



Registration of a Charge

Company Name: **DFS FURNITURE HOLDINGS PLC**

Company Number: **07218977**



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Persons entitled: **LLOYDS BANK PLC (AS SECURITY AGENT)**

Brief description:

Contains fixed charge(s).

Contains floating charge(s) (floating charge covers all the property or undertaking of the company).

Contains negative pledge.

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CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARGE

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The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that a charge dated 1st September 2023 and created by DFS FURNITURE HOLDINGS PLC was delivered pursuant to Chapter A1 Part 25 of the Companies Act 2006 on 5th September 2023 .

Given at Companies House, Cardiff on 5th September 2023

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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

1 September 2023

DFS FURNITURE PLC AND OTHERS

(as Chargors)

and

LLOYDS BANK PLC

(as Security Agent)

DEBENTURE

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THIS DEED is made on **1 September** 2023

BETWEEN:

- (1) **THE COMPANIES** whose names and registered offices are set out in Schedule 1 (together with each company which becomes a party to this Deed by executing a Security Accession Deed, each a "**Chargor**" and together the "**Chargors**"); and
- (2) **LLOYDS BANK PLC** as security trustee for itself and the other Secured Parties (the "**Security Agent**").

IT IS AGREED as follows

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Debenture:

"Article 55 BRRD"	means Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms;
"Bail-In Action"	means the exercise of any Write-down and Conversion Powers;
"Bail-In Legislation"	means: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) in relation to an EEA Member Country which has implemented, or which at any time implements, Article 55 BRRD, the relevant implementing law or regulation as described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule from time to time; b) in relation to the United Kingdom, the UK Bail-In Legislation; and c) in relation to any state other than such an EEA Member Country and the United Kingdom, any analogous law or regulation from time to time which requires contractual recognition of any Write-down and Conversion Powers contained in that law or regulation;
"Account Notice"	means a notice substantially in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 6 (<i>Forms of Notices</i>);
"Additional Chargor"	means each member of the Group which grants Security in favour of the Security Agent by executing a Security Accession Deed;
"Agreed Security Principles"	has the meaning given to it in the Intercreditor Agreement;
"Assigned Agreements"	means the Insurance Policies and the Intra-Group Documents and any other agreement designated as an Assigned Agreement by the Chargor and the Security Agent;

"Bank Accounts"	means the Operating Accounts;
"Charged Property"	means all the assets and undertakings mortgaged, charged or assigned to the Security Agent by or pursuant to this Debenture and any Security Accession Deed;
"Counterparty Notice"	means a notice substantially in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 6 (<i>Forms of Notices</i>);
"Declared Default"	means the giving of notice by the Agent (as defined in the Senior Facilities Agreement) under clause 26.14 (<i>Acceleration</i>) of the Senior Facilities Agreement or the giving of a notice by the Required Holders (as defined in the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement) under section 12.1 (<i>Acceleration</i>) of the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement;
"Declared Share Default"	means the later to occur of a Declared Default and the date on which either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) confirmation is provided by the Security Agent to the Parent and Company in writing that it has determined that the exercise of rights under clause 7.4.4 (<i>Voting and distribution rights</i>) shall not result in a Notifiable Acquisition; or (b) having filed a mandatory notice in accordance with the NS&IA, the Security Agent receives an NS&IA Notification, a Final NS&IA Notification or a Final NS&IA Order (as applicable);
"Default Rate"	means the higher of the rate specified in clause 12.4 (<i>Default interest</i>) of the Senior Facility Agreement and the rate specified as the Default Rate in the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement;
"Equipment"	means all plant, machinery, computers, office and other equipment, furnishings and vehicles and other chattels together with any spare parts, replacements or modifications and the benefit of all contracts, licences and warranties relating thereto;
"EEA Member Country"	means any member state of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway;
"EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule"	means the document described as such and published by the LMA (or any successor person) from time to time;
"Event of Default"	has the meaning given to it in the Intercreditor Agreement;
"Excluded Assets"	means any assets or any interest in an asset (including Intellectual Property and Trading Receivables) subject to a Restriction;
"Final NS&IA Notification"	means a final notification granted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 26 of the NS&IA;
"Final NS&IA Order"	means a final order granted by the Secretary of State

pursuant to Section 26 of the NS&IA;

"Hedging Agreements"	means the Hedging Agreements as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement;
"Intercreditor Agreement"	means the intercreditor agreement dated on or about the date of this Debenture and made between, among others, the Security Agent, Lloyds Bank plc as Agent, the Chargors, the Senior Lenders and the Senior Secured Noteholders (each as defined therein), the Hedge Counterparties named therein and the other parties thereto;
"Intellectual Property"	means, in relation to a Chargor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any patents, trade-marks, service marks, designs, business names, copyrights, database rights, design rights, domain names, moral rights, inventions, confidential information, knowhow and other intellectual property rights and interests (which it now or in the future owns), whether registered or unregistered; and (b) the benefit of all applications and rights to use such assets;
"Investment"	means any stock, share, debenture, loan stock, securities, bonds, certificates of deposits, options, warrants, interest in any investment fund or investment scheme and any other comparable investment (including all warrants, options and any other rights to subscribe for, convert into or otherwise acquire these investments), including but not limited to the investments, if any, specified in Schedule 2 (<i>Shares and Investments</i>) and as specified in any relevant Security Accession Deed) (including, unless the context otherwise requires, the Shares), in each case whether owned directly by or to the order of a Chargor or by any trustee, fiduciary, nominee or clearance system on its behalf and all Related Rights (including all rights against any such trustee, fiduciary, nominee or clearance system);
"Insurance Policies"	means all policies of insurance and all proceeds of them either now or in the future held by, or written in favour of, a Chargor or in which it is otherwise interested, but excluding any third party liability or public liability insurance and any directors and officers insurance;
"Intra-Group Document"	means any document listed in Schedule 5 (<i>Intra-Group Documents</i>) and any other document evidencing Intra-Group Liabilities owed to a Chargor;
"Material Intellectual Property"	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Intellectual Property, if any, specified in Schedule 3 (<i>Material Intellectual Property</i>) or in any relevant Security Accession Deed; or

	(b) such other Intellectual Property acquired by a Chargor after the date of this Debenture which is material in context of the business of any member of the Group;
"Notifiable Acquisition"	means an acquisition as defined in Section 6 of the NS&IA and any regulations made under the NS&IA
"NS&IA"	means the National Security and Investment Act 2021
"NS&IA Notification"	means a notification provided in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of the NS&IA
"Operating Accounts"	means the accounts of the Chargors set out in Schedule 4 (<i>Bank Accounts</i>) and as specified in any relevant Security Accession Deed and/or such other accounts as the Chargors and the Security Agent shall agree and, following a Declared Default, such other accounts as the Security Agent (acting reasonably) shall specify;
"Other Debts"	means all book debts and other debts and monetary claims (other than Trading Receivables) legally and beneficially owing to a Chargor and any proceeds of such debts and claims;
"Permitted Reorganisation"	has the meaning given to that term in the Senior Finance Documents;
"Quasi-Security"	means a transaction in which a Chargor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) transfers or otherwise disposes to any person who is not a member of the Group any of its assets on terms whereby they are or may be leased to or re-acquired by any other member of the Group; (b) sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of any of its receivables to any person who is not a member of the Group on recourse terms; (c) enters into any arrangement under which money or the benefit of a bank or other account may be applied, set-off or made subject to a combination of accounts; or (d) enters into any other preferential arrangement having a similar effect in circumstances where the arrangement or transaction is entered into primarily as a method of raising Financial Indebtedness (as defined in the Senior Finance Documents) or of financing the acquisition of an asset;
"Receiver"	means an administrator, a receiver and manager or (if the Security Agent so specifies in the relevant appointment) receiver in each case appointed under this Debenture;
"Related Rights"	means all dividends, distributions and other income paid or payable on a Share or Investment, together with all

shares or other property derived from any Share or Investment and all other allotments, accretions, rights, benefits and advantages of all kinds accruing, offered or otherwise derived from or incidental to that Share or Investment (whether by way of conversion, redemption, bonus, preference, option or otherwise);

"Resolution Authority"

means any body which has authority to exercise any Write-down and Conversion Powers;

"Restriction"

means, in relation to any asset of a Chargor, any legal requirement or third party (that is not a member of the Group) arrangement (including shareholder agreements, joint venture agreements, license arrangements and leases) which would prevent or prohibit those assets from being subject to legal, valid, binding and enforceable Security (assets which, if charged, would give a third party the right to terminate or otherwise amend any rights, benefits and/or obligations of any such Chargor, or those of any member of the Group, in respect of those assets or require such Chargor to take any action materially adverse to its interests or those of any member of the Group);

"Secured Obligations"

means all present and future liabilities and obligations at any time due, owing or incurred by any member of the Group and by each Chargor to any Secured Party under the Senior Finance Documents, both actual and contingent and whether incurred solely or jointly and as principal or surety or in any other capacity;

"Secured Parties"

means the Secured Parties as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement;

"Security Period"

means the period beginning on the date of this Debenture and ending on the date which:

- (a) all of the Secured Liabilities have been unconditionally and irrevocably paid and discharged in full; and
- (b) no Secured Party has any further commitment, obligation or liability under or pursuant to the Senior Finance Documents;

"Security"

means a mortgage, charge, pledge or lien or other security interests securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect;

"Security Accession Deed"

means a deed executed by a member of the Group substantially in the form set out in Schedule 7 (*Form of Security Accession Deed*), with those amendments which the Security Agent may approve or reasonably require;

"Senior Facility Agreement"

means the senior facility agreement dated on or about the date of this Debenture and made between, among others, DFS Furniture plc as the Parent, DFS Furniture

	Holdings plc as the Company, the Original Borrowers as set out therein, the Original Guarantors as set out therein, the Security Agent, Lloyds Bank plc as Agent and the Lenders as set out therein;
"Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement"	has the meaning given to it in the Intercreditor Agreement;
"Shares"	means all shares owned by a Chargor in its Subsidiaries including but not limited to the shares, if any, specified in Schedule 2 (<i>Shares and Investments</i>) and as specified in any relevant Security Accession Deed;
"Trading Receivables"	means all book and other debts arising in the ordinary course of trading owing to a Chargor;
"Trust Property"	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Security created under this Debenture and all other powers, rights and guarantees (both present and future) granted to the Security Agent under or pursuant to the Senior Finance Documents including, without limitation, all representations and warranties, obligations, covenants and other contractual provisions therein given in favour of the Security Agent as trustee for the Secured Parties (other than any given solely for its own benefit in its capacity as Security Agent); (b) all assets of any Chargor from time to time the subject of the Security created under this Debenture; (c) all monies received or recovered by the Security Agent from time to time as trustee for the Secured Parties under, pursuant to or in connection with any Senior Finance Document; and (d) all investments, property, money and other assets at any time representing or deriving from any of the foregoing, including all interest, income and other sums at any time received or receivable by the Security Agent (or any agent of the Security Agent) in respect of the same (or any part thereof);
"UK Bail-In Legislation"	means Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 and any other law or regulation applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (otherwise than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings); and
"Write-down and Conversion Powers"	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) in relation to any Bail-In Legislation described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule from time to

time, the powers described as such in relation to that Bail-In Legislation in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule;

- b) in relation to the UK Bail-In Legislation any powers under that UK Bail-In Legislation to cancel, transfer or dilute shares issued by a person that is a bank or investment firm or other financial institution or affiliate of a bank, investment firm or other financial institution, to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of such a person or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that UK Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers; and
- c) in relation to any other applicable Bail-In Legislation:
 - a. any powers under that Bail-In Legislation to cancel, transfer or dilute shares issued by a person that is a bank or investment firm or other financial institution or affiliate of a bank, investment firm or other financial institution, to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of such a person or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers; and
 - b. any similar or analogous powers under that Bail-In Legislation.

1.2 Construction

In this Debenture, unless a contrary intention appears, a reference to:

- 1.2.1 an **"agreement"** includes any legally binding arrangement, concession, contract, deed or franchise (in each case whether oral or written);
- 1.2.2 an **"amendment"** includes any amendment, supplement, variation, novation, modification, replacement or restatement and **"amend"** and **"amended"** shall be construed accordingly;

- 1.2.3 **"assets"** includes businesses, undertakings, securities, properties, revenues, or rights of every description and whether present, future, actual or contingent;
- 1.2.4 **"including"** means including without limitation and **"includes"** and **"included"** shall be construed accordingly;
- 1.2.5 **"losses"** includes losses, actions, damages, claims, proceedings, costs, demands, expenses (including fees) and liabilities and **"loss"** shall be construed accordingly;
- 1.2.6 **"person"** includes any individual, firm, fund, company, corporation, partnership, joint venture, government, state or agency of a state, trust or other undertaking or association (whether or not having separate legal personality) or any two or more of the foregoing; and
- 1.2.7 **"regulation"** includes any regulation, rule, official directive, request or guideline (whether or not having the force of law but if not having the force of law compliance with which is customary) of any governmental, intergovernmental or supranational body, agency, department or of any regulatory, self-regulatory or other authority or organisation.

1.3 Other References

- 1.3.1 In this Debenture, unless a contrary intention appears, a reference to:
 - (a) any member of the Group, Secured Party, Chargor or any other person is, where relevant, deemed to be a reference to or to include, as appropriate, that person's successors in title, permitted assignees and transferees and in the case of the Security Agent, any person for the time being appointed as Security Agent or Security Agents in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement;
 - (b) any Senior Finance Document or other agreement or instrument is to be construed as a reference to that agreement or instrument as amended or novated, including by way of increase of the facilities or other obligations or addition of new facilities or other obligations made available under them or accession or retirement of the parties to these agreements but excluding any amendment or novation made contrary to any provision of any Senior Finance Document;
 - (c) any clause or schedule is a reference to, respectively, a clause of and schedule to this Debenture and any reference to this Debenture includes its schedules; and
 - (d) a provision of law is a reference to that provision as amended or re-enacted.
- 1.3.2 The index to and the headings in this Debenture are inserted for convenience only and are to be ignored in construing this Debenture.
- 1.3.3 Words importing the plural shall include the singular and vice versa.
- 1.3.4 The principles of interpretation set out in clauses 1.2 of the Intercreditor Agreement shall apply to this Debenture insofar as they are relevant to it.
- 1.3.5 The liabilities of the Chargors under this Deed are joint and several.
- 1.3.6 In this Debenture the term dispose includes any sale, lease, licence or transfer.

1.4 Incorporation by reference

Unless otherwise defined in this Debenture, words and expressions defined in the Intercreditor Agreement have the same meanings when used in this Debenture.

1.5 **Conflict with Intercreditor Agreement, Senior Facility Agreement or Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement**

Save for any permission or any right of any member of the Group hereunder, this Debenture and any Security Accession Deed is subject to the Intercreditor Agreement and the Senior Facility Agreement and the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Debenture or any Security Accession Deed and the Intercreditor Agreement or the Senior Facility Agreement or the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement, the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement or the Senior Facility Agreement or the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement (as applicable) shall prevail. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and the Senior Facility Agreement or the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement shall prevail.

1.6 **Miscellaneous**

1.6.1 The terms of the documents under which the Secured Obligations arise and of any side letters between a Chargor and any Secured Party relating to the Secured Obligations are incorporated in this Debenture to the extent required for any purported disposition of the Charged Property contained in this Debenture to be a valid disposition in accordance with section 2(1) of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1989.

1.6.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Debenture, the obtaining of a moratorium under section 1A of the Insolvency Act 1986, or anything done with a view to obtaining such a moratorium (including any preliminary decision or investigation), shall not be an event causing any floating charge created by this Debenture to crystallise or causing restrictions which would not otherwise apply to be imposed on the disposal of property by any Chargor or a ground for the appointment of a Receiver.

1.6.3 The parties hereto intend that this document shall take effect as a deed notwithstanding that any party may only execute this document under hand.

1.6.4 If the Security Agent causes or requires Shares or any other asset to be registered in the name of its nominee, any reference in this Debenture to the Security Agent shall, if the context permits or requires, be construed as a reference to the Security Agent and its nominee.

1.6.5 Subject to Clause 1.6.6 below, the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (the "**Third Parties Act**") shall not apply to this Debenture and no rights or benefits expressly or impliedly conferred by this Debenture shall be enforceable under that Act against the parties by any other person.

1.6.6 Any Receiver may enforce and enjoy the benefit of any Clause which expressly confers rights on it, subject to paragraph 1.6.4 above and the provisions of the Third Parties Act.

1.7 **Declaration of trust**

1.7.1 The Security Agent hereby accepts its appointment as agent and trustee by the Secured Parties and declares (and each of the Chargors hereby acknowledges) that the Trust Property is held by the Security Agent as a trustee for and on behalf of the Secured Parties on the basis of the duties, obligations and responsibilities set out in the Intercreditor Agreement.

1.7.2 Section 1 of the Trustee Act 2000 shall not apply to the duties of the Security Agent in relation to the trusts created by this Debenture or any other Senior Finance Document. In performing its duties, obligations and responsibilities, the Security Agent shall be considered to be acting only in a mechanical and administrative capacity or as expressly provided in this Debenture and the other Senior Finance Documents.

- 1.7.3 In acting as trustee for the Secured Parties under this Debenture, the Security Agent shall be regarded as acting through its trustee division which shall be treated as a separate entity from any other of its divisions or departments. Any information received by some other division or department of the Security Agent may be treated as confidential and shall not be regarded as having been given to the Security Agent's trustee division.

2. COVENANT TO PAY

2.1 Secured Obligations

Subject to any limits on its liability specifically recorded in the Senior Finance Documents, each Chargor as primary obligor covenants with the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) that it will on demand pay the Secured Obligations when they fall due for payment.

2.2 Interest

Each Chargor covenants to pay interest at the Default Rate to the Security Agent on any sum not paid in accordance with Clause 2.1 (*Secured Liabilities*) until payment (both before and after judgment).

3. CHARGING PROVISIONS

3.1 Fixed Security

Each Chargor, as continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, charges in favour of the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) with full title guarantee the following assets, both present and future from time to time owned by it or in which it has an interest:

3.1.1 by way of first fixed charge:

- (a) all of its Shares and Investments and all corresponding Related Rights;
- (b) all of its right, title and interest in the Material Intellectual Property;
- (c) all of its right, title and interest in the Equipment;
- (d) all of its Trading Receivables and all rights and claims against third parties and against any security in respect of those Trading Receivables;
- (e) all of its Other Debts and all rights and claims against third parties in respect of those Other Debts;
- (f) all monies standing to the credit of the Operating Accounts and any other banks accounts which it may have with any bank, financial institution or other person and all of its rights, title and interest in relation to those accounts;
- (g) all of its rights and interest in the Hedging Agreements;
- (h) the benefit of all licences, consents and agreements held by it in connection with the use of any of its assets;
- (i) its goodwill and uncalled capital; and
- (j) if not effectively assigned by Clause 3.3 (*Security Assignment*), all its rights, title and interest in (and claims under) the Assigned Agreements.

3.2 Floating Charge

- 3.2.1 As further continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, each Chargor charges with full title guarantee in favour of the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) by way of first floating charge all its present and future business, assets, undertakings and rights not effectively charged by way of fixed charge under Clause 3.1 (*Fixed Security*) or assigned under Clause 3.3 (*Security Assignment*).
- 3.2.2 Paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 shall apply to the floating charge created under this Clause 3.2 (*Floating Charge*).

3.3 Security Assignment

As further continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, each Chargor assigns absolutely by way of security and with full title guarantee to the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) all its rights, title and interest in the Assigned Agreements provided that on payment and discharge in full of the Secured Obligations the Security Agent will at the request and cost of the relevant Chargor re-assign the relevant Assigned Agreements to that Chargor (or as it shall direct) as soon as reasonably practicable. Subject to the Senior Finance Documents and Clause 7.3 (*Assigned Agreements and Hedging Agreements*), until the occurrence of a Declared Default each Chargor may continue to deal with the counterparties to the relevant Assigned Agreements.

3.4 Conversion of Floating Charge

3.4.1 Crystallisation: By Notice

- (a) Subject to Clause 3.4.3 (*Crystallisation: Moratorium*) and to the extent permitted by applicable laws, the Security Agent may, by written notice to the relevant Chargor, convert the floating charge created under this Debenture into a fixed charge with immediate effect as regards those assets which it specifies in the notice (or, in the case of paragraph (ii) below, the relevant floating charge assets), if:
- (i) a Declared Default has occurred; or
 - (ii) the Security Agent (acting reasonably) is of the view that any material asset of a Chargor charged under the floating charge created under this Debenture is in danger of being seized or sold under any form of distress, attachment, execution or other legal process, or is otherwise in jeopardy (other than as permitted by the Senior Finance Documents); or
 - (iii) the Security Agent reasonably considers that it is necessary in order to protect the priority, value or enforceability of the Security created under this Debenture.
- (b) If no specific assets subject to the floating charge in Clause 3.2 (*Floating charge*) are identified in the notice referred to in Clause 3.4.1(a) then the crystallisation shall take effect over all of the assets subject to the floating charge in Clause 3.2 (*Floating charge*).

3.4.2 Crystallisation: Automatic

- (a) The floating charge created under this Debenture will automatically (without notice) and immediately be converted into a fixed charge over any material asset of a Chargor charged under the floating charge created under this Debenture if:

- (i) to the extent that it gives rise to an Event of Default under a Debt Document, a resolution is passed or any formal step is taken (including the presentation of a petition, the passing of a resolution or the making of an application) towards the winding-up, dissolution, administration or re-organisation of that Chargor; or
 - (ii) any Chargor creates (or purports to create) any Security over such asset (except as permitted by the Senior Finance Documents or with the prior consent of the Security Agent).
- (b) Any assets acquired by a Chargor after crystallisation has occurred (and that are not effectively charged by way of legal mortgage or fixed charge, or assigned under Clause 3 (*Charging Provisions*)), shall become subject to the floating charge created by Clause 3.2 (*Floating charge*) so that the crystallisation shall be effective as if such assets were owned by the relevant Chargor at the date of crystallisation.

3.4.3 **Crystallisation: Moratorium**

- (a) Notice may not be given to cause the floating charge over the assets of a Chargor created by Clause 3.2 (*Floating Charge*) to crystallise into a fixed charge whilst that Chargor is subject to a moratorium under Part A1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (b) The floating charge created by Clause 3.2 (*Floating Charge*) may not be crystallised into a fixed charge solely by reason of:
 - (i) the obtaining of a moratorium; or
 - (ii) anything done with a view to obtaining a moratorium,
 under Part A1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.

3.4.4 **Partial crystallisation**

The giving of a notice by the Security Agent pursuant to Clause 3.4.1 (*Crystallisation: By Notice*) in relation to any class of assets of any Chargor shall not be construed as a waiver or abandonment of the rights of the Security Agent to serve similar notices in respect of any other class of assets or of any other right of the Security Agent and/or the Secured Parties.

3.4.5 **De-crystallisation of floating charge**

Any charge that has crystallised under this Clause may by notice in writing (given at any time by the Security Agent to the Parent and the Company), be reconverted into a floating charge in relation to the assets or class of assets specified in that notice.

3.5 **Excluded Assets**

- 3.5.1 There shall be excluded from the charge created by Clause 3.1 (*Fixed Security*) and from the operation of Clause 4 (*Further Assurance*) any Excluded Asset of each Chargor.
- 3.5.2 Save as expressly required as a condition precedent under the Senior Finance Documents or after the occurrence of a Declared Default, no Chargor shall have any obligation to investigate title, review documentation (including in relation to leases, trade receivables or inventory) or review registers (including in relation to Intellectual Property), provide surveys or other insurance, environmental or other due diligence or diligence of any potentially applicable Restriction, in each case prior to, or as a condition of, entering into this Debenture or at any time thereafter.

3.5.3 For any Excluded Asset, other than any Trading Receivables, each relevant Chargor undertakes to apply promptly for a consent or waiver of any relevant Restriction of which it is aware (subject always to paragraph 3.5.2 above), and use its reasonable endeavours to obtain that consent or waiver as soon as possible, provided that if the relevant Chargor has not been able to obtain such consent or waiver within 20 Business Days after the date of this Debenture (or the date of any applicable Security Accession Deed), its obligation to seek such consent or waiver under this paragraph of Clause 3.5 shall cease. Immediately upon receipt of a consent or waiver, the relevant Excluded Asset shall stand charged to the Security Agent under Clause 3.1 (*Fixed Security*). If required by the Security Agent (acting reasonably), at any time following the receipt of that consent or waiver, the relevant Chargor will forthwith execute a valid charge or legal assignment on terms no more onerous than set out in this Debenture.

3.5.4 In relation to paragraph 3.5.3 above, the parties acknowledge that reasonable endeavours will not require:

- (a) the relevant Chargor to place commercial relationships with any third party in jeopardy; or
- (b) the payment by the relevant Chargor of any monetary consideration to such third party, other than expenses and nominal amounts, to obtain any such consent or waiver.

4. **FURTHER ASSURANCE**

4.1 Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, each Chargor shall promptly do all such acts or execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions (on terms no more onerous than those set out in this Debenture) as the Security Agent may reasonably specify (and in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require in favour of the Security Agent or its nominees):

4.1.1 to perfect the Security created or intended to be created under or evidenced by this Debenture or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Agent, any Receiver or the other Secured Parties provided by or pursuant to this Debenture or by law;

4.1.2 to confer on the Security Agent or confer on the Secured Parties Security over any property and assets of that Chargor located in any jurisdiction equivalent or similar to the Security intended to be conferred by or pursuant to this Debenture; and/or

4.1.3 once the Security created by this Debenture has become enforceable, to facilitate the realisation of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Security created under this Debenture or the exercise of any rights vested in the Security Agent or any Receiver by this Debenture or by law.

4.2 Subject to the Agreed Security Principles, each Chargor shall take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection, protection or maintenance of any Security conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Agent or the Secured Parties by or pursuant to this Debenture.

4.3 Upon the conversion of any floating charge pursuant to Clause 3.4 (*Conversion of floating charge*), each relevant Chargor shall, upon written request by the Security Agent, execute a fixed charge or legal assignment in such form as the Security Agent may reasonably require but on terms no more onerous to such Chargor than this Debenture.

5. **NEGATIVE PLEDGE**

No Chargor may:

- 5.1 create or permit to subsist any Security or Quasi-Security over all or any part of the Charged Property; or
- 5.2 enter into or agree to enter into a single transaction or a series of transactions (whether related or not and whether voluntary or involuntary) to sell, transfer, lease, license, sub-license, transfer, lend or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the Charged Property (other than in respect of assets charged under Clause 3.2 (*Floating Charge*) on arm's length terms in the ordinary course of trading) or the right to receive or to be paid the proceeds arising on the disposal of the same,

nor do anything else prohibited by clause 25.10 (*Negative Pledge*) of the Senior Facility Agreement or section 10.4 (*Negative Pledge*) of the Senior Secured Note Purchase Agreement, except as expressly permitted by the Senior Finance Documents or with the prior consent of the Security Agent.

6. REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES

Each Chargor represents and warrants to the Security Agent as set out in this Clause 6 on the date of this Debenture.

6.1 Shares

Schedule 2 (*Shares and Investments*) identifies all Shares beneficially owned by a Chargor in its Subsidiaries at the date of this Debenture.

7. PROTECTION OF SECURITY

7.1 Title Documents

7.1.1 Each Chargor will deposit with the Security Agent (or as it shall direct):

- (a) in respect of any Shares and Investments as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event within 1 Business Day of the date of this Debenture (or the date of any Security Accession Deed in respect of an Additional Chargor) or, in the case of a Chargor which acquires Shares or Investments after the date of this Debenture or any Security Accession Deed, as applicable, within 5 Business Days of the date of such acquisition (or such longer period as is reasonably required to allow HM Revenue and Customs to stamp any transfer form effecting such acquisition), all share certificates (or equivalent documents of title) relating to the Shares and Investments together with stock transfer forms executed in blank and left undated on the basis that the Security Agent shall be able to hold such certificates (or equivalent documents of title) and stock transfer forms until the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably and unconditionally paid in full and shall be entitled, at any time following the occurrence of a Declared Default to complete, under its power of attorney given in this Debenture, to complete the stock transfer forms on behalf of the relevant Chargor in favour of itself or such other person as it shall select;

- (b) in the event that a Permitted Reorganisation has occurred, in respect of any Shares, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event within 5 Business Days of the date on which the Shares become owned by it as a result of that Permitted Reorganisation or such longer period as is reasonably required to allow HM Revenue and Customs to stamp any transfer form effecting the transfer resulting from that Permitted Reorganisation, all share certificates relating to the Shares together with stock transfer forms executed in blank and left undated on the basis that the Security Agent shall be able to hold such certificates and stock transfer forms until the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably and unconditionally paid in full and shall be entitled, at any time following the occurrence of a Declared Default to complete, under its power of attorney given in this Debenture, to complete the stock transfer forms on behalf of the relevant Chargor in favour of itself or such other person as it shall select; and
- (c) immediately following a Declared Default but subject to any interest permitted under the Senior Finance Documents, all other documents relating to any Charged Property which is material to the business of the Group as a whole which the Security Agent may from time to time reasonably require.

7.1.2 The Security Agent may retain any document delivered to it under this Clause 7.1 or otherwise until the Security created under this Debenture is released and, if for any reason it ceases to hold any such document before that time, it may by notice to the relevant Chargor require that the document be redelivered to it and the relevant Chargor shall as soon as reasonably practicable comply (or procure compliance) with that notice. If reasonably required to effect any transaction which is permitted under the Senior Finance Documents, the Security Agent shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of a request from any Chargor, return any such document to that Chargor.

7.2 Receivables and Bank Accounts

- 7.2.1 Each Chargor will, where a Bank Account is not maintained with the Security Agent, within 5 Business Days after the execution of this Debenture (or, in respect of any Bank Account designated as such after the date of execution of this Debenture, within 5 Business Days of such designation) serve an Account Notice on the bank with whom the Bank Account is maintained and use reasonable endeavours to procure that such bank signs and delivers to the Security Agent an acknowledgement substantially in the form set out in the Account Notice provided that, if the relevant Chargor has not been able to obtain such acknowledgement from the bank any obligation to comply with this paragraph 7.2.1 shall cease after 20 Business Days following the date of service of the relevant Account Notice.
- 7.2.2 The Security Agent shall not be entitled to give any notice referred to in paragraph 1 of the Account Notice, withdrawing its consent to the making of withdrawals by the Chargors in respect of the Operating Accounts, unless and until a Declared Default has occurred.
- 7.2.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Debenture and subject to the terms of the Senior Finance Documents, until the occurrence of a Declared Default or any of the circumstances described in 3.4 (*Conversion of a Floating Charge*) have arisen in respect of the relevant accounts, each Chargor shall be entitled to close any of its Operating Accounts which are no longer required by the Group.

7.3 **Assigned Agreements and Hedging Agreements**

- 7.3.1 Promptly, and in any event, in respect of any Assigned Agreement or Hedging Agreement within 5 Business Days following the execution of this Debenture (or in respect of any Assigned Agreement or Hedging Agreement designated as such after the date of this Debenture, promptly, and in any event, within 5 Business Days after the date of such designation) each Chargor will give notice to the other parties to the Assigned Agreement and Hedging Agreement that it has assigned or charged its right under the relevant policy or agreement to the Security Agent under this Debenture. Such notice will be a Counterparty Notice. Each Chargor shall use reasonable endeavours to procure that such counterparty signs and delivers to the Security Agent an acknowledgement substantially in the form set out in the Counterparty Notice, as applicable provided that, if the relevant Chargor has not been able to obtain such acknowledgement from the counterparty any obligation to comply with this paragraph of this Clause 7.3 shall cease after 20 Business Days following the date of service of the relevant Counterparty Notice. Where the counterparty to an Assigned Agreement or Hedging Agreement is party or becomes a party to the Intercreditor Agreement, such notice shall be deemed to have been delivered and acknowledged in the form of the Counterparty Notice. A Chargor shall only be required to serve a Counterparty Notice on a counterparty to an Intra-Group Document if such Chargor is or becomes an Intra-Group Lender under the Intercreditor Agreement.
- 7.3.2 The Security Agent shall not be entitled to give any notice referred to in paragraph 1 of the Counterparty Notice unless and until a Declared Default has occurred.

7.4 **Voting and Distribution Rights**

- 7.4.1 Prior to the occurrence of a Declared Default, each Chargor (to the extent permitted under the Senior Finance Documents):
- (a) shall be entitled to receive and retain all dividends, distributions and other monies paid on or derived from its Shares and Investments; and
 - (b) shall be entitled to exercise all voting and other rights and powers attaching to its Shares and Investments provided that it shall not exercise any voting rights or powers in relation to the Shares in a manner which would prejudice the interests of the Secured Parties under this Debenture; and
 - (c) shall promptly comply with (and copy to the Security Agent) all reasonable requests for information which is within its knowledge and which are made under section 793 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar provision in any articles of association or other constitutional documents relating to any Shares.
- 7.4.2 At any time after the occurrence of a Declared Default, each Chargor shall hold any dividends, distributions and other monies paid on or derived from its Shares or Investments on trust for the Secured Parties and pay the same promptly to the Security Agent or as it may direct.
- 7.4.3 At any time after the occurrence of a Declared Default, all voting rights in respect of the Shares shall be exercised by the Chargor as directed by the Security Agent, unless the Security Agent has notified the Chargor in writing that it wishes to give up this right.

- 7.4.4 If, at any time following a Declared Share Default, any Shares are registered in the name of the Security Agent or its nominee, the Security Agent will not be under any duty to ensure that any dividends, distributions or other monies payable in respect of those Shares are duly and promptly paid or received by it or its nominee, or to verify that the correct amounts are paid or received, or to take any action in connection with the taking up of any (or any offer of any) stocks, shares, rights, moneys or other property paid, distributed, accruing or offered at any time by way of interest, dividend, redemption, bonus, rights, preference, option, warrant or otherwise on or in respect of or in substitution for any of those Shares.

7.5 **Payment of calls**

Each Chargor shall pay when due all calls or other payments which may be or become due in respect of any of the Investments and Shares which are not fully paid (unless reasonably contested), and in any case of default by any Chargor in such payment, the Security Agent may, if it thinks fit, make such payment on behalf of such Chargor in which case any sums paid by the Security Agent shall be reimbursed by such Chargor to the Security Agent on demand and shall carry interest from the date of payment by the Security Agent until reimbursed at the rate notified to such Chargor by the Security Agent.

7.6 **Registration of Material Intellectual Property**

Each Chargor as registered proprietor appoints the Security Agent as its agent to apply for the particulars of this Debenture and of the Secured Parties' interest in its Material Intellectual Property to be entered on the Register of Trade Marks under section 25(1) of the Trade Marks Act 1994, and each Chargor agrees to execute all documents and forms required to enable those particulars to be entered on the Register of Trade Marks.

8. **RIGHTS OF CHARGORS**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set out in this Debenture, until the occurrence of a Declared Default:

- 8.1 each Chargor shall continue to have the sole right (i) to deal with any Charged Property and all contractual counterparties in respect thereof, and (ii) to amend, waive or terminate (or allow to lapse) any rights, benefits and/or obligations in respect of such Charged Property, in each case without reference to any Secured Party, subject to the terms of the Senior Finance Documents; and
- 8.2 each Chargor shall continue to operate and transact business in relation to the Operating Accounts, Assigned Agreements and Hedging Agreements, including making withdrawals from and effecting closures of the Operating Accounts, other than to the extent agreed to be restricted pursuant to the Account Notice or as restricted under the Senior Finance Documents.

9. **SECURITY AGENT'S POWER TO REMEDY**

9.1 **Power to Remedy**

If any Chargor fails to comply with any material obligation set out in Clause 7 (*Protection of Security*) and that failure is not remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of the Security Agent within 20 days of the Security Agent giving notice to the relevant Chargor or the relevant Chargor becoming aware of the failure to comply, it will allow (and irrevocably authorises) the Security Agent or any such person that the Security Agent nominates (in accordance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement) to take any reasonable action on behalf of that Chargor which is necessary to ensure that such material obligation is complied with.

10. CONTINUING SECURITY

10.1 Continuing Security

The Security constituted by this Debenture shall be a continuing Security notwithstanding any intermediate payment or settlement of all or any part of the Secured Obligations or any other act, matter or thing.

10.2 Other Security

The Security constituted by this Debenture is to be in addition to and shall neither be merged into nor in any way exclude or prejudice or be affected by any other Security or other right which the Security Agent and/or any other Secured Party may now or after the date of this Debenture hold for any of the Secured Obligations, and this Security may be enforced against each Chargor without first having recourse to any other rights of the Security Agent or any other Secured Party.

11. ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY

11.1 Enforcement

11.1.1 Save for the Security created by this Debenture over Shares and Investments, the Security created by this Debenture shall become enforceable upon:

- (a) the occurrence of a Declared Default; or
- (b) any request being made by a Chargor to the Security Agent for the appointment of a Receiver or an administrator, or for the Security Agent to exercise any other power or right available to it.

11.1.2 The Security created by this Debenture over Shares and Investments shall become enforceable upon:

- (a) the occurrence of a Declared Share Default; or
- (b) any request being made by a Chargor to the Security Agent for the appointment of a Receiver or an administrator, or for the Security Agent to exercise any other power or right available to it,

and provided in either case that:

- (i) confirmation has been provided by the Security Agent to the Parent and the Company in writing that it has determined that the exercise of rights under clause 7.4.4 (*Voting and distribution rights*) shall not result in a Notifiable Acquisition; or
- (ii) having filed a mandatory notice in accordance with the NS&IA, the Security Agent has received an NS&IA Notification, a Final NS&IA Notification or a Final NS&IA Order (as applicable).

11.2 Enforcement Powers

For the purpose of all rights and powers implied or granted by statute, the Secured Obligations are deemed to have fallen due on the date of this Debenture. The power of sale and other powers conferred by section 101 of the Law of Property Act 1925 and all other enforcement powers conferred by this Debenture shall be immediately exercisable at any time after a Declared Default has occurred.

11.3 **Statutory Powers**

The powers conferred on mortgagees, receivers or administrative receivers by the Law of Property Act 1925 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (as the case may be) shall apply to the Security created under this Debenture, unless they are expressly or impliedly excluded. If there is ambiguity or conflict between the powers contained in those Acts and those contained in this Debenture, those contained in this Debenture shall prevail.

11.4 **Exercise of Powers**

All or any of the powers conferred upon mortgagees by the Law of Property Act 1925 as varied or extended by this Debenture, and all or any of the rights and powers conferred by this Debenture on a Receiver (whether expressly or impliedly), may be exercised by the Security Agent without further notice to any Chargor at any time after a Declared Default has occurred, irrespective of whether the Security Agent has taken possession or appointed a Receiver of the Charged Property.

11.5 **Disapplication of Statutory Restrictions**

The restriction on the consolidation of mortgages and on power of sale imposed by sections 93 and 103 respectively of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to the security constituted by this Debenture.

11.6 **Appropriation under the Financial Collateral Regulations**

- 11.6.1 In this Debenture, "financial collateral" shall mean any part of the Charged Property which falls within the definition of financial collateral and this Debenture and the obligations of the Chargors hereunder constitute "security financial collateral arrangement" (in each case as defined in, and for the purposes of, the Financial Collateral Arrangements (No.2) Regulations 2003 (No.3226) (as amended) **(the "Regulations")**).
- 11.6.2 At any time after a Declared Default has occurred, the Security Agent shall have the right to appropriate all or part of the financial collateral in or towards satisfaction of the Secured Obligations and may exercise that right to appropriate by giving notice to the relevant Chargors at any time after a Declared Default has occurred.
- 11.6.3 The Security Agent shall promptly attribute a value to the appropriated financial collateral as confirmed by reference to either the relevant public quoted index reflecting the right to effect an immediate sale thereof on a recognised stock exchange at such price on such date of valuation (if applicable) or a fair valuation opinion provided by an independent reputable internationally recognised third party professional firm of advisors and, in any event, attributed in a commercially reasonable manner. The parties agree that the methods of valuation provided for in this paragraph shall constitute commercially reasonable methods of valuation for the purposes of the Regulations.
- 11.6.4 Where the Security Agent exercises its rights of appropriation and the value of the financial collateral appropriated in accordance with this Clause 11.6 differs from the amount of the Secured Obligations, either:
- (a) the Security Agent must account to the relevant Chargor promptly upon the determination of such value for the amount by which the value of the appropriated financial collateral exceeds the Secured Obligations; or
 - (b) the relevant Chargor will remain liable to the Secured Parties for any amount whereby the value of the appropriated financial collateral is less than the Secured Obligations.

11.7 Powers of leasing

At any time following a Declared Default, the Security Agent may lease, make agreements for leases at a premium or otherwise, accept surrenders of leases and grant options or vary or reduce any sum payable under any leases or tenancy agreements as it thinks fit, without the need to comply with any of the provisions of sections 99 and 100 of the Law of Property Act 1925.

11.8 Fixtures

At any time following a Declared Default, the Security Agent may sever any fixtures from the property to which they are attached and sell them separately from that property.

11.9 Disposal of the Charged Property

In exercising the powers referred to in Clause 11.2 (*Enforcement Powers*), Clause 11.3 (*Statutory Powers*), Clause 11.4 (*Exercise of Powers*), Clause 11.6 (*Appropriation under the Financial Collateral Regulations*) and Clause 11.7 (*Powers of leasing*) the Security Agent or any Receiver may sell or dispose of all or any of the Charged Property at the times, in the manner and order, on the terms and conditions and for the consideration determined by it.

11.10 Same rights as Receiver

Any rights conferred by any Senior Finance Document upon a Receiver may be exercised by the Security Agent, or to the extent permitted by law, an administrator, after the Security created by this Debenture has become enforceable, whether or not the Security Agent shall have taken possession or appointed a Receiver of the Charged Property.

12. RECEIVERS**12.1 Appointment of Receiver or Administrator**

12.1.1 Subject to Clause 12.1.3 below, at any time after a Declared Default has occurred, or if so requested by the relevant Chargor, the Security Agent may by writing under hand signed by any officer or manager of the Security Agent, appoint any person (or persons) to be a Receiver of all or any part of the Charged Property.

12.1.2 Section 109(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to this Debenture.

12.1.3 At any time after a Declared Default has occurred, the Security Agent shall be entitled to appoint a Receiver save to the extent prohibited by section 72A Insolvency Act 1986.

12.2 Powers of Receiver

Each Receiver appointed under this Debenture shall have (subject to any limitations or restrictions which the Security Agent may incorporate in the deed or instrument appointing it) all the powers conferred from time to time on receivers by the Law of Property Act 1925 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (each of which is deemed incorporated in this Debenture), so that the powers set out in schedule 1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 shall extend to every Receiver, whether or not an administrative receiver. In addition, notwithstanding any liquidation of the relevant Chargor, each Receiver shall, following the occurrence of a Declared Default, have power to:

12.2.1 manage, develop, reconstruct, amalgamate or diversify any part of the business of the relevant Chargor;

12.2.2 enter into or cancel any contracts on any terms or conditions;

12.2.3 incur any liability on any terms, whether secured or unsecured, and whether to rank for payment in priority to this security or not;

- 12.2.4 let or lease or concur in letting or leasing, and vary the terms of, determine, surrender leases or tenancies of, or grant options and licences over, or otherwise deal with, all or any of the Charged Property, without being responsible for loss or damage;
- 12.2.5 establish subsidiaries to acquire interests in any of the Charged Property and/or arrange for those subsidiaries to trade or cease to trade and acquire any of the Charged Property on any terms and conditions;
- 12.2.6 make and effect all repairs, renewals and improvements to any of the Charged Property and maintain, renew, take out or increase insurances;
- 12.2.7 exercise all voting and other rights attaching to the Shares or Investments and stocks, shares and other securities owned by the relevant Chargor and comprised in the Charged Property;
- 12.2.8 redeem any prior Security on or relating to the Charged Property and settle and pass the accounts of the person entitled to that prior Security, so that any accounts so settled and passed shall (subject to any manifest error) be conclusive and binding on the relevant Chargor and the money so paid shall be deemed to be an expense properly incurred by the Receiver;
- 12.2.9 appoint and discharge officers and others for any of the purposes of this Debenture and/or to guard or protect the Charged Property upon terms as to remuneration or otherwise as he may think fit;
- 12.2.10 settle any claims, accounts, disputes, questions and demands with or by any person who is or claims to be a creditor of the relevant Chargor or relating to any of the Charged Property;
- 12.2.11 implement or continue the development of (and obtain all consents required in connection therewith) and/or complete any buildings or structures on any real property comprised in the Charged Property;
- 12.2.12 purchase or acquire any land or any interest in or right over land;
- 12.2.13 exercise on behalf of the relevant Chargor all the powers conferred on a landlord or a tenant by any legislation from time to time in force in any relevant jurisdiction relating to rents or agriculture in respect of any part of the Charged Property; and
- 12.2.14 do all other acts and things (including signing and executing all documents and deeds) as the Receiver considers to be incidental or conducive to any of the matters or powers in this Clause 12.2, or otherwise incidental or conducive to the preservation, improvement or realisation of the Charged Property,

and in each case may use the name of any Chargor and exercise the relevant power in any manner which he may think fit.

12.3 **Receiver as Agent**

Each Receiver shall be the agent of the relevant Chargor, which shall be solely responsible for his acts or defaults, and for his remuneration and expenses, and be liable on any agreements or engagements made or entered into by him. The Security Agent will not be responsible for any misconduct, negligence or default of a Receiver.

12.4 **Removal of Receiver**

The Security Agent may by notice remove from time to time any Receiver appointed by it (subject to the provisions of section 45 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in the case of an administrative receivership) and, whenever it may deem appropriate, appoint a new Receiver in the place of any Receiver whose appointment has terminated, for whatever reason.

12.5 **Remuneration of Receiver**

The Security Agent may from time to time fix the remuneration of any Receiver appointed by it.

12.6 **Joint or several**

If two or more persons are appointed as Receivers of the same assets, they may act jointly and/or severally so that (unless any instrument appointing them specifies to the contrary) each of them may exercise individually all the powers and discretions conferred on Receivers by this Debenture.

13. **APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS**

13.1 **Order of Application**

All moneys received or recovered by the Security Agent or any Receiver pursuant to this Debenture shall (subject to the claims of any person having prior rights thereto) be applied in the order and manner specified by the Intercreditor Agreement notwithstanding any purported appropriation by any Chargor.

13.2 **Insurance Proceeds**

If a Declared Default has occurred, all moneys received by virtue of any insurance maintained or effected in respect of the Charged Property shall be paid to the Security Agent (or, if not paid by the insurers directly to the Security Agent, shall be held on trust for the Security Agent) and shall, at the option of the Security Agent, be applied in replacing or reinstating the assets destroyed, damaged or lost or (except in the case of leasehold premises) in reduction of the Secured Obligations.

13.3 **Section 109 Law of Property Act 1925**

Sections 109(6) and (8) of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to a Receiver appointed under this Debenture.

13.4 **Application against Secured Obligations**

Subject to Clause 13.1 (*Order of Application*) above, any moneys or other value received or realised by the Security Agent from a Chargor or a Receiver under this Debenture may be applied by the Security Agent to any item of account or liability or transaction forming part of the Secured Obligations to which they may be applicable in any order or manner which the Security Agent may determine.

13.5 **Suspense Account**

13.5.1 Until the Secured Obligations are paid in full, the Security Agent or the Receiver (as applicable) may place and keep (for such time as it shall determine) any money received, recovered or realized pursuant to this Debenture or on account of any Chargor's liability in respect of the Secured Obligations in an interest bearing separate suspense account (to the credit of either the relevant Chargor or the Security Agent or the Receiver as the Security Agent or the Receiver shall think fit) and the Security Agent or the Receiver may retain the same for the period which it and the Security Agent consider expedient without having any obligation to apply all or any part of that money in or towards discharge of the Secured Obligations.

13.5.2 If the Security created under this Debenture is enforced at a time when no amount is due under the Senior Finance Documents but at the time when amounts may or will become due, the Security Agent (or Receiver) may pay the proceeds of recoveries into a suspense account.

14. **PROTECTION OF SECURITY AGENT, OTHER SECURED PARTIES AND RECEIVER**

14.1 **No Liability**

None of the Security Agent, the other Secured Parties, any Receiver or any of their respective officers, employees or delegates shall be liable in respect of any of the Charged Property or for any loss or damage which arises out of the exercise or the attempted or purported exercise of, or the failure to exercise any of, their respective powers, unless caused by its or his gross negligence or wilful default.

14.2 **Possession of Charged Property**

Without prejudice to Clause 13.1 (*No Liability*) above, if the Security Agent or the Receiver enters into possession of the Charged Property, it will not be liable:-

14.2.1 to account as mortgagee in possession;

14.2.2 for any loss on realisation; or

14.2.3 for any default or omission for which a mortgagee in possession might be liable,

and may at any time at its discretion go out of such possession.

14.3 **Primary liability of Chargor**

Each Chargor shall be deemed to be a principal debtor and the sole, original and independent obligor for the Secured Obligations and the Charged Property shall be deemed to be a principal security for the Secured Obligations. The liability of each Chargor under this Debenture and the charges contained in this Debenture shall not be impaired by any forbearance, neglect, indulgence, abandonment, extension of time, release, surrender or loss of securities, dealing, variation or arrangement by the Security Agent or any other Secured Party, or by any other act, event or matter whatsoever whereby the liability of the relevant Chargor (as a surety only) or the charges contained in this Debenture (as secondary or collateral charges only) would, but for this provision, have been discharged.

14.4 **Continuing protection**

The provisions of this Clause 14 (*Protection of Security Agent, Other Secured Parties and Receiver*) shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any release or discharge of this Debenture or the discharge of any Receiver from office.

14.5 **Waiver of defences**

The obligations of each Chargor under this Debenture will not be affected by an act, omission, matter or thing which, but for this Debenture, would reduce, release or prejudice any of its obligations under this Debenture (without limitation and whether or not known to it or any Secured Party) including:

14.5.1 any time, waiver or consent granted to, or composition with, any member of the Group or other person;

14.5.2 the release of any other member of the Group or any other person under the terms of any composition or arrangement with any creditor of any member of the Group;

14.5.3 the taking, variation, compromise, exchange, renewal or release of, or refusal or neglect to perfect, take up or enforce, any rights against, or security over assets of, any member of the Group or other person or any non-presentation or non-observance of any formality or other requirement in respect of any instrument or any failure to realise the full value of any security;

- 14.5.4 any incapacity or lack of power, authority or legal personality of or dissolution or change in the members or status of a member of the Group or any other person;
- 14.5.5 any amendment, novation, supplement, extension restatement (however fundamental and whether or not more onerous) or replacement of a Senior Finance Document or any other document or security including, without limitation, any change in the purpose of, any extension of or increase in any facility or the addition of any new facility under any Senior Finance Document or other document or security;
- 14.5.6 any unenforceability, illegality or invalidity of any obligation of any person under any Senior Finance Document or any other document or security; or
- 14.5.7 any insolvency or similar proceedings.

14.6 **Immediate recourse**

Each Chargor waives any right it may have of first requiring the Security Agent or any other Secured Party (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights of Security or claim payment from any person before claiming from a Chargor under this Debenture. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or any provision of a Senior Finance Document to the contrary.

14.7 **Appropriations**

During the Security Period the Security Agent and each Secured Party may:

- 14.7.1 refrain from applying or enforcing any moneys, Security or rights held or received by it (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) in respect of the Secured Obligations, or, subject to Clause 13 (*Application of Proceeds*), apply and enforce the same in such manner and order as it sees fit (whether against the Secured Obligations or otherwise) and the relevant Chargor shall not be entitled to the same; and
- 14.7.2 hold in an interest-bearing suspense account any moneys received from the relevant Chargor on or account of the Secured Obligations.

14.8 **Tacking**

For the purposes of section 94(1) of the LPA and section 49(3) of the Land Registration Act 2002 the Security Agent confirms on behalf of the Secured Parties that the Secured Parties shall make further advances to the Chargors on the terms and subject to the conditions of the Senior Finance Documents.

14.9 **Deferral of Chargor's rights**

During the Security Period and unless the Security Agent otherwise directs, no Chargor shall exercise any rights which it may have by reason of performance by its obligations under this Debenture or the enforcement of the Security created by this Debenture:-

- 14.9.1 to receive or claim payment from, or be indemnified by an Obligor;
- 14.9.2 to claim any contribution from any guarantor of, or provider of Security in respect of, any Obligor's obligations under the Senior Finance Documents;
- 14.9.3 to take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of any Secured Party under any Senior Finance Document or of any guarantee or Security taken pursuant to, or in connection with, the Senior Finance Documents by any Secured Party;
- 14.9.4 to exercise any right of set-off against any Obligor; and/or

14.9.5 to claim or prove as a creditor of any Obligor in competition with any Secured Party.

14.10 **Security Agent**

The provisions set out in clause 17 (*The Security Agent*) of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern the rights, duties and obligations of the Security Agent under this Debenture.

14.11 **Delegation**

The Security Agent may delegate by power of attorney or in any other manner all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions which are for the time being exercisable by it under this Debenture to any person or persons upon such terms and conditions (including the power to sub-delegate) as it may reasonably think fit. The Security Agent will not be liable or responsible to any Chargor or any other person for any losses arising from any act, default, omission or misconduct on the part of any delegate acting in accordance with this Debenture or as a result of such delegates fraud, wilful default or gross negligence.

14.12 **Cumulative Powers**

The powers which this Debenture confers on the Security Agent, the other Secured Parties and any Receiver appointed under this Debenture are cumulative, without prejudice to their respective powers under the general law, and may be exercised as often as the relevant person thinks appropriate. The Security Agent, the other Secured Parties or the Receiver may, in connection with the exercise of their powers, join or concur with any person in any transaction, scheme or arrangement whatsoever. The respective powers of the Security Agent, the other Secured Parties and the Receiver will in no circumstances be suspended, waived or otherwise prejudiced by anything other than an express consent or amendment.

15. **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Each Chargor, by way of security, irrevocably and severally appoints the Security Agent, each Receiver and any person nominated for the purpose by the Security Agent or any Receiver (in writing and signed by an officer of the Security Agent or Receiver) as its attorney (with full power of substitution and delegation) in its name and on its behalf and as its act and deed at any time after the occurrence of a Declared Default to execute, seal and deliver (using the company seal where appropriate) and otherwise perfect and do any deed, assurance, agreement, instrument, act or thing which is expressly required to execute and do under the terms of this Debenture, or which may be required to enable the exercise of any rights or powers conferred on the Security Agent or any Receiver under this Debenture or otherwise for any of the purposes of this Debenture, and each Chargor covenants with the Security Agent and each Receiver to ratify and confirm all such acts or things made, done or executed by that attorney.

16. **PROTECTION FOR THIRD PARTIES**

16.1 **No Obligation to Enquire**

No purchaser from, or other person dealing with, the Security Agent or any Receiver (or their agents) shall be obliged or concerned to enquire:

- 16.1.1 whether the right of the Security Agent or any Receiver to exercise any of the powers conferred by this Debenture has arisen or become exercisable or as to the propriety or validity of the exercise or purported exercise of any such powers; or
- 16.1.2 whether any of the Secured Obligations remain outstanding and/or are due and payable or be concerned with notice to the contrary and the title and position of such a purchaser or other person shall not be impeachable by reference to any of those matters,

and the title and position of a purchaser or such person shall not be impeachable by reference to any of those matters.

16.2 **Receipt Conclusive**

The receipt of the Security Agent or any Receiver shall be an absolute and a conclusive discharge to a purchaser, and shall relieve him of any obligation to see to the application of any moneys paid to or by the direction of the Security Agent or any Receiver. All the protection to purchasers contained in sections 104 and 107 of the LPA, section 42(3) of the Insolvency Act 1986 or in any other applicable legislation shall apply to any person purchasing from or dealing with the Security Agent, any other Secured Party, any Receiver or any person to whom any of them have delegated any of their powers.

17. **DISCHARGE AND RELEASE**

17.1 **Amounts Avoided**

If any amount paid by a Chargor in respect of the Secured Obligations is capable of being avoided or set aside on the liquidation or administration of the relevant Chargor or otherwise, then for the purposes of this Debenture that amount shall not be considered to have been paid. No interest shall accrue on any such amount, unless and until such amount is so avoided or set aside.

17.2 **Discharge Conditional**

Any settlement or discharge between a Chargor and any Secured Party shall be conditional upon no security or payment to that Secured Party by that Chargor or any other person being avoided, set aside, ordered to be refunded or reduced by virtue of any provision or enactment relating to insolvency and accordingly (but without limiting the other rights of that Secured Party under this Debenture) that Secured Party shall be entitled to recover from that Chargor the value which that Secured Party has placed on that security or the amount of any such payment as if that settlement or discharge had not occurred.

17.3 **Covenant To Release**

Once all the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably paid in full and none of the Security Agent nor any Secured Party has any actual or contingent liability to advance further monies to or incur liability on behalf of any Chargor under the Senior Finance Documents, the Security Agent and each Secured Party shall, at the request and cost of any Chargor, promptly take any action including preparing and delivering all documents and instruments (including any termination or release letter or deed) and performing all acts or deeds (including returning title documents, share certificates, related share transfer forms and any other document belonging to such Chargor and sending notifications to the Account Banks and counterparties to the Assigned Agreements and insurers) which are, in each case, necessary, or otherwise requested by any Chargor (acting reasonably) to release the Charged Property from the Security constituted by this Debenture.

18. **CURRENCY CLAUSES**

18.1 **Conversion**

All monies received or held by the Security Agent or any Receiver under this Debenture may be converted into any other currency which are necessary to cover the obligations and liabilities comprised in the Secured Obligations in that other currency at the Security Agent's spot rate of exchange then prevailing for purchasing that other currency with the existing currency.

18.2 **No Discharge**

No payment to the Security Agent (whether under any judgment or court order or otherwise) shall discharge the obligation or liability of the relevant Chargor in respect of which it was made unless and until the Security Agent has received payment in full in the currency in which the obligation or liability is payable or, if the currency of payment is not specified, was incurred. To the extent that the amount of any such payment shall on actual conversion into that currency fall short of that obligation or liability expressed in that currency, the Security Agent shall have a further separate cause of action against the relevant Chargor and shall be entitled to enforce the Security constituted by this Debenture to recover the amount of the shortfall.

19. SET-OFF

19.1 Set-off

The Security Agent may set off any matured obligation due from a Chargor under the Senior Finance Documents (to the extent beneficially owned by the Security Agent) against any matured obligation owed by the Security Agent to that Chargor, regardless of the place of payment, booking branch or currency of either obligation. If the obligations are in different currencies, the Security Agent may convert either obligation at a market rate of exchange in its usual course of business for the purpose of the set-off.

19.2 No Set-off

All payments to be made by a Chargor under this Debenture shall be calculated and be made without (and free and clear of any deduction for) set-off or counterclaim whatsoever unless required by law, in which event the relevant Chargor will pay an additional amount to ensure that the payment recipient receives the amount which would have been payable had no deduction been required to have been made.

20. RULING OFF

If the Security Agent or any other Secured Party receives notice of any subsequent Security or other interest affecting any of the Charged Property (except as permitted by the Senior Finance Documents) it may open a new account for the relevant Chargor in its books. If it does not do so then (unless it gives express notice to the contrary to the relevant Chargor), as from the time it receives that notice, all payments made by the relevant Chargor to it (in the absence of any express appropriation to the contrary) shall be treated as having been credited to a new account of the relevant Chargor and not as having been applied in reduction of the Secured Obligations.

21. REDEMPTION OF PRIOR CHARGES

The Security Agent may, at any time after a Declared Default has occurred, redeem any prior Security on or relating to any of the Charged Property or procure the transfer of that Security to itself, and may settle and pass the accounts of any person entitled to that prior Security. Any account so settled and passed shall (subject to any manifest error) be conclusive and binding on each Chargor. Each Chargor will, upon a demand made in writing to it, pay to the Security Agent all principal monies and interest and all losses incidental to any such redemption or transfer.

22. NOTICES

The provisions of clause 21 (*Notices*) of the Intercreditor Agreement shall, to the extent applicable to the Secured Parties and the Chargors, be deemed to be incorporated into this Debenture in full *mutatis mutandis*.

23. CHANGES TO PARTIES

23.1 Assignment by the Security Agent

The Security Agent may at any time assign or otherwise transfer all or any part of its rights under this Debenture in accordance with the Senior Finance Documents.

23.2 **New Subsidiaries**

Each of the Chargors will procure that any new Subsidiary of it which is required to do so by the terms of the Senior Finance Documents executes a Security Accession Deed (subject to such amendments as may be required in accordance with the Agreed Security Principles).

23.3 **Consent of Chargor**

Each Chargor consents to new Subsidiaries becoming Chargors as contemplated by Clause 23.2 (*New Subsidiaries*) above and confirms that the execution of any Security Accession Deed by a new Subsidiary will in no way prejudice or affect the Security granted by each of them under (and the covenants given by each of them in) this Debenture which shall remain in full force and effect as supplemented by any such Security Accession Deed.

24. **MISCELLANEOUS**

24.1 **Certificates Conclusive**

A certificate or determination of the Security Agent as to any amount payable under this Debenture will be conclusive and binding on each Chargor, except in the case of manifest error.

24.2 **Counterparts**

This Debenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Debenture.

24.3 **Deeds of Accession**

24.3.1 The Parent and each of the Chargors shall procure that each company which is required by the Senior Finance Documents to accede to this Debenture shall, within the timeframe prescribed by the Senior Finance Documents, execute and deliver a Security Accession Deed.

24.3.2 Each of the parties agrees that:

- (a) each Security Accession Deed shall be supplemental to this Debenture and be binding on and enure to the benefit of all the parties to this Debenture;
- (b) the execution of any Security Accession Deed will not prejudice or affect the Security granted by each other Chargor under (and the covenants given by each of them in) this Debenture or any previous Security Accession Deed and that this Debenture shall remain in full force and effect as supplemented by any such Security Accession Deed; and
- (c) the property and assets mortgaged, charged or assigned to the Security Agent (whether by way of legal mortgage, assignment or fixed or floating charge) by or pursuant to any Security Accession Deed shall form part of the Charged Property and references in this Debenture to the Security created by or pursuant to the Debenture will be deemed to include the Security created by or pursuant to any Security Accession Deed.

24.3.3 Delivery of a Security Accession Deed constitutes confirmation by the New Chargor (as such term is defined in the relevant Security Accession Deed) that the Repeating Representations are true and correct to the extent applicable to it as at the date of delivery as if made by reference to the facts and circumstances then existing.

24.4 **Invalidity of any Provision**

If any provision of this Debenture is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any law, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired in any way.

24.5 **Failure to Execute**

Failure by one or more parties ("**Non-Signatories**") to execute this Debenture on the date hereof will not invalidate the provisions of this Debenture as between the other parties who do execute this Debenture. Such Non-Signatories may execute a Security Accession Deed on a subsequent date and will thereupon become bound by the provisions of this Debenture.

25. **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

25.1 **Contractual recognition of bail-in**

Notwithstanding any other term of any Senior Finance Document or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding between the parties, each party acknowledges and accepts that any liability of any party to any other party under or in connection with the Senior Finance Documents may be subject to Bail-In Action by the relevant Resolution Authority and acknowledges and accepts to be bound by the effect of:

25.1.1 any Bail-In Action in relation to any such liability, including (without limitation):

- (a) a reduction, in full or in part, in the principal amount, or outstanding amount due (including any accrued but unpaid interest) in respect of any such liability;
- (b) a conversion of all, or part of, any such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership that may be issued to, or conferred on, it; and
- (c) a cancellation of any such liability; and

25.1.2 a variation of any term of any Senior Finance Document to the extent necessary to give effect to any Bail-In Action in relation to any such liability.

25.2 **Governing Law**

This Debenture and any dispute, proceedings or claims of whatever nature (including any non-contractual claims) arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

25.3 **Jurisdiction**

25.3.1 The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Debenture (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Debenture or any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with this Debenture) (**a "Dispute"**).

25.3.2 The parties agree that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle Disputes and accordingly no party will argue to the contrary.

25.3.3 This Clause 25.3 is for the benefit of the Secured Parties only. As a result, no Secured Party shall be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Secured Parties may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

IN WITNESS whereof this Debenture has been duly executed as a deed on the date first above written.

SCHEDULE 1**THE CHARGORS**

Name	Jurisdiction of incorporation	Registered number or equivalent
DFS Furniture plc	England	07236769
DFS Furniture Holdings plc	England	07218977
Diamond Holdco 2 Limited	England	07236785
Diamond Holdco 7 Limited	England	07236905
Sofology Limited	England	01778734
The Sofa Delivery Company Limited	England	12829127

SCHEDULE 2**SHARES AND INVESTMENTS****Shares**

Name and registered number of Chargor which holds the shares	Name And Registered Number of Company Issuing Shares	Number and class of shares
DFS Furniture plc (07236769)	Diamond Holdco 2 Limited (07236785)	100 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each
DFS Furniture Holdings plc (07218977)	DFS Furniture Company Ltd (00972107)	111,368,008 Ordinary shares of £0.05 each
Diamond Holdco 2 Limited (07236785)	Diamond Holdco 7 Limited (07236905)	100 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each
Diamond Holdco 7 Limited (07236905)	DFS Furniture Holdings plc (07218977)	102,275,002 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each
Sofology Limited (01778734)	Sofaworks Limited (09581581)	1 Ordinary share of £1.00
Sofology Limited (01778734)	Haydock Furniture Limited (10411993)	100 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each

Investments

Name of Chargor which holds the investments	Name Issuer	Number and description of investments
N/A	N/A	N/A

SCHEDULE 3

MATERIAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

None at the date of this Debenture.

SCHEDULE 4

BANK ACCOUNTS

None specifically listed.

SCHEDULE 5

INTRA-GROUP DOCUMENTS

None at the date of this Debenture.

SCHEDULE 6

FORMS OF NOTICES

PART 1

FORM OF ACCOUNT NOTICE

To: [insert name and address of Account Bank] (the "**Account Bank**") Dated: [●]

Dear Sirs

Re: **The [●] Group of Companies - Security over Bank Accounts**

We notify you that each of [insert names of Chargors] (the "**Chargors**") has charged to [insert name of Security Agent] (the "**Security Agent**") for the benefit of itself and certain other banks and financial institutions all their right, title and interest in and to the monies from time to time standing to the credit of the accounts identified in the schedule to this notice (the "**Charged Accounts**") and to all interest (if any) accruing on the Charged Accounts by way of a debenture dated [●] (the "**Debenture**").

1. Prior to the receipt by you of a notice from the Security Agent specifying that a Declared Default (as defined in the Debenture) has occurred, the Chargors will have the sole right: (i) to operate and transact business in relation to the Charged Accounts (including making withdrawals from and effecting closures of the Charged Accounts), and (ii) to deal with you in relation to the Charged Accounts.
2. Following receipt by you of a written notice from the Security Agent specifying that a Declared Default has occurred under the Debenture (but not at any other time) the Chargors irrevocably authorise you:
 - 2.1 to hold all monies from time to time standing to the credit of the Charged Accounts to the order of the Security Agent and to pay all or any part of those monies to the Security Agent (or as it may direct) promptly following receipt of written instructions from the Security Agent to that effect; and
 - 2.2 to disclose to the Security Agent any information relating to the Chargor and the Charged Accounts which the Security Agent may from time to time request you to provide.
3. The provisions of this notice may only be revoked or varied with the written consent of the Security Agent and the Chargors.
4. Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this notice to the Security Agent (with a copy to the Chargors) by way of your confirmation that:
 - 4.1 you agree to act in accordance with the provisions of this notice;
 - 4.2 you have not previously received notice (other than notices which were subsequently irrevocably withdrawn) that any Chargor has assigned its rights to the monies standing to the credit of the Charged Accounts or otherwise granted any security or other interest over those monies in favour of any third party; and
 - 4.3 you have not claimed or exercised, nor do you have outstanding any right to claim or exercise against any Chargor, any right of set-off, counter-claim or other right relating to the Charged Accounts, except prior security interests in favour of you created or arising by operation of law or in your standard terms and conditions (including, as

applicable, for the netting of credit and debit balances pursuant to current account netting arrangements).

5. This notice and any matter, claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this notice, whether contractual or non-contractual, is to be governed by and determined in accordance with English law.

SCHEDULE

Customer	Account Number	Sort Code	Status
[●]	[●]	[●]	Not blocked

Yours faithfully

.....
for and on behalf of *[Insert name of Chargor]*

Counter-signed by

.....
for and on behalf of
[Insert name of Security Agent]

[On acknowledgement copy]

To: **[Insert name and address of Security Agent]**

Copy to: **[Insert name of Chargor]**

We acknowledge receipt of the above notice and confirm the matters set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 above.

.....
for and on behalf of
[Insert name of Account Bank]

Dated: [●]

PART 2

FORM OF COUNTERPARTY NOTICE

To: [insert name and address of insurance company/counterparty] **Dated: [●]**

Dear Sirs

Re: [here identify the relevant Assigned Agreement/ Hedging Agreement] (the "[Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]]")

We notify you that, [insert name of Chargor] (the "**Chargor**") has [charged in favour of]/[assigned to] [insert name of Security Agent] (the "**Security Agent**") for the benefit of itself and certain other banks and financial institutions (the "**Secured Parties**") all its right, title and interest in the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]] as security **for certain obligations owed by the Chargor to the Secured Parties by way of a debenture dated [●] (the "Debenture").**

We further notify you that:

1. you may continue to deal with the Chargor in relation to the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]] until you receive written notice to the contrary from the Security Agent that a Declared Default has occurred. Thereafter, the Chargor will cease to have any right to deal with you in relation to the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]] and therefore from that time you should deal only with the Security Agent;
2. after the receipt of written notice that a Declared Default has occurred in accordance with paragraph 1 above, you must:
 - 2.1 pay all monies to which the Chargor is entitled under the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]] direct to the Security Agent (or as it may direct) promptly following receipt of written instructions from the Security Agent to that effect; and
 - 2.2 disclose to the Security Agent any information relating to the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]] which the Security Agent may from time to time request in writing.
3. The provisions of this notice may only be revoked or varied with the written consent of the Security Agent and the Chargor.
4. Please sign and return the enclosed copy of this notice to the Security Agent (with a copy to the Chargor) by way of confirmation that:
 - 4.1 you agree to act in accordance with the provisions of this notice;
 - 4.2 you have not previously received notice (other than any notices which were subsequently irrevocably withdrawn) that the Chargor has assigned its rights under the agreement to a third party or created any other interest (whether by way of security or otherwise) in the agreement in favour of a third party; and
 - 4.3 you have not claimed or exercised, nor do you have any outstanding right to claim or exercise against the Chargor any right of set-off, counter-claim or other right relating to the [Agreement]/Polic[y]/[ies]].

This notice and any matter, claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this notice, whether contractual or non-contractual, is to be governed by and determined in accordance with English law.

Yours faithfully

.....
for and on behalf of [*insert
name of Chargor*]

[*On acknowledgement copy*]

To: [*insert name and address of Security Agent*]

Copy to: [*insert name and address of Chargor*]

We acknowledge receipt of the above notice and confirm the matters set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3 above.

.....
for and on behalf of
[*insert name of Counterparty*]

Dated:

SCHEDULE 7

FORM OF SECURITY ACCESSION DEED

THIS SECURITY ACCESSION DEED is made on [●]

BETWEEN:

- (1) [●] Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number [●] (the "New Chargor");
- (2) [●] (the "Parent") and [●] (the "Company") for itself and as agent for and on behalf of each of the other Chargors (as defined in the Debenture referred to below); and
- (3) [●] as security trustee for itself and the other Secured Parties (the "Security Agent").

RECITAL:

This deed is supplemental to a debenture dated [●] between, amongst others, the Chargors named therein and the Security Agent, as previously supplemented and amended by earlier Security Accession Deeds (if any) (the "Debenture").

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

Terms defined in the Debenture shall have the same meaning when used in this deed.

1.2 Construction

Clauses 1.2 (*Construction*) to 1.6 (*Miscellaneous*) of the Debenture will be deemed to be set out in full in this deed, but as if references in those clauses to the Debenture were references to this deed.

2. ACCESSION OF NEW CHARGOR

2.1 Accession

The New Chargor agrees to be a Chargor for the purposes of the Debenture with immediate effect and agrees to be bound by all of the terms of the Debenture as if it had originally been a party to it as a Chargor.

2.2 Covenant to pay

Subject to any limits on its liability specifically recorded in the Senior Finance Documents, the New Chargor as primary obligor covenants with the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) that it will on demand pay the Secured Obligations when they fall due for payment.

2.3 Fixed Security

The New Chargor, as continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, charges in favour of the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) with full title guarantee the following assets, both present and future, from time to time owned by it or in which it has an interest:

2.3.1 by way of first fixed charge:

- (a) all of its Shares and Investments and all corresponding Related Rights;
- (b) all of right, title and interest in its Material Intellectual Property;
- (c) all of right, title and interest in its Equipment;
- (d) all of its Trading Receivables and all rights and claims against third parties and against any security in respect of those Trading Receivables;
- (e) all of its Other Debts and all rights against third parties in respect of those Other Debts;
- (f) all monies standing to the credit of the Operating Accounts and any other banks accounts which it may have with any bank, financial institution or other person and all of its rights, title and interest in relation to those accounts;
- (g) all rights and interest in the Hedging Agreements;
- (h) the benefit of all licences, consents and agreements held by it in connection with the use of any of its assets;
- (i) its goodwill and uncalled capital; and
- (j) if not effectively assigned by Clause 2.5 (*Security Assignment*), all its rights and interests in (and claims under) the Assigned Agreements.

2.4 **Floating charge**

2.4.1 As further continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, the New Chargor charges with full title guarantee in favour of the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) by way of first floating charge all its present and future assets, undertakings and rights not effectively charged by way of fixed charge under Clause 3.1 (*Fixed Security*) or assigned under Clause 3.3 (*Security Assignment*).

2.4.2 Paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 shall apply to the floating charge created under this Clause 2.4 (*Floating Charge*).

2.5 **Security Assignment**

As further continuing security for the payment of the Secured Obligations, the New Chargor assigns absolutely with full title guarantee to the Security Agent (for the benefit of itself and the other Secured Parties) all its rights, title and interest in the Assigned Agreements, provided that on payment and discharge in full of the Secured Obligations the Security Agent will at the request and cost of the New Chargor re-assign the Assigned Agreements to the New Chargor (or as it shall direct) as soon as reasonably practicable. Subject to the Senior Finance Documents and Clause 7.3 (*Assigned Agreements and Hedging Agreements*) of the Debenture, until the occurrence of a Declared Default the New Chargor may continue to deal with the counterparties to the Assigned Agreements.

3. **CONSENT OF EXISTING CHARGORS**

The existing Chargors agree to the terms of this deed and agree that its execution will in no way prejudice or affect the Security granted by each of them under (and covenants given by each of them in) the Debenture.

4. **NEGATIVE PLEDGE**

Clause 5 (*Negative Pledge*) of the Debenture shall be deemed to be incorporated into this deed in full *mutatis mutandis*.

5. **CONSTRUCTION OF DEBENTURE**

The Debenture and this deed shall be read together as one instrument on the basis that references in the Debenture to "**this deed**" or "**this Debenture**" will be deemed to include this deed. The provisions of Clause 3.4 (*Conversion of Floating Charge*) to Clause 24.5 (*Failure to Execute*) (inclusive) of the Debenture shall, to the extent applicable to each New Chargor be deemed to be incorporated into this deed in full *mutatis mutandis*.

6. **NOTICES**

The New Chargor confirms that its address details for notices in relation to Clause 22 (*Notices*) of the Debenture are as follows:

Address: [●]

Attention: [●]

7. **GOVERNING LAW**

This deed and any dispute, proceedings or claims of whatever nature arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the parties agree that the courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this deed (including any non-contractual claims arising out of or in association with it or a dispute regarding the existence, validity or termination of this deed).

IN WITNESS whereof this deed has been duly executed on the date first above written.

SCHEDULES TO DEED OF ACCESSION SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1

SHARES AND INVESTMENTS

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SCHEDULE 2

MATERIAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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SCHEDULE 3

BANK ACCOUNTS

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SCHEDULE 4

INTRA-GROUP DOCUMENTS

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SIGNATORIES TO SECURITY ACCESSION DEED THE NEW CHARGOR

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by

[Name of New Chargor] acting by:

[•] as Director:

Witness:

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Notice Details

Address: **[•]**

Attention: **[•]**

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by

[Name of Parent] acting by:

[•] as Director:

Witness:

Name:

Address:

Occupation:

Notice Details

Address: **[•]**

Attention: **[•]**

EXECUTED as a **DEED** by

[*Name of Company*] acting by:

[•] as Director:

Witness:

Name:

Address:

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EXECUTION PAGES

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John Fallon

.....
Full Name (Director)

.....

Signature of Director

in the presence of:

Donna Wooding

.....
Full Name (Witness)

~~Donna Wooding~~

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The Security Agent

Signed by **LLOYDS BANK PLC**
acting by

Callum Reid

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Full Name (Authorised Signatory)



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Signature of Director