the case of underlying Preferred Shares), or warrant agreement (in the case of underlying Warrants), will constitute valid and binding obligations of LHI.

The opinions expressed in Paragraphs (a), (b), (e) and (f) above with respect to the valid and binding nature of obligations may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies (including, without limitation, the effect of statutory and other law regarding fraudulent conveyances and fraudulent, preferential or voidable transfers) and by the exercise of judicial discretion and the application of principles of equity, good faith, fair dealing, reasonableness, conscionability and materiality (regardless of whether the Securities are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), including, without limitation, principles limiting the availability of specific performance and injunctive relief.

This opinion letter has been prepared for use in connection with the Registration Statement. We assume no obligation to advise of any changes in the foregoing subsequent to the effective date of the Registration Statement.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.01 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the prospectus constituting a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" within the meaning of the Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hogan Lovells US LLP HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP

### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 26, 2024, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings and the effectiveness of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings' internal control over financial reporting appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina May 17, 2024

#### LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

#### S-3 Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned officers and directors of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby constitutes and appoints Adam H. Schechter, Glenn A. Eisenberg and Sandra D. van der Vaart, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution and full power to act without the other, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the registration statement on Forms S-3 (the "Registration Statement") of the Corporation relating to the registration for offer and sale by the Corporation of an unlimited amount of its securities, and any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) or supplements to the Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable securities exchange or securities self-regulatory body, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary in connection with such matters and hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original with respect to the individual executing it.

Name and Title	Date
/s/ Adam H. Schechter	May 17, 2024
Adam H. Schechter	_
Chairman of the Board, President,	
Chief Executive Officer and Director	
/s/ Glenn A. Eisenberg	May 17, 2024
Glenn A. Eisenberg	<del>_</del>
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	
/s/ Peter J. Wilkinson	May 17, 2024
Peter J. Wilkinson	
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer	
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/s/ Sandra D. van der Vaart	May 17, 2024
Sandra D. van der Vaart	
Director	
/a/ Thamas I. V. annan	May 17, 2024
/s/ Thomas J. Kremer	May 17, 2024
Thomas J. Kremer	

Director

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939
OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

☐ Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

# U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

91-1821036 I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices)

55402 (Zip Code)

Brandon Bonfig U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association 60 Livingston Avenue St. Paul, MN 55107 (651) 466-6619

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-3757370 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

358 South Main Street Burlington, North Carolina (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

27215 (Zip Code)

Senior Debt Securities Subordinated Debt Securities (Title of the Indenture Securities)

### FORM T-1

- **Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.
  - a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Comptroller of the Currency Washington, D.C.

b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes

Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE OBLIGOR. If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None

- Items 3-15 Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.
- **Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.* 
  - 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 1.
  - 2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
  - 3. A copy of the authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, included as Exhibit 2.
  - 4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 4.
  - 5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
  - 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
  - 7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of March 31, 2024, published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina on the 17th of May, 2024.

By: /s/ Allison Lancaster-Poole
Allison Lancaster-Poole
Vice President

#### Exhibit 1

### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

### U. S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For the purpose of organizing an association (the "Association") to perform any lawful activities of national banks, the undersigned enter into the following Articles of Association:

**FIRST.** The title of this Association shall be U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association.

**SECOND.** The main office of the Association shall be in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon. The business of the Association will be limited to fiduciary powers and the support of activities incidental to the exercise of those powers. The Association may not expand or alter its business beyond that stated in this article without the prior approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

**THIRD.** The board of directors of the Association shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty-five persons, the exact number to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors or by resolution of a majority of the shareholders at any annual or special meeting thereof. Each director shall own common or preferred stock of the Association or of a holding company owning the Association, with an aggregate par, fair market, or equity value of not less than \$1,000, as of either (i) the date of purchase, (ii) the date the person became a director, or (iii) the date of that person's most recent election to the board of directors, whichever is more recent. Any combination of common or preferred stock of the Association or holding company may be used.

Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by action of a majority of the remaining directors between meetings of shareholders. The board of directors may increase the number of directors up to the maximum permitted by law. Terms of directors, including directors selected to fill vacancies, shall expire at the next regular meeting of shareholders at which directors are elected, unless the directors resign or are removed from office. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until there is a decrease in the number of directors and his or her position is eliminated.

Honorary or advisory members of the board of directors, without voting power or power of final decision in matters concerning the business of the Association, may be appointed by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors, or by resolution of shareholders at any annual or special meeting. Honorary or advisory directors shall not be counted to determined the number of directors of the Association or the presence of a quorum in connection with any board action, and shall not be required to own qualifying shares.

**FOURTH.** There shall be an annual meeting of the shareholders to elect directors and transact whatever other business may be brought before the meeting. It shall be held at the main office or any other convenient place the board of directors may designate, on the day of each year specified therefor in the Bylaws, or if that day falls on a legal holiday in the state in which the

Association is located, on the next following banking day. If no election is held on the day fixed or in the event of a legal holiday on the following banking day, an election may be held on any subsequent day within 60 days of the day fixed, to be designated by the board of directors, or, if the directors fail to fix the day, by shareholders representing two-thirds of the shares issued and outstanding. In all cases, at least 10 days' advance notice of the meeting shall be given to the shareholders by first-class mail.

In all elections of directors, the number of votes each common shareholder may cast will be determined by multiplying the number of shares he or she owns by the number of directors to be elected. Those votes may be cumulated and cast for a single candidate or may be distributed among two or more candidates in the manner selected by the shareholder. On all other questions, each common shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him or her.

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors, its chairperson, or to the Association, which resignation shall be effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

A director may be removed by the shareholders at a meeting called to remove him or her, when notice of the meeting stating that the purpose or one of the purposes is to remove him or her is provided, if there is a failure to fulfill one of the affirmative requirements for qualification, or for cause; provided, however, that a director may not be removed if the number of votes sufficient to elect him or her under cumulative voting is voted against his or her removal.

**FIFTH.** The authorized amount of capital stock of the Association shall be 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of ten dollars (\$10) each; but said capital stock may be increased or decreased from time to time, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States. The Association shall have only one class of capital stock.

No holder of shares of the capital stock of any class of the Association shall have any preemptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares of any class of stock of the Association, whether now or hereafter authorized, or to any obligations convertible into stock of the Association, issued, or sold, nor any right of subscription to any thereof other than such, if any, as the board of directors, in its discretion, may from time to time determine and at such price as the board of directors may from time to time fix.

Transfers of the Association's stock are subject to the prior written approval of a federal depository institution regulatory agency. If no other agency approval is required, the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency must be obtained prior to any such transfers.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, (1) all matters requiring shareholder action, including amendments to the Articles of Association must be approved by shareholders owning a majority voting interest in the outstanding voting stock, and (2) each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote per share.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, all shares of voting stock shall be voted together as a class, on any matters requiring shareholder approval.

Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting is the close of business on the day before the first notice is mailed or otherwise sent to the shareholders, provided that in no event may a record date be more than 70 days before the meeting.

The Association, at any time and from time to time, may authorize and issue debt obligations, whether subordinated, without the approval of the shareholders. Obligations classified as debt, whether subordinated, which may be issued by the Association without the approval of shareholders, do not carry voting rights on any issue, including an increase or decrease in the aggregate number of the securities, or the exchange or reclassification of all or part of securities into securities of another class or series.

**SIXTH.** The board of directors shall appoint one of its members president of this Association and one of its members chairperson of the board and shall have the power to appoint one or more vice presidents, a secretary who shall keep minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings and be responsible for authenticating the records of the Association, and such other officers and employees as may be required to transact the business of this Association. A duly appointed officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers if authorized by the board of directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

The board of directors shall have the power to:

- (1) Define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (2) Delegate the performance of its duties, but not the responsibility for its duties, to the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (3) Fix the compensation and enter employment contracts with its officers and employees upon reasonable terms and conditions consistent with applicable law.
- (4) Dismiss officers and employees.
- (5) Require bonds from officers and employees and to fix the penalty thereof.
- (6) Ratify written policies authorized by the Association's management or committees of the board.
- (7) Regulate the manner any increase or decrease of the capital of the Association shall be made; provided that nothing herein shall restrict the power of shareholders to increase or decrease the capital of the Association in accordance with law, and nothing shall raise or lower from two-thirds the percentage required for shareholder approval to increase or reduce the capital.

- (8) Manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association.
- (9) Adopt initial Bylaws, not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Association, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the Association
- (10) Amend or repeal Bylaws, except to the extent that the Articles of Association reserve this power in whole or in part to the shareholders.
- (11) Make contracts.
- (12) Generally perform all acts that are legal for a board of directors to perform.

**SEVENTH.** The board of directors shall have the power to change the location of the main office to any authorized branch within the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, without the approval of the shareholders, or with a vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of the Association for a location outside such limits and upon receipt of a certificate of approval from the Comptroller of the Currency, to any other location within or outside the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, but not more than thirty miles beyond such limits. The board of directors shall have the power to establish or change the location of any office or offices of the Association to any other location permitted under applicable law, without approval of shareholders, subject to approval by the Comptroller of the Currency.

EIGHTH. The corporate existence of this Association shall continue until termination according to the laws of the United States.

**NINTH.** The board of directors of the Association, or any shareholder owning, in the aggregate, not less than 25 percent of the stock of the Association, may call a special meeting of shareholders at any time. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws or the laws of the United States, or waived by shareholders, a notice of the time, place, and purpose of every annual and special meeting of the shareholders shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed at least 10, and no more than 60, days prior to the date of the meeting to each shareholder of record at his/her address as shown upon the books of the Association. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, any action requiring approval of shareholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting.

**TENTH.** These Articles of Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the shareholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Association, unless the vote of the holders of a greater amount of stock is required by law, and in that case by the vote of the holders of such greater amount; provided, that the scope of the Association's activities and services may not be expanded without the prior written approval of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Association's board of directors may propose one or more amendments to the Articles of Association for submission to the shareholders.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11th of June, 1997.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Grubb

Jeffrey T. Grubb

/s/ Robert D. Sznewajs

Robert D. Sznewajs

/s/ Dwight V. Board

Dwight V. Board

/s/ P. K. Chatterjee

P. K. Chatterjee

/s/ Robert Lane Robert Lane



### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Washington. DC 20219

### CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND FIDUCIARY POWERS

- I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:
- 1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.
- 2. "U.S. Bank Trust National Association," Wilmington, Delaware (Charter No. 24090), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking and exercise fiduciary powers on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, February 20, 2024,1 have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Acting Comptroller of the Currency



2024-00560-C

#### Exhibit 4

### U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION <u>AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS</u>

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### ARTICLE I Meetings of Shareholders

Section 1.1. <u>Annual Meeting</u>. The annual meeting of the shareholders, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other proper business, shall be held at a time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. Notice of such meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date thereof, to each shareholder of the Association, unless the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") determines that an emergency circumstance exists. In accordance with applicable law, the sole shareholder of the Association is permitted to waive notice of the meeting. If, for any reason, an election of directors is not made on the designated day, the election shall be held on some subsequent day, as soon thereafter as practicable, with prior notice thereof. Failure to hold an annual meeting as required by these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action or work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association.

- Section 1.2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Except as otherwise specially provided by law, special meetings of the shareholders may be called for any purpose, at any time by a majority of the board of directors (the "Board"), or by any shareholder or group of shareholders owning at least ten percent of the outstanding stock. Every such special meeting, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be called upon not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior notice stating the purpose of the meeting.
  - Section 1.3. Nominations for Directors. Nominations for election to the Board may be made by the Board or by any shareholder.
- Section 1.4. <u>Proxies</u>. Shareholders may vote at any meeting of the shareholders by proxies duly authorized in writing. Proxies shall be valid only for one meeting and any adjournments of such meeting and shall be filed with the records of the meeting.
- Section 1.5. <u>Record Date</u>. The record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice and to vote at any meeting will be thirty days before the date of such meeting, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

- Section 1.6. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the outstanding capital stock, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of shareholders, unless otherwise provided by law, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. A majority of the votes cast shall decide every question or matter submitted to the shareholders at any meeting, unless otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Association.
- Section 1.7. <u>Inspectors</u>. The Board may, and in the event of its failure so to do, the Chairman of the Board may appoint Inspectors of Election who shall determine the presence of quorum, the validity of proxies, and the results of all elections and all other matters voted upon by shareholders at all annual and special meetings of shareholders.
  - Section 1.8. Waiver and Consent. The shareholders may act without notice or a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all shareholders.
- Section 1.9. <u>Remote Meetings</u>. The Board shall have the right to determine that a shareholder meeting not be held at a place, but instead be held solely by means of remote communication in the manner and to the extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

#### ARTICLE II Directors

- Section 2.1. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The Board shall have the power to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association. Except as expressly limited by law, all corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in and may be exercised by the Board.
- Section 2.2. <u>Term of Office</u>. The directors of this Association shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal.
- Section 2.3. <u>Powers</u>. In addition to the foregoing, the Board shall have and may exercise all of the powers granted to or conferred upon it by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws and by law.
- Section 2.4. <u>Number</u>. As provided in the Articles of Association, the Board of this Association shall consist of no less than five nor more than twenty-five members, unless the OCC has exempted the Association from the twenty-five-member limit. The Board shall consist of a number of members to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of the Board or the shareholders at any meeting thereof, in accordance with the Articles of Association. Between meetings of the shareholders held for the purpose of electing directors, the Board

by a majority vote of the full Board may increase the size of the Board but not to more than a total of twenty-five directors, and fill any vacancy so created in the Board; provided that the Board may increase the number of directors only by up to two directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was fifteen or fewer, and by up to four directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was sixteen or more. Each director shall own a qualifying equity interest in the Association or a company that has control of the Association in each case as required by applicable law. Each director shall own such qualifying equity interest in his or her own right and meet any minimum threshold ownership required by applicable law.

Section 2.5. <u>Organization Meeting</u>. The newly elected Board shall meet for the purpose of organizing the new Board and electing and appointing such officers of the Association as may be appropriate. Such meeting shall be held on the day of the election or as soon thereafter as practicable, and, in any event, within thirty days thereafter, at such time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. If, at the time fixed for such meeting, there shall not be a quorum present, the directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained.

Section 2.6. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held, without notice, as the Chairman or President may designate and deem suitable.

Section 2.7. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Association, or upon the request of a majority of the entire Board. Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given to the directors at their usual places of business, or at such other addresses as shall have been furnished by them for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twelve hours (three hours if meeting is to be conducted by conference telephone) before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or electronically delivered. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.

Section 2.8. Quorum and Necessary Vote. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board, except when otherwise provided by law; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles or Bylaws of this Association, once a quorum is established, any act by a majority of those directors present and voting shall be the act of the Board.

- Section 2.9. Written Consent. Except as otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations, the Board may act without a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all directors, to be filed with the Secretary of the Association as part of the corporate records.
- Section 2.10. <u>Remote Meetings</u>. Members of the Board, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone, video or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- Section 2.11. <u>Vacancies</u>. When any vacancy occurs among the directors, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a director to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

### ARTICLE III Committees

- Section 3.1. <u>Advisory Board of Directors</u>. The Board may appoint persons, who need not be directors, to serve as advisory directors on an advisory board of directors established with respect to the business affairs of either this Association alone or the business affairs of a group of affiliated organizations of which this Association is one. Advisory directors shall have such powers and duties as may be determined by the Board, provided, that the Board's responsibility for the business and affairs of this Association shall in no respect be delegated or diminished.
- Section 3.2. <u>Trust Audit Committee</u>. At least once during each calendar year, the Association shall arrange for a suitable audit (by internal or external auditors) of all significant fiduciary activities under the direction of its trust audit committee, a function that will be fulfilled by the Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association. The Association shall note the results of the audit (including significant actions taken as a result of the audit) in the minutes of the Board. In lieu of annual audits, the Association may adopt a continuous audit system in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 9.9(b).

The Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association, fulfilling the function of the trust audit committee:

- (1) Must not include any officers of the Association or an affiliate who participate significantly in the administration of the Association's fiduciary activities; and
- (2) Must consist of a majority of members who are not also members of any committee to which the Board has delegated power to manage and control the fiduciary activities of the Association.
- Section 3.3. <u>Executive Committee</u>. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of at least three directors and which shall have, and may exercise, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all the powers of the Board between meetings of the Board or otherwise when the Board is not meeting.
- Section 3.4. <u>Trust Management Committee</u>. The Board of this Association shall appoint a Trust Management Committee to provide oversight of the fiduciary activities of the Association. The Trust Management Committee shall determine policies governing fiduciary activities. The Trust Management Committee or such sub-committees, officers or others as may be duly designated by the Trust Management Committee shall oversee the processes related to fiduciary activities to assure conformity with fiduciary policies it establishes, including ratifying the acceptance and the closing out or relinquishment of all trusts. The Trust Management Committee will provide regular reports of its activities to the Board.
- Section 3.5. Other Committees. The Board may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more persons who need not be directors, for such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine; however, the Board will not delegate to any committee any powers or responsibilities that it is prohibited from delegating under any law or regulation. In addition, either the Chairman or the President may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more officers, employees, agents or other persons, for such purposes and with such powers as either the Chairman or the President deems appropriate and proper. Whether appointed by the Board, the Chairman, or the President, any such committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Board.
- Section 3.6. <u>Meetings, Minutes and Rules</u>. An advisory board of directors and/or committee shall meet as necessary in consideration of the purpose of the advisory board of directors or committee, and shall maintain minutes in sufficient detail to indicate actions taken or recommendations made; unless required by the members, discussions, votes or other specific details need not be reported. An advisory board of directors or a committee may, in consideration of its purpose, adopt its own rules for the exercise of any of its functions or authority.

#### ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 4.1. <u>Chairman of the Board</u>. The Board may appoint one of its members to be Chairman of the Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairman shall supervise the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board; shall have general executive powers, as well as the specific powers conferred by these Bylaws; and shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred upon or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.2. <u>President</u>. The Board may appoint one of its members to be President of the Association. In the absence of the Chairman, the President shall preside at any meeting of the Board. The President shall have general executive powers, and shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the office of President, or imposed by these Bylaws. The President shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.3. <u>Vice President</u>. The Board may appoint one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board and to perform the duties of the President on those occasions when the President is absent, including presiding at any meeting of the Board in the absence of both the Chairman and President.

Section 4.4. Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, or other designated officer who shall be Secretary of the Board and of the Association, and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices required by these Bylaws to be given; shall be custodian of the corporate seal, records, documents and papers of the Association; shall provide for the keeping of proper records of all transactions of the Association; shall, upon request, authenticate any records of the Association; shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the Secretary, or imposed by these Bylaws; and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries with such powers and duties as the Board, the President or the Secretary shall from time to time determine.

Section 4.5. Other Officers. The Board may appoint, and may authorize the Chairman, the President or any other officer to appoint, any officer as from time to time may appear to the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other officer to be required or desirable to transact the business of the Association. Such officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as pertain to their several offices, or as may be conferred upon or assigned to them by these Bylaws, the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other authorized officer. Any person may hold two offices.

Section 4.6. <u>Tenure of Office</u>. The Chairman or the President and all other officers shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office, subject to the right of the Board or authorized officer to discharge any officer at any time.

#### ARTICLE V Stock

Section 5.1. The Board may authorize the issuance of stock either in certificated or in uncertificated form. Certificates for shares of stock shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. If the Board issues certificated stock, the certificate shall be signed by the President, Secretary or any other such officer as the Board so determines. Shares of stock shall be transferable on the books of the Association, and a transfer book shall be kept in which all transfers of stock shall be recorded. Every person becoming a shareholder by such transfer shall, in proportion to such person's shares, succeed to all rights of the prior holder of such shares. Each certificate of stock shall recite on its face that the stock represented thereby is transferable only upon the books of the Association properly endorsed. The Board may impose conditions upon the transfer of the stock reasonably calculated to simplify the work of the Association for stock transfers, voting at shareholder meetings, and related matters, and to protect it against fraudulent transfers.

### ARTICLE VI Corporate Seal

Section 6.1. The Association shall have no corporate seal; provided, however, that if the use of a seal is required by, or is otherwise convenient or advisable pursuant to, the laws or regulations of any jurisdiction, the following seal may be used, and the Chairman, the President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary shall have the authority to affix such seal:

### ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous Provisions

- Section 7.1. Execution of Instruments. All agreements, checks, drafts, orders, indentures, notes, mortgages, deeds, conveyances, transfers, endorsements, assignments, certificates, declarations, receipts, discharges, releases, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies and other instruments or documents may be signed, countersigned, executed, acknowledged, endorsed, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Association, whether in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise, by any officer of the Association, or such employee or agent as may be designated from time to time by the Board by resolution, or by the Chairman or the President by written instrument, which resolution or instrument shall be certified as in effect by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association. The provisions of this section are supplementary to any other provision of the Articles of Association or Bylaws.
- Section 7.2. <u>Records</u>. The Articles of Association, the Bylaws as revised or amended from time to time and the proceedings of all meetings of the shareholders, the Board, and standing committees of the Board, shall be recorded in appropriate minute books provided for the purpose. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Secretary, or other officer appointed to act as Secretary of the meeting.
- Section 7.3. <u>Trust Files</u>. There shall be maintained in the Association files all fiduciary records necessary to assure that its fiduciary responsibilities have been properly undertaken and discharged.
- Section 7.4. <u>Trust Investments</u>. Funds held in a fiduciary capacity shall be invested according to the instrument establishing the fiduciary relationship and according to law. Where such instrument does not specify the character and class of investments to be made and does not vest in the Association a discretion in the matter, funds held pursuant to such instrument shall be invested in investments in which corporate fiduciaries may invest under law.
- Section 7.5. <u>Notice</u>. Whenever notice is required by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws or law, such notice shall be by mail, postage prepaid, e-mail, in person, or by any other means by which such notice can reasonably be expected to be received, using the address of the person to receive such notice, or such other personal data, as may appear on the records of the Association. Except where specified otherwise in these Bylaws, prior notice shall be proper if given not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the event for which notice is given.

### ARTICLE VIII Indemnification

Section 8.1. The Association shall indemnify such persons for such liabilities in such manner under such circumstances and to such extent as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as now enacted or hereafter amended. The Board may authorize the purchase and maintenance of insurance and/or the execution of individual agreements for the purpose of such indemnification, and the Association shall advance all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding to all persons entitled to indemnification under this Section 8.1. Such insurance shall be consistent with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and shall exclude coverage of liability for a formal order assessing civil money penalties against an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

Section 8.2. Notwithstanding Section 8.1, however, (a) any indemnification payments to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), for an administrative proceeding or civil action initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be reasonable and consistent with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. § 1828(k) and the implementing regulations thereunder; and (b) any indemnification payments and advancement of costs and expenses to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), in cases involving an administrative proceeding or civil action not initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be in accordance with Delaware General Corporation Law and consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

### ARTICLE IX Bylaws: Interpretation and Amendment

Section 9.1. These Bylaws shall be interpreted in accordance with and subject to appropriate provisions of law, and may be added to, altered, amended, or repealed, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Section 9.2. A copy of the Bylaws and all amendments shall at all times be kept in a convenient place at the principal office of the Association, and shall be open for inspection to all shareholders during Association hours.

### ARTICLE X Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 10.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December following.

Section 10.2. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Association designates the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time, as the governing law for its corporate governance procedures, to the extent not inconsistent with Federal banking statutes and regulations or bank safety and soundness.

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(February 8, 2021)

### Exhibit 6

### CONSENT

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: May 17, 2024

By: /s/ Allison Lancaster-Poole

Allison Lancaster-Poole Vice President

### Exhibit 7

### U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association Statement of Financial Condition as of 3/31/2024

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	3/31/2024
Assets	
Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions	
Securities	4,389
Federal Funds	0
Loans & Lease Financing Receivables	0
Fixed Assets	1,270
Intangible Assets	577,915
Other Assets	161,425
Total Assets	\$2,174,212
Liabilities	
Deposits	\$ 0
Fed Funds	0
Treasury Demand Notes	0
Trading Liabilities	0
Other Borrowed Money	0
Acceptances	0
Subordinated Notes and Debentures	0
Other Liabilities	361,240
Total Liabilities	\$ 361,240
Equity	
Common and Preferred Stock	200
Surplus	1,171,635
Undivided Profits	641,137
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries	0
Total Equity Capital	\$1,812,972
Total Liabilities and Equity Capital	\$2,174,212

#### **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

Form S-3 (Form Type)

### Labcorp Holdings Inc. Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings

(Exact Name of Registrants as Specified in their Charters)

### Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount Registered(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(2)</sup>	Fee Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	
	Labcorp Holdings Inc.								
Fees to Be	Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)		_	_	_	_	
	Equity	Preferred Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	_	_	_	_	_	
	Other	Warrants	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	_	_	_		_	
	Other	Units(3)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	_		_	_	_	
	Other	Guarantees of Debt Securities <sup>(4)</sup>	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	_	_	_	_	_	
		Laborator	y Corporation of America Ho	oldings					
	Debt	Senior Debt Securities	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	_	_	_	_	_	
	Debt	Subordinated Debt Securities	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)			_		_	
Fees Previously Paid					_	_		_	
Carry Forward Securities	_	_	_	_		_		_	
	Total Offering Amounts					_		_	
	Total Fees Previously Paid							_	
	Total Fee Offsets							_	
	Net Fee Due							_	

- (1) The registrant is relying on Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), to defer payment of all of the registration fee. In connection with the securities offered hereby, the registrant will pay "pay-as-you-go registration fees" in accordance with Rule 456(b) under the Securities Act. The registrant will calculate the registration fee applicable to an offer of securities pursuant to this Registration Statement based on the fee rate in effect on the date of such fee payment.
- (2) The registrant is hereby registering an indeterminate principal amount or number of the securities of each identified class, which may be offered from time to time in unspecified principal amounts or numbers at unspecified prices. Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder. Also includes such indeterminate amount of securities that may be issuable upon conversion or exchange of senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, preferred stock or warrants or pursuant to anti-dilution provisions thereof. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities.
- (3) Any securities registered hereunder by Labcorp Holdings Inc. may be sold separately or as units with certain other securities registered hereunder.
- (4) Labcorp Holdings Inc. may fully and unconditionally guarantee debt securities issued by Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings. In accordance with Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no separate fee is payable with respect to the guarantees of debt securities being registered.