UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 14, 2022

NEXTDECADE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-36842 (Commission File Number)

46-5723951 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900, Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

<u>(713) 574-1880</u>

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

 $\underline{N/A}$ (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) |
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| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) |
| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |
| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e 4(c)) |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class: | Trading Symbol | Name of each exchange on which registered: |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | NEXT | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 14, 2022, NextDecade Corporation (the "Company") entered into a common stock purchase agreement (the "Stock Purchase Agreement") for a private placement (the "Private Placement") with several institutional investors (collectively, the "Purchasers"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell, and the Purchasers severally agreed to purchase, an aggregate of 15,454,160 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock"), at a purchase price of \$5.50 per share for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$85.0 million. The Private Placement closed on September 19, 2022 (the "Closing Date").

The Stock Purchase Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants from the Company and the Purchasers. Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, the Company agreed to indemnify the Purchasers and their respective affiliates (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses (including fees and disbursements of counsel) incurred by the Indemnified Parties arising out of the Stock Purchase Agreement, except to the extent such claim, damages, loss or expense is found in a final order to have resulted from such Indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") on September 19, 2022 with the Purchasers. Under the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company is required to file a registration statement within 15 days after the Closing Date with respect to the resale of shares of Common Stock held by the Purchasers. Additionally, the Purchasers may in certain instances elect to dispose of shares of Common Stock held by the Purchasers. The Registration Rights Agreement also contains customary indemnification obligations.

The shares to be issued to the Purchasers under the Stock Purchase Agreement were issued pursuant to an exemption from registration provided for under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Rule 506 of Regulation D, which is promulgated thereunder. The Company relied on this exemption from registration based in part on representations made by the Purchasers.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC served as placement agent in connection with the Private Placement, and the Company has agreed to pay customary placement fees and reimburse certain expenses of the placement agent.

The foregoing summaries of the Stock Purchase Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Stock Purchase Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto, respectively, and incorporated herein by reference.

No Offer or Solicitation

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY. THE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES ABSENT REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT. THE COMPANY IS FILING THIS CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND ECONMISSION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF REPORTING ITS ENTRY INTO THE AGREEMENTS REFERENCED ABOVE, AS REQUIRED BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The information regarding the Private Placement set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits



Common Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 14, 2022, by and between the Company and the Purchasers Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 19, 2022, by and between the Company and the Purchasers Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: September 19, 2022

NEXTDECADE CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Vera de Gyarfas Name: Vera de Gyarfas Title: General Counsel

COMMON STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This COMMON STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of September 14, 2022 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), is entered into by and between NextDecade Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("<u>NextDecade</u>" or the "<u>Company</u>"), and each purchaser identified on the Schedule of Purchasers attached hereto as <u>Schedule 1</u> (each, a "<u>Purchaser</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Purchasers</u>"). NextDecade and each of the Purchasers are referred to herein individually as a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Party</u>".

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Purchasers have indicated their interest to the Company in participating in an offering (the "Common Stock Equity Offering") by the Company of shares of Common Stock (as defined herein); and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to sell to the Purchasers, and the Purchasers desire to purchase from the Company, Common Stock as more fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Section 1. **DEFINITIONS**. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified Person.

"Agreement" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto; it includes the Exhibits and Schedules hereto.

"Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by Law to be closed in the City of New York.

"Charter Documents" means, collectively, the certificate of incorporation, articles of incorporation, bylaws, certificate of designations or board resolutions establishing the terms of any security, certificate of formation, operating agreement, limited liability company agreement and similar formation or organizational documents of any entity.

"Closing" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.3.

"Closing Date" has the meaning assigned to it in Exhibit B

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, \$0.0001 par value.

"Common Stock Equity Offering" has the meaning assigned to it in the Recitals hereto.

"Company" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"Company Benefit Plan" means each (i) "employee benefit plan" within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, (ii) other benefit and compensation plan, contract, policy, program, practice, arrangement or agreement, including, but not limited to, pension, profit-sharing, savings, termination, executive compensation, phantom stock, change-in-control, retention, salary continuation, vacation, sick leave, disability, death benefit, insurance, hospitalization, medical, dental, life (including all individual life insurance policies as to which the Company or its Subsidiaries are the owners, the beneficiaries, or both), employee loan, educational assistance, fringe benefit, deferred compensation, retirement or post-retirement, severance, equity or equity-based, incentive and bonus plan, contract, policy, program, practice, program, and arrangement, on soluting or other individual agreement, plan, practice, policy, contract, program, and arrangement, in each case, (x) which is sponsored or maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries any actual or potential liability.

"Company IRS Form" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.4(h).

"Control" (including the terms "control" "controled by" and "under common control with"), with respect to the relationship between or among two or more Persons, means the possession, directly or indirectly or as trustee, personal representative or executor, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the affairs, policies or management of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, as trustee, personal representative or executor, by contract, credit arrangement or otherwise.

"Disclosure Document" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.20.

"Effective Date" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto

"Encumbrance" means any security interest, pledge, mortgage, lien, claim, option, charge, restriction or encumbrance.

"Environmental Claim" means any claim, action, cause of action, suit, proceeding, investigation, Order, demand or notice by any Person alleging liability (including liability for investigatory costs, cleanup costs, governmental response costs, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injuries, attorneys' fees, consultants' fees, fines or penalties) arising out of, based on, resulting from or relating to (a) the presence or Release of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Materials; (b) circumstances forming the basis of any violation, or alleged violation, of any Environmental Law; or (c) any other matters covered or regulated by, or for which liability is imposed under, Environmental Laws.

"Environmental Laws" means all applicable Laws relating to pollution, the protection, restoration or remediation of or prevention of harm to the environment or natural resources (including plant and animal species), or the protection of human health and safety, including Laws relating to: (i) the exposure to, or Releases or threatened Releases of, Hazardous Materials; (ii) the generation, manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, containment, disposal, storage, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials; or (iii) recordkeeping, notification, disclosure and reporting requirements respecting Hazardous Materials.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any Person (whether or not incorporated) that together with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is treated as a single employer within the meaning of Section 414 of the Code.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor statute.

"Fundamental Representations" means (i) with respect to the Company, those representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Sections 4.2 (Organization and Qualification; Subsidiaries), 4.3 (Authorization; Enforcement; Validity), 4.4 (No Conflicts), 4.5 (Consents and Approvals), 4.6 (Capitalization) and 4.7 (Valid Issuance), and (ii) with respect to the Purchasers, those representations and warranties of the Purchasers set forth in Sections 5.1 (Organization and Qualification), 5.2 (Authorization; Enforcement; Validity), 5.3 (No Conflicts) and 5.4 (Consents and Approvals).

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, national, supranational, foreign, state, provincial, local, county, municipal or other government, any governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency, department, bureau, board, commission or official or any quasi-governmental or private body exercising any regulatory, taxing, importing or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority, or any court, tribunal, judicial or arbitral body, or any Self-Regulatory Organization.

"Hazardous Materials" means: (a) any hazardous materials, hazardous substances, toxic wastes, solid wastes, and toxic substances as those or similar terms are defined under any Environmental Laws; (b) any asbestos or asbestos containing material; (c) polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs"), or PCB containing materials or fluids; (d) radon; (e) any petroleum, petroleum hydrocarbons, petroleum products, crude oil and any fractions or derivatives thereof; (f) per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other emerging contaminants, and (g) any other substance, material, chemical, waste, pollutant, or contaminant that, whether by its nature or its use, or exposure to is subject to regulation or could give rise to liability under any Laws relating to pollution, waste, human health and safety, or the environment.

"Indemnified Party" means each Purchaser, its Affiliates, and each of their respective directors, managers, portfolio managers, investment advisors, officers, principals, partners, members, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), trustees, controlling persons, predecessors, successors and assigns, Subsidiaries, employees, agents, advisors, attorneys and representatives.

"Insolvency Event" means, with respect to any Person, the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) such Person shall (A) (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking relief under Title 11 of the United States Code, Sections 101 et. seq. (the "Bankruptey Code") or any other federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or similar Law, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contravene in a timely and appropriate manner, any such proceeding or the filing of any such petition, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator or similar official for such Person or for a substantial part of its property or assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or (vi) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing or (B) such Person shall become unable, admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due; or

(b) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (A) relief in respect of such Person or of a substantial part of the property or assets of such Person, under the Bankruptcy Code or any other federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar Law, (B) the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator or similar official for such Person or for a substantial part of the property of such Person or (C) the winding-up or liquidation of such Person; and such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed for sixty (60) days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall have been entered. "Intellectual Property" means the following intellectual property rights, both statutory and common law rights, if applicable: (a) copyrights and registrations and applications for registration thereof, (b) trademarks, service marks, trade names, slogans, domain names, logos, trade dress, and registrations for registrations for registrations thereof, (c) patents, as well as any reissued and reexamined patents and extensions thereto, and any patent applications, continuations in part and divisional applications and patents issuing therefrom, and (d) trade secrets and confidential information, including ideas, designs, concepts, compilations of information, methods, techniques, procedures, processes and other know-how, whether or not patentable.

"Investment Company Act" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 4.21.

"K&L" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.4(f)

"K&L Opinion" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.4(f).

"Knowledge" means with respect to the Company, the actual knowledge after due inquiry of the persons set forth on Schedule 1.1(a)

"Law" means any applicable federal, national, supranational, foreign, state, provincial, local, county, municipal or similar statute, law, common law, guideline, policy, ordinance, regulation, rule, code, constitution, treaty, requirement, judgment or judicial or administrative doctrines enacted, promulgated, issued, enforced or entered by any Governmental Authority.

"Material Adverse Effect" means any effect, change, event, occurrence, development, or state of facts that, individually or in the aggregate with all other such effects, changes, events, occurrences, developments, or states of fact, (A) has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or otherwise), or results of operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (B) would, or would reasonably be expected to, prevent or materially impair the ability of the Company to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, *but expressly excluding* in the case of the foregoing clause (A) any such effect, change, event, occurrence, development, or state of facts, either alone or in combination, to the extent arising out of or resulting from:

(a) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the public announcement or other publicity with respect to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that the exception set forth in this clause (a) shall not apply to the representations and warranties of <u>Section 4.4</u> or to the representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 4.5</u>:

(b) general economic conditions (or changes in such conditions) in the United States or conditions in the global economy generally that do not affect the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the liquefied natural gas export industry (in which case only such disproportionate impact shall be considered);

(c) any acts of terrorism, sabotage, war, the outbreak or escalation of hostilities, weather conditions, change in geopolitical conditions, public health event, pandemic (including COVID-19), epidemic, disease outbreak or other force majeure events, in each case, including any worsening thereof that do not affect the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the liquefied natural gas export industry (in which case only such disproportionate impact shall be considered);

(d) changes in the trading price or trading volume of the Common Stock;

(e) conditions (or changes in such conditions) generally affecting the liquefied natural gas export industry that do not affect the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the liquefied natural gas export industry (in which case only such disproportionate impact shall be considered);

(f) conditions (or changes in such conditions) in the financial markets, credit markets or capital markets in the United States or any other country or region, including (i) changes in interest rates in the United States or any other country and changes in exchange rates for the currencies of any countries or (ii) any suspension of trading in securities (whether equity, debt, derivative or hybrid securities) generally (other than a suspension of the trading of the Company's Common Stock, which constitutes a Material Adverse Effect, provided such suspension is not part of a broader suspension of securities) on any securities exchange or over-the-counter market operating in the United States or any other country or region in each case, that do not affect the Company as a whole disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the liquefied natural gas export industry (in which case only such disproportionate impact shall be considered); or

(g) any changes in any Laws or any accounting regulations or principles that do not affect the Company, taken as a whole, disproportionately as compared to other similarly situated participants in the liquefied natural gas export industry (in which case only such disproportionate impact shall be considered).

Notwithstanding any provision of the preceding sentence to the contrary, the occurrence of an Insolvency Event in respect of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company shall be deemed to constitute a Material Adverse Effect.

"Material Contracts" means all "material contracts" of the Company within the meaning of Item 601 of Regulation S-K of the SEC.

"NASDAQ" means The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.

"NextDecade" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"OFAC" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"Officer's Certificate" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.4(i).

"Order" means any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, ruling, directive, stipulation, determination or award made, issued or entered by or with any Governmental Authority, whether preliminary, interlocutory or final.

"Party" or "Parties" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"Permits" means all permits, consents, approvals, registrations, licenses, authorizations, qualifications and filings with and under all federal, state, local or foreign Laws and Governmental Authorities.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability company, association, joint venture, trust, Governmental Authority, unincorporated organization or other entity, as well as any syndicate or group that would be deemed to be a person under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.

"Placement Agent" means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.

"Purchase Price" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 2.2

"Purchaser" has the meaning assigned to it in the preamble hereto.

"Purchaser Material Adverse Effect" means any event, circumstance, development, change or effect that, individually or in the aggregate, does or would reasonably be expected to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of the applicable Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

"Registration Rights Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

"Release" means any release, spill, emission, discharge, leaking, pouring, dumping, emptying, pumping, injection, deposit, disposal, dispersal, leaching or migration into the indoor or outdoor environment (including soil, sediment, ambient air, surface water, groundwater and surface or subsurface strata) or into or out of any property, including the movement of Hazardous Materials through or in the air, soil, surface water, groundwater or property.

"Sanctioned Person" means any Person that is the target of Sanctions, including, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions related list of designated Persons maintained by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State, by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, (b) any Person located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Territory, or (c) any Person directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing clauses (a) and (b).

"Sanctioned Territory" means a country or territory that is the subject or target of Sanctions, including Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Sudan, the Crimea region of Ukraine and the so-called Donetsk People's Republic or so-called Luhansk People's Republic.

"Sanctions" means economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by relevant Governmental Authorities, including, but not limited those administered by the U.S. government through OFAC or the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union and enforced by its member states, the United Nations or Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom.

"SEC" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 4.8(a)

"SEC Reports" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 4.8(a).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor statute.

"Self-Regulatory Organization" means any securities exchange, futures exchange, contract market, any other exchange or corporation or similar self-regulatory body or organization applicable to a Party to this Agreement, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person of which the first Person owns, directly or indirectly, securities or other ownership interests having voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions for such Person (or, if there are no such voting interests, more than 50% of the equity interests allowing for effective control of the second Person).

"Survival Period" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 9.3.

"Tax" (and, with correlative meaning, "Taxes" and "Taxable") means: any taxes, customs, duties, charges, fees, levies, penalties or other assessments, fees and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including income, profits, gross receipts, net proceeds, windfall profit, severance, property, personal property (tangible and intangible), production, sales, use, leasing or lease, license, excise, duty, franchise, capital stock, net worth, employment, occupation, payroll, withholding, social security (or similar), unemployment, disability, payroll, fuel, excess profits, occupational, premium, severance, estimated, alternative or add-on minimum, ad valorem, value added, turnover, transfer, stamp or environmental tax, or any other tax, custom, duty, fee, levy or other like assessment or charge of any kind whatsoever, together with any interest, penalty, addition to tax, or additional amount attributable thereto.

"Tax Representations" means those representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 4.20.

"Tax Returns" means any return, report, statement, information return or other document (including any amendments thereto and any related or supporting information) filed or required to be filed with any Governmental Authority in connection with the determination, assessment, collection or administration of any Taxes or the administration of any laws, regulations or administrative requirements relating to any Taxes.

"Transfer Agent" means Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Co.

"Transaction Documents" means this Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement and any other documents or exhibits related hereto or thereto or contemplated hereby or thereby.

"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations promulgated under the Code, by the United States Department of the Treasury, as such regulations may be amended from time to time. All references herein to specific sections of the regulations shall be deemed also to refer to any corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations, and any reference to temporary regulations shall be deemed also to refer to any corresponding provisions of final regulations.

Section 2. AGREEMENT TO SELL AND PURCHASE

2.1 <u>Sale and Purchase of Shares</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, at the Closing (as defined below), the Company hereby agrees to issue and sell to the Purchasers, and each of the Purchasers, severally and not jointly, hereby agree to purchase from the Company the number of shares of Common Stock set forth under the heading "Shares" opposite such Purchaser's name on <u>Schedule I</u> hereto, free and clear of all Encumbrances (except for any restriction on transfer under the Securities Act or applicable "blue sky" laws).

2.2_Purchase Price. The purchase price for the Common Stock to be purchased by the Purchasers hereby shall be \$5.50 per share such that the aggregate purchase price to be paid by the Purchasers shall be \$84,997,877.50 (the "Purchase Price").

2.3 <u>Closing</u>. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the closing of the transactions contemplated hereby (the "<u>Closing</u>") will occur in accordance with the terms set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto. The Closing shall take place at the offices of NextDecade Corporation, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900, Houston, Texas 77002 or such other place as the Parties mutually agree. The Parties agree that the Closing may occur via delivery of facsimiles, email, .pdf attachments or photocopies of the applicable Transaction Documents. Unless otherwise provided herein, all proceedings to be taken and all documents to be executed and delivered by all Parties at the Closing will be deemed to have been taken and executed simultaneously, and no proceedings will be deemed to have been taken nor documents executed or delivered until all have been taken, executed and delivered.

2.4 Actions at the Closing. At the Closing, the Purchasers and the Company (as applicable) shall take or cause to be taken the following actions:

(a) <u>Payment of the Purchase Price</u>. Each Purchaser shall pay the amount set forth under the heading "Purchase Price" opposite such Purchaser's name on <u>Schedule I</u> hereto with respect to the shares of Common Stock purchased by such Purchaser pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u> to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account specified by the Company to such Purchaser in writing.

(b)__<u>Issuance of Common Stock</u>. The Company shall deliver to each Purchaser evidence of its shares of Common Stock (its "<u>Allocation</u>"), purchased by such Purchaser pursuant to this <u>Section 2</u>, issued in book-entry form with a notation in the Company's stock transfer records, containing the restrictive legend set forth in <u>Section 5.9</u>, and duly authorized by all requisite corporate action on the part of the Company.

(c) Registration Rights Agreement. The Purchasers (severally and not jointly) and the Company shall have executed and delivered the Registration Rights Agreement.

(d) <u>Good Standing Certificate</u>. The Company shall deliver to each Purchaser a certificate of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that the Company is in good standing (the "Good Standing Certificate").

(e) <u>Company Secretary's Certificate</u>. The Company shall deliver to each Purchaser a certificate of the Secretary of the Company (the "<u>Secretary's Certificate</u>"), dated the Closing Date, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as <u>Exhibit C</u>, certifying that attached thereto are (1) true and complete copies of the Company's (x) certificate of incorporation and (y) bylaws, (2) resolutions of the board of directors of the Company authorizing the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and (3) a schedule of the incumbent officers authorized to execute the Transaction Documents, setting forth the name and title and bearing the signatures of such officers.

(f) Legal Opinion. The Purchasers shall have received a written opinion (the "K&L Opinion") of K&L Gates LLP ("K&L") dated as of the Closing Date, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit D, executed by K&L and addressed to the Purchasers.

(g) Form W-9 or W-8. Each Purchaser shall deliver a validly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or applicable form W-8 to the Company.

(h)_Additional Documents. The Company shall have delivered to each Purchaser such other documents relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as the Purchasers or their counsel may reasonably request, including, at least three (3) Business Days prior to the Closing Date, an Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or W-8BEN-E, as applicable, of the Company, duly completed and expected by the Company by manual or facsimile signature (the "Company IRS Form").

(i) <u>Company Officer's Certificate</u>. The Company shall deliver a certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the "<u>Officer's Certificate</u>"), dated as of the Closing Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchasers, certifying that the conditions specified in <u>Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7</u> and <u>3.8</u> have been fulfilled.

(j) Failure to Close. If the Closing does not occur within three (3) Business Days after the Closing Date and any Purchaser shall have paid into the bank account referenced in Section 2.4(a) above on or prior to the Closing Date the purchase price for its Allocation, then the Company shall promptly (but not later than one (1) Business Day thereafter) return to each Purchaser the amount set forth opposite such Purchaser's name on Schedule 1 hereto by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account specified by such Purchaser, and any book-entries for the shares shall be deemed repurchased and cancelled; provided that, unless this Agreement has been terminated pursuant to Section 6 hereof, such return of funds shall not terminate this Agreement.

2.5 <u>Transfer Taxes and Expenses</u>. All of the Common Stock issued to the Purchasers pursuant to this Agreement will be delivered with any and all transfer agent fees and any and all issue, stamp, transfer or similar Taxes or duties payable in connection with such delivery duly paid by the Company.

2.6 Independent Nature of Purchasers' Obligations and Rights. The obligations of each Purchaser under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Purchaser, and no Purchaser shall be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other Purchaser under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document. Nothing contained herein or in any other Transaction Document, and no action taken by any Purchaser pursuant thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Purchasers as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of group or entity (including a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), or create a presumption that the Purchasers are in any way acting in concert or as a group for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) or create a presumption that the Purchaser shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights, including the rights arising out of this Agreement, and it shall not be necessary for any other Purchaser to be joined as an additional party in any proceeding for such purpose.

Section 3. CLOSING CONDITIONS. Each Purchaser's obligation to purchase its Allocation at the Closing is subject to the fulfillment or (to the extent permitted by applicable law) written waiver by such Purchaser, on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:

3.1_<u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representation and warranties made by the Company in <u>Section 4</u> hereof shall be true and correct all material respects (or, to the extent representations or warranties are qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) when made and on the Closing Date (unless made as of a specified date therein, which such representations and warranties shall be accurate in all material respects (or, to the extent such representation and warranties are qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects (or, to the extent such representation and warranties are qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) as of such date).

3.2 <u>Covenants</u>. The Company shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with the covenants, agreements and conditions required by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to be performed, satisfied or complied with by the Company at or prior to Closing.

3.3__Closing Deliverables. The Purchaser shall have received from the Company the Good Standing Certificate, the Secretary's Certificate, the Officer's Certificate, the K&L Opinion and the Company IRS Form, each duly completed and executed.

3.4 <u>Transaction Documents</u>. The Company and the Purchaser shall have executed and delivered the Registration Rights Agreement and the Company shall have executed and delivered all Transaction Documents aside from than this Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement.

3.5 Material Adverse Effect. No Material Adverse Effect has occurred.

3.6 ______ Transfer Agent Matters. The Company shall have furnished all required materials to the Transfer Agent to reflect the issuance of the Allocation at the Closing.

3.7_Listing. The Common Stock shall be listed on the NASDAQ and shall not have been suspended, as of the Closing Date, by the SEC or NASDAQ from trading thereon nor shall suspension by the SEC or NASDAQ and shall not have been threatened, as of the Closing Date, either (i) by the SEC or NASDAQ or (ii) by falling below the minimum listing maintenance requirements of NASDAQ (with a reasonable prospect of delisting occurring after giving effect to all applicable notice, appeal, compliance and hearing periods); and the Company shall have filed with NASDAQ a Notification Form: Listing of Additional Shares for the listing of the Shares and shall have received no comments from NASDAQ objecting to the transactions contemplated herein.

3.8 <u>Legality</u>. The purchase of and payment for the Allocation by the Purchasers and the issuance and delivery of the Allocation by the Company shall not be prohibited, enjoined, made illegal or otherwise restrained by any law or governmental or court order, judgment, decree, writ, stipulation, determination, award, statute, rule or regulation, and no such prohibition, injunction or restraint, nor any proceeding seeking to impose such prohibition, injunction or restrain shall have been threatened to the Company.

4.2_Organization and Qualification: Subsidiaries. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has been duly organized and is validly existing and, except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, is in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, with the requisite power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as currently conducted. There is no other jurisdiction, aside from the States of Delaware and Texas, in which the Company is required to be qualified and/or in good standing to do business, except where such failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not have a Material Adverse Effect, individually or in the aggregate.

4.3_Authorization: Enforcement: Validity. The Company has all necessary corporate power and authority to enter into the Transaction Documents and to carry out its obligations thereunder, including the issuance to the Purchasers of the Common Stock pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u> of this Agreement. The execution and delivery by the Company of the Transaction Documents and the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder, have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of the Company, and no other action on the part of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by the Company of the Transaction Documents on the part of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by the Company of the Transaction Documents on the part of the Company. The Transaction Documents have been duly executed and delivered by the Company, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Purchasers, the Transaction Documents constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar Laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

4.4 No Conflicts. Assuming that all consents, approvals, authorizations and other actions described in Section 3.4 have been obtained, and except as may result from any facts or circumstances relating solely to any Purchaser, the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby do not and will not: (a) violate, conflict with or result in the breach of the Charter Documents of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (b) conflict with or violate any Law or Order applicable to the Company or any of its or their respective assets or properties; or (c) violate, conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default) under, require any consent under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration, suspension, revocation or cancellation of, any note, bond, mortgage or indenture, contract, agreement, lease, sublease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or arrangement to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or to which any of their respective assets or properties are subject, or result in the creation of any Encumbrance on any of their respective assets or properties, except, in the case of clauses (b) and (c), for any such conflict, violation, breach or default hat would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the agregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

4.5 <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents do not require any consent, approval, authorization or other Order of, action by, filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority or any other Person under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Law or Order applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or by which any of its or their assets or properties may be bound, any contract or agreement to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries may be bound, (a) in the case of the Registration Rights Agreement, the Registration Statement contemplated thereby or (b) otherwise, except for any consent, approval, authorization or other Order of, action by, filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority or any other Person under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Law or Order applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that, if not made or obtained, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

4.6 Capitalization.

(a) As of the date of this Agreement, and immediately prior to the issuance and sale of the Common Stock, the capitalization of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries is set forth in Schedule 4.6(a).

(b) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.6(b)</u>, there are no outstanding options, warrants, "phantom" stock rights, claims, calls, puts, convertible or exchangeable securities, or other contracts or rights of any nature obligating the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to issue, return, redeem, repurchase, transfer, deliver or sell equity interests or other securities or ownership interests in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and no Person is entitled to any preemptive or similar right with respect to the issuance of securities or other equity interests in the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(c) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.6(c)</u>, (x) to the Knowledge of the Company, there are no voting agreements, voting trusts, stockholder agreements, proxies or other similar agreements or understandings with respect to the equity interests of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or that restrict or grant any right, preference or privilege with respect to the transfer of such equity interests, and (y) there are no contracts to declare, make or pay any dividends or distributions, whether current or accumulated, or due or payable, on the equity interests of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(d) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.6(d)</u>, the Company has no authorized or outstanding class of equity securities ranking as to dividends, redemption or distribution of assets upon a liquidation senior to or *pari* passu with the Common Stock.

4.7 Valid Issuance

(a) Upon payment of each Purchaser's portion of the Purchase Price for its shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant hereto and the occurrence of the Closing, such Purchaser will be the owner, of record and beneficially, of the number of shares of Common Stock set forth under the heading "Shares" opposite such Purchaser's name on <u>Schedule 1</u> hereto, duly and validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable shares of Common Stock issued pursuant hereto. Each Purchaser shall have good and valid title to its shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant hereto, free and clear of any Encumbrances (except for any restriction on transfer under the Securities Act or applicable "blue sky" laws).

(b) Assuming the accuracy of the Purchasers' representations and warranties set forth herein, the offer, sale and issuance of such Common Stock as contemplated hereby are exempt from the registration and qualification requirements of the Securities Act, and will be issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities and blue sky laws. Neither the Company, nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor any Person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has taken any action that would cause the loss of such exemption. Neither the Company nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any of its Subsidiaries, any Person acting on behalf of the Company or its Subsidiaries, has offered or sold any of the Common Stock by any advertisement, article, notice or other communication regarding the Common Stock published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast over television or radio or presented at any public seminar or any other general solicitation or general advertisement.

4.8 SEC Reports; Financial Statements

(a) The Company has filed or furnished with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") all forms, reports, schedules, proxy statements (collectively, and in each case including all exhibits and schedules thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein and including all registration statements and prospectuses filed with the SEC, the "SEC Reports") required to be filed or furnished by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act during the three years preceding the date hereof. As of its date of filing or furnishing, each SEC Report compiled in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the Securities Act, as applicable, and none of such SEC Reports (including any audited or unaudited financial statements and any notes thereto or schedules included therein) contained when filed or furnished (except to the extent revised or superseded by a subsequent filing with the SEC that is publicly available prior to the date hereof any untrue statement of a material fact or omited or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. To the Knowledge of the Company, there are no outstanding or unresolved comments in comment letters from the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC with respect to any of the SEC Reports as of the date hereof.

(b) Each of the consolidated financial statements (including the notes thereto) included in the SEC Reports (i) complied as to form required by published rules and regulations of the SEC related thereto as of its date of films with the SEC, (ii) complied in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, (iii) was prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto or otherwise permitted by the SEC on Form 10-Q or any successor form under the Exchange Act) and (iv) presents fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, subject (in the case of unaudited financial statements) to normal year-end adjustments and any other adjustments described therein or in the notes or schedules thereto or the absence of footnotes (none of which are material).

(c) Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the SEC Reports, (i) there has not been any change in the capital stock (other than the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of stock options and warrants described as outstanding in, and the grant of options and awards under existing equity incentive plans described in, the SEC Reports), short-term debt or long-term debt of the Company or the Subsidiary, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared (other than payment-in-kind dividends pursuant to the Company's outstanding preferred stock), set aside for payment, paid or made by the Company on any class of capital stock, or any material adverse change, or any development that would reasonably be expected to result in a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the business, properties, management, financial position, stockholders' equity, results of operations or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiary taken as a whole; and (ii) neither the Company nor the Subsidiary taken as a whole and that is either from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except in each case as otherwise disclosed in the SEC Reports.

4.9_Undisclosed Liabilities. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.9</u>, and except for liabilities included or reserved for in the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Company or disclosed in the notes thereto included in the Company's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has incurred liabilities, including contingent liabilities, or any other obligations of a nature required to be disclosed on a consolidated balance sheet or in the notes thereto, except liabilities that are not material and were incurred in the ordinary course of business subsequent to the date of the consolidated balance sheet contained in the Company's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K.

4.10_<u>Contracts</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.10</u>, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is, or to the Knowledge of the Company, is alleged to be (nor, to the Company's Knowledge, is any other party to any Material Contract) in material default under, or in material breach or material violation of, any Material Contract, and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would constitute a material default by the Company any other party under any Material Contract. Other than Material Contracts which have terminated or expired in accordance with their terms, each of the Material Contracts is in full force and effect and is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company and, to the Knowledge of the Company, the other parties thereto enforceable against the Company and, to the Knowledge of the Company, such other parties in accordance with its terms (subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law)).

4.11_<u>Affiliate Transactions</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.11</u> or Part III, Item 13 of the Company's most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K or any subsequently filed Current Reports on Form 8-K, there are no transactions between the Company, on the one hand, and any (A) officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (B) to the Knowledge of the Company, record or beneficial owner of five (5) percent or more of the voting securities of the Company or (C) Affiliate or family member of any such officer or director or, to the Knowledge of the Company, record or beneficial owner, on the other hand, except employee benefit plans, executive compensation or director orgunesation, employment agreements, consulting agreements, indemnification agreements and similar transactions that would be required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Neither the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a guarantor or indemnitor of any indebtedness of any of the persons set forth in the foregoing clause (A) or, to the Knowledge of the Company, clauses (B) through (C).

4.12 Title. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries has good and marketable title to their respective owned properties and assets, and good leasehold title to their respective leasehold estates in leased properties and assets, in each case, subject to no Encumbrances, other than Encumbrances that would not reasonably be expected to result in, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

4.13 Compliance with Law; Permits.

(a) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) is in material violation or default of the Charter Documents of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, (ii) is in violation or default of any Order or any Law, except for such violations and defaults that would not reasonably be expected to result in, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect or (iii) has received, since January 1, 2019, any written notice of, and to the Knowledge of the Company, an investigation or review that is in process or threatened by any Governmental Authority with respect to, any material violation or alleged violation of any Order or Law.

(b) Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 4.13(b)</u> or as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (i) the Company and its Subsidiaries hold all Permits necessary for the lawful conduct of their respective businesses as they are presently being conducted, (ii) all Permits are in full force and effect, (iii) the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of the Permits, (iv) there are no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, modifications, amendments, cancellations, suspensions, limitations, nonrenewals or revocations of any Permit, and (v) there has occurred no event which (whether with notice or lapse of time or both) could reasonably be expected to result in or constitute the basis for such a modification, amendment, cancellation, suspension, limitation, nonrenewal or revocation thereof.

(c) The Company and the Subsidiary maintain an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that has been designed to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act and that has been designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company and its Subsidiaries have carried out evaluations of the effectiveness of their disclosure controls and procedures as required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act.

4.14_Litigation. Except as set forth in Schedule 4.14, no action, suit, claim, demand, hearing, investigation or other proceeding is pending against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any officer, director, manager, member, stockholder or employee of any such Person, and none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any officer, director, manager, member, stockholder or employee of any such Person, is subject to any outstanding injunction, judgment, order, decree, ruling or charge or, to the Knowledge of the Company, is threatened with being made a party to any action, suit, proceeding, hearing or investigation of, in, or before any Governmental Authority or before any architrator which, in all cases, are required to be described in the SEC Reports but are not described as required in the SEC Reports, or that would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

4.15 <u>Intellectual Property</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries own or have obtained valid and enforceable licenses for, or other legal and valid rights to use, the Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries as currently conducted, except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received from any third party a claim in writing that the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is infringing in any material respect the Intellectual Property rights of any third party.

4.16<u>Insurance</u>. Schedule 4.16 sets forth a true, correct and complete list of all of the insurance maintained for or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and claims made to date. All premiums with respect to such policies have been paid to the extent due and payable. No written notice of cancellation or termination has been received by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to any such policies that have not been replaced on substantially similar terms prior to the date of such cancellation or termination.

4.17 <u>Environmental Matters</u>. Since January 1, 2019, the Company and its Subsidiaries have been in compliance in all material respects with all Environmental Laws. To the Knowledge of the Company, there are no locations or premises where Hazardous Materials have been Released such that (A) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries would reasonably be expected to be obligated to remove, remediate or otherwise respond to pursuant to any Environmental Laws or (B) would reasonably be expected to result in a material liability of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to any Person under any Environmental Laws. There are no Environmental Claims pending, or to the Knowledge of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and there no actions, activities, circumstances, facts, conditions, events or incidents, including the presence of any Hazardous Material, which would be reasonably likely to form the basis of any such material Environmental Claim.

4.18 Company Benefit Plans

(a) Schedule 4.18 lists each material Company Benefit Plan, other than any Company Benefit Plan that is terminable at will or provides for an annual base salary of \$250,000 or less

(b) Neither the Company nor any of its ERISA Affiliates has ever maintained, sponsored, contributed to, or had an obligation to maintain, sponsor or contribute to, or has any liability under or with respect to (i) a "defined benefit plan," as defined in Section 3(35) of ERISA, (ii) a pension plan subject to the minimum funding standards of Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, (iii) a "multiemployer plan," as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA, (iv) a "multiple employer plan" (within the meaning of Section 413 of the Code), (v) a "voluntary employees' beneficiary association" (within the meaning of Section 501(c)(9) of the Code), (vi) an organization or trust described in Sections 501(c)(17) or 501(c)(20) of the Code or (vii) a "welfare benefits flund" described in Section 419(e) of the Code. No current or former employee, officer, director, consultant or other service provider of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is or may become entitled under any Company Benefit Plan to receive health, life insurance or other welfare benefits (whether or not insured), beyond their retirement or other termination of service, other the health continuation coverage as required by Section 4980B of the Code or other applicable law.

(c) Each Company Benefit Plan has been administered in all material respects in accordance with its terms and applicable Law. Each Company Benefit Plan intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has either received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or may rely on a favorable opinion letter issued by the IRS, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, nothing has occurred since the date of such determination or opinion letter that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect such qualification.

(d) Except as would not be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect, there are no actions, suits, audits or investigations by any Governmental Authority or other claims (except for routine claims for benefits) pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or involving any Company Benefit Plan.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will (whether alone or upon the occurrence of any additional or further acts or events) (i) result in any payment becoming due to any current or former employee, officer, director or independent contractor of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof or satisfy any prerequisite (whether exclusive or non-exclusive) to any payment or benefit to any current or former employee, director or independent contractor of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (ii) increase any benefits under any Company Benefit Plan, (iii) result in the acceleration of the time of payment, vesting or funding of any such benefits under any Company Benefit Plan, or (iv) result in the forgiveness of any indebtedness of any current or former employee, officer, director or independent contractor of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof.

4.19 Labor.

(a) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any labor or collective bargaining agreement.

(b) There are no (i) strikes, work stoppages, work slowdowns or lockouts pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against or involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) unfair labor practice charges, grievances or complaints pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened by or on behalf of any employee or group of employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except in each case as would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

4.20 Tax Matters. Except as set forth in Schedule 4.20:

(a) As of the date of this Agreement, the Company and its Subsidiaries (i) have timely filed all Tax Returns required to be filed (after giving effect to any extensions that have been requested by and granted to such party by the applicable Governmental Authority) and (ii) have paid or caused to be paid on their behalf all Taxes due and owing, other than those that are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP, except, in each case, where the failure to so file or pay would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect. All such Tax Returns are true, correct and complete in all material respects. There are no past, current, pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened audits, claims, or proceedings by any Governmental Authority relating to Taxse of the Company and its Subsidiaries have not waived any statutes of limitation or agreed to any extension of time with respect to any Tax assessment or deficiency. The Company and its Subsidiaries have not received written notice from any Governmental Authority in a jurisdiction where they do not file Tax Returns claiming that they are subject to Tax in that jurisdiction. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company shall pay all transfer agent fees (including, without limitation, any fees required for same-day processing of any instruction letter delivered by the Company), stamp taxes and dutes levied in connection with the delivery to the Purchasers of any shares of Common Stock purchased pursuant hereto other than income and capital gains taxes of the Purchasers that may be incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) The Company and its Subsidiaries have not engaged in any reportable transaction within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4(b).

(c) The Company and its Subsidiaries (A) have not entered into any agreement with any Governmental Authority that would impact the amount of Taxes due by them, (B) has never been a member of an affiliated, combined, consolidated or unitary group for purposes of filing any Tax Return (other than a group the common parent of which is the Company) or has any liability for the Taxes of any other Person (1) under Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign law), or (2) as a transferee or successor, by Contract, or otherwise, or (C) is not a party to, or has any liability under, any Tax sharing, Tax allocation, Tax indemnity, or similar agreement or arrangement.

- (d) The Company is not a United States real property holding corporation within the meaning of Section 897 of the Code.
- (e) The Company is classified as a Subchapter C corporation for U.S. federal tax purposes.

4.21_<u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries are not and, after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents will not be, "investment companies" as that term is defined in, nor is the Company or its Subsidiary otherwise subject to registration or regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act").

4.22_OFAC and Related Matters. None of the transactions contemplated hereby will violate (i) any Sanctions, or (ii) the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56 (October 26, 2001). The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with Sanctions in all material respects. There are no pending or threatened claims or legal actions, or investigations by any Governmental Authority, of or against the Company or any Subsidiary, nor are there any judgments imposed (or threatened to be imposed) upon the Company or any Subsidiary by or before any Governmental Authority, in each case, in connection with any alleged violation of Sanctions. Neither the Purchase Price nor any other proceeds received by the Company hereunder will be used in any dealings or transactions with any Sanctioned Person or in any manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions. The Company has not violated any provision of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 or similar laws.

4.23 <u>Broker; Fees</u>. Except for the fees and expenses of the Placement Agent, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has employed any broker or finder, or incurred any liability for any brokerage or finders' fees or any similar fees or commissions for which a Purchaser will be liable in connection with the execution of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby.

4.24 <u>Other Agreements with Purchasers</u>. The Company and its subsidiaries have not entered into any subscription agreement, side letter or similar agreement or understanding with any other Purchaser or other person in connection with the Common Stock Equity Offering other than the Transaction Documents and no such agreement, side letter or understanding with any other Person includes terms and conditions that are more advantageous to such Person than Purchaser hereunder.

4.25 <u>Consent to Pledge</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Common Stock may be pledged by the Purchaser in connection with a bona fide margin agreement, which shall not be deemed to be a transfer, sale or assignment of the Common Stock hereunder, and the Purchaser effecting a pledge of Common Stock shall not be required to provide the Company with any notice thereof or otherwise make any delivery to the Company pursuant to this Agreement.

4.26 <u>Market Manipulation</u>. Since September 15, 2019, neither the Company nor the Subsidiary, or any of their respective officers or directors has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or to result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company or any Subsidiary to facilitate the sale or resale of any of the Shares.

4.27 No Material Adverse Effect. Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, except as specifically disclosed in a subsequent SEC Report filed prior to the date hereof, there has been no event, occurrence or development that has had or that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5._ REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE PURCHASERS. Each Purchaser, severally and not jointly, represents and warrants to the Company as of the date hereof and the Closing Date (except for representations and warranties that are made as of a specific date, which are made only as of such date), as follows:

5.1 Organization and Qualification. Such Purchaser has been duly organized and is validly existing and, except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect, is in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, with the requisite power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as currently conducted.

5.2 <u>Authorization; Enforcement; Validity</u>. Such Purchaser has all necessary corporate, limited liability company or equivalent power and authority to enter into the Transaction Documents and to carry out, or cause to be carried out, its obligations thereunder in accordance with the terms hereof. The execution and delivery by such Purchaser of the Transaction Documents and the performance by such Purchaser of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of such Purchaser, and no other action Documents. The Transaction Documents have been duly executed and delivery by such Purchaser, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, the Transaction Documents constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of such Purchaser, enforceable against such Purchaser in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar Laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

5.3_No Conflicts. The execution, delivery, and performance by such Purchaser of the Transaction Documents do not and will not (a) violate any provision of the organizational documents of such Purchaser; (b) conflict with or violate any Law or Order applicable to such Purchaser or any of its respective assets or properties; or (c) violate, conflict with, result in any breach of, constitute a default (or event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default) under, require any consent under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration, suspension, revocation or cancellation of, any note, bond, mortgage or indenture, contract, agreement, lease, sublease, license, permit, franchise or other instrument or arrangement to which such Purchaser is a party or to which any of its assets or properties; except, in the case (b) and (c), for any such conflict, violation, breach or default that would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect.

5.4 <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by such Purchaser of the Transaction Documents do not require such Purchaser to obtain any consent, approval, authorization or other Order of, action by, filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority or any other Person under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Law or Order applicable to such Purchaser or by which any of its assets or properties may be bound, any contract to which such Purchaser is a party or by which such Purchaser may be bound, except for any consent, approval, authorization or other Order of, action by, filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority or any other Person under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any Law or Order applicable to such Purchaser that, if not made or obtained, would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Purchaser Material Adverse Effect with respect to such Purchaser.

5.5 Purchaser Representations.

(a) Such Purchaser is either (A) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act, (B) an "institutional" accredited investor within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act, in each case, satisfying the applicable requirements set forth on <u>Schedule II</u> hereto, (C) a non-U.S. person under Regulation S under the Securities Act, or (D) the foreign equivalent of (A) or (B) above. Such Purchaser has completed information in the form of <u>Schedule II</u> hereto following the signature pages hereto and the information contained therein is accurate and complete.

(b) Any securities of the Company acquired by such Purchaser under the Transaction Documents will have been acquired for investment and not with a view to distribution or resale in violation of the Securities Act.

(c) Such Purchaser acknowledges that it is not relying upon, and has not relied upon, any statement, representation or warranty made by the Company or any of its Affiliates, the Placement Agent or any of its Affiliates or any of their respective control persons, officers, directors, employees, partners, agents or representatives other than the statements, representations and warranties of the Company expressly contained in this Agreement or in the Company's and its Subsidiaries' SEC Reports, in making its investment or decision to purchase the shares of Common Stock hereunder.

(d) Such Purchaser, in the normal course of business, invests in or purchases securities similar to the Common Stock and is a highly sophisticated investor that has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating, and has made its own independent investigation and appraisal of the business results, financial condition, prospects, creditworthiness, status and affairs of the Company, and such Purchaser is satisfied concerning legal, regulatory, tax, business and financial considerations in connection herewith to the extent such Purchaser demed necessary, evaluated the merits and risks of the investment in the Common Stock, and such Purchaser and any accounts for which such Purchaser is acting are each able to bear the economic risk of the respective investments in the Common Stock, are able to sustain a complete loss on the respective investments in the Common Stock offered hereunder, have no need for liquidity with respect to the respective investments in the Common Stock offered hereunder any change in circumstances, financial or otherwise, which may cause or require any sale or distribution of all or any part of the Common Stock offered hereunder.

(e) Such Purchaser determined, or will determine, based on such Purchaser's own independent review and professional advice as such Purchaser has deemed, or will deem, appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Common Stock (A) is fully consistent with such Purchaser's (or if such Purchaser is acquiring the Common Stock hereunder in a fiduciary capacity, the beneficiary's) financial need, objectives and condition, (B) is fully consistent and complies with all investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to such Purchaser (whether acquiring the Common Stock as principal or in a fiduciary capacity), and (C) is a suitable investment for such Purchaser (or if such Purchaser is acquiring the Common Stock as principal or in a fiduciary capacity), and (C) is a suitable investment for such Purchaser (or if such Purchaser is acquiring the Common Stock in a fiduciary capacity, for the beneficiary), notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Common Stock, (D) is lawful under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and the jurisdiction in which such Purchaser operates, and will not contravene any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to such Purchaser, and (E) the execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents has been duly authorized by such Purchaser.

(f) Such Purchaser (A) has had access to such financial and other information concerning the Company as such Purchaser deemed necessary in connection with making its investment decision to subscribe for the Common Stock hereunder and in making the investment decision in respect of the Common Stock, (B) relied solely on its own examination of available information regarding the Company in assessing the merits and risks involved in any such investment, and (C) made its own assessment of the Company.

(g) Such Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that there may be certain consequences under United States and other tax laws resulting from an investment in the Common Stock and such Purchaser has made such investigation and has consulted its own independent advisors or otherwise has satisfied itself concerning, without limitation, the effects of United States federal, state and local income tax laws and foreign tax laws generally and ERISA, and the Securities Act.

(h) Such Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that it has not relied on the Placement Agent in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Common Stock hereunder or as to the other matters referred to herein, and such Purchaser has not relied, on any investigation that the Placement Agent, any of its Affiliates or any person acting on its behalf have conducted with respect to the Common Stock offered hereunder or the Company. Such Purchaser further acknowledges it has not relied on any information contained in any research reports prepared by the Placement Agent or any of its Affiliates.

(i) Such Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the Placement Agent has not provided such Purchaser with any information or advice with respect to the Common Stock offered hereunder, (A) has not made or makes any representation, express or implied as to the Company, the Company's credit quality, the Common Stock or the Company or the purchase of the Common Stock, (B) has not acted as such Purchaser's financial advisor or fiduciary in connection with the issue and purchase of the Common Stock offered hereunder, (C) may have acquired, or during the term of the Common Stock may acquire, non-public information with respect to the Company, which such Purchaser agrees need not be provided to it; (D) may have existing or future business relationships with the Company (including, but not limited to, lending, depository, risk management, advisory and banking relationships) and will pursue actions and take steps that it deems or they deem necessary or appropriate to protect its or their interests arising therefrom without regard to the consequences for a holder of Common Stock.

(j) Such Purchaser is not purchasing the shares of Common Stock hereunder as a result of any advertisement, article, notice or other communication regarding the Common Stock published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast over television or radio or presented at any public seminar or, to the knowledge of such Purchaser, any other general solicitation or general advertisement.

5.6 Sufficient Funds. Such Purchaser has or will have at Closing sufficient assets (or the ability to call sufficient capital from its equityholders) and the financial capacity to perform all of its obligations under the Transaction Documents, including the ability to fully fund its portion of the Purchase Price at the Closing.

5.7_<u>Reliance on Exemptions</u>. Such Purchaser understands that the shares of Common Stock are being offered and sold to it in reliance upon specific exemptions from the registration requirements of United States federal and state securities Laws and that the Company is relying upon the truth and accuracy of, and such Purchaser's compliance with, the representations, warranties, agreements, acknowledgments and understandings of such Purchaser set forth herein in order to determine the availability of such exemptions and the eligibility of such Purchaser to acquire the Common Stock offered hereunder.

5.8_<u>Restricted Securities</u>. Such Purchaser understands that the shares of Common Stock offered hereunder have not been registered under the Securities Act by reason of a specific exemption from the registration provisions of the Securities Act. Such Purchaser understands that such shares of Common Stock are characterized as "restricted securities" under applicable U.S. federal and state securities Laws and that, pursuant to these Laws, such Purchaser must hold the shares of Common Stock indefinitely unless such shares are subsequently registered with the SEC and qualified by state authorities, or an exemption from such registration and qualification requirements is available. Such Purchaser understands that no representation has been made as to the availability of any exemption under the Securities Act for the reoffer, resale, pledge or transfer of the Common Stock offered hereunder.

5.9 <u>Restrictive Legend</u>. Such Purchaser understands that certificates evidencing the Securities may bear the following or substantially similar legends, reflecting the restricted nature of the Securities to which such Purchaser has agreed in the Transaction Documents:

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF UNLESS (I) SOLD PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER SAID ACT, (II) SOLD OR ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144 OF SAID ACT, (III) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER APPLICABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF SAID ACT, OR (IV) AN OPINION OF COUNSEL REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY THAT REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER SAID ACT IS PROVIDED TO THE COMPANY. THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY MAY BE PLEDGED IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE MARGIN ACCOUNT OR OTHER LOAN OR FINANCING ARRANGEMENT SECURED BY SUCH SECURITIES.

5.10 Broker; Fees. Such Purchaser has not employed any broker or finder or incurred any liability for any brokerage or finders' fees or any similar fees or commissions in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents for which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is liable.

Section 7. ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

7.1 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Party shall do and perform, or cause to be done and performed, all such further acts and things, and shall execute and deliver all such other agreements, certificates, instruments and documents, as the other Party may reasonably request to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby; in each case, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

7.2 Use of Proceeds. The Company shall use the proceeds from the transactions contemplated hereby solely as provided for in Exhibit E to this Agreement.

7.3 <u>Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement, each Party shall bear all of its own expenses in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including all fees and expenses of its agents, representatives, counsel and accountants.

7.4 No Integration. The Company shall not sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any security (as defined in Section 2 of the Securities Act) that will be integrated with the Common Stock Equity Offering in a manner that would require the registration under the Securities Act of the sale of the Common Stock to the Purchasers, or that will be integrated with the Common Stock Equity Offering for purposes of the rules and regulations of any trading market such that it would require stockholder approval prior to the closing of such other transaction, unless stockholder approval is obtained before the closing of such subsequent transaction.

Section 8. **__INDEMNIFICATION**. The Company agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, actions, suits, proceedings and expenses (including fees and disbursements of external counsel), that may be incurred by or asserted or awarded against any Indemnified Party, in each case arising out of the Transaction Documents (including as a result of any breach or inaccuracy of any representation, warranty or covenant of the Company therein), or any claim, litigation, investigation, inquiry or proceeding relating to the foregoing, and the Company shall promptly reimburse each Indemnified Parties) and other expenses incurred by it in connection with investigating, preparing to defend or defending, or providing evidence in or preparing to serve or serving as a witness with respect to, any lawsuit, investigation, claim or other proceeding relating to the foregoing, except to the extent such claim, damage, loss, liability, or expense results from such Indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. No Indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. No indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. No indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. No Indemnified Party's bad faith, actual fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. No Indemnified Party's bad such any not expense to the extent such claim or any Indemnified Party be liable on any theory of liability for any special, indirect, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages. Without the prior written consent of any Indemnified Party shall be linable for any damages arising from the use by unauthorized persons of any information made available to the Indemnified Party shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unauthorized persons. No Indemnified Party shall settle any lawsuit, claim, or other proceeding arising

Section 9. MISCELLANEOUS.

9.1 Payments. All payments made by or on behalf of the Company or any of their Affiliates to any Purchaser or its assigns, successors or designees pursuant to this Agreement shall be without withholding, set-off, counterclaim or deduction of any kind.

9.2_Arm's Length Transaction. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the Common Stock Equity Offering and any other transactions described in this Agreement are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Parties, (ii) the Purchasers have not assumed nor will they assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in the Company's favor with respect to any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the process leading thereto, and the Purchasers have no obligation to the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except those obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement or the Transaction Documents to which they are a party, (iii) any advice given by any of the Purchasers or any of their respective representatives or agents in connection with the Common Stock Equity Offering or any other transactions described in this Agreement is merely incidental to such Purchaser's purchase of its Allocation, and (iv) the Company's decision to enter into the Transaction Documents has been based solely on the independent evaluation by the Company and its representatives.

9.3 <u>Survival</u>. The representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and obligations of the Parties shall survive the Closing as follows (each such survival period, a "<u>Survival Period</u>"): (i) except for Fundamental Representations and the Tax Representations, the representations and warranties made by each Party in this Agreement shall survive Closing until the expiration of any statute of limitations under applicable Law; (ii) Fundamental Representations shall survive the Closing or extension thereof), and (iv) the covenants, agreements, obligations and other undertakings of the Parties shall survive the Closing for the full period of all applicable statutes of limitations under applicable taw; (iii) Tax Representations shall survive the Closing for the full period of all applicable statutes of limitations under applicable taw; (iii) Parties with respect to the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements, obligations and other undertakings of the Parties shall survive the Closing until fully performed in accordance with their terms. All liability of the Indemnifying Parties with respect to the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and obligations hereunder shall be extinguished at the end of the applicable Survival Period, except to the extent that notice of an alleged breach of such representation, warranties, covenants, agreements or obligations has been provided before such date; provided that if notice is given prior to the expiration of the applicable Survival Period, the claim with respect to such representation, warranty, covenant, agreement or obligation shall continue until finally resolved.

9.4 No Waiver of Rights. All waivers hereunder must be made in writing and executed by the party against whom enforcement of such waiver is sought, and the failure of any Party at any time to require another Party's performance of any obligation under this Agreement shall not affect the right subsequently to require performance of that obligation. Any waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any continuing or succeeding breach of such provision or a waiver or modification of any other provision.



9.5_Notices. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be given (a) when delivered if personally delivered to the party for whom it is intended, (b) when delivered, if sent by electronic mail (provided that notice shall not be considered given if the sender receives an automatic system-generated response that such e-mail was undeliverable) in during normal business hours of the recipient, and if not sent during normal business hours, then on the recipient's next business day, (c) three (3) Business Days after having been sent by certified or registered mail, return-receipt requested and postage prepaid, or (d) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier, freight prepaid, specifying next business day delivery, with written verification of receipt to the respective Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for any Party as shall be specified by such Party in a notice given in accordance with this <u>Section 9.5</u>).

(a) If to the Company, to:

NextDecade Corporation 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900 Houston, Texas 77002 <u>Attention</u>: Vera de Gyarfas, General Counsel vdegyarfas@next-decade.com

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice to the Company) to:

K&L Gates LLP 300 South Tryon Street, Suite 1000 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202 <u>Attention</u>: Sean M. Jones; Sean.Jones@klgates.com Coleman Wombwell; Coleman.Wombwell@klgates.com

(b) If to a Purchaser, to the address set forth across from the name of such Purchaser on Exhibit F.

Any of the foregoing addresses may be changed by giving notice of such change in the foregoing manner, except that notices for changes of address shall be effective only upon receipt

If the Company provides any notice hereunder that it reasonably determines constitutes or contains material, non-public information regarding the Company or any Subsidiaries, the Company shall file such notice with the SEC on a Current Report on Form 8-K. Upon such filing of a Form 8-K, the Purchasers shall not be in possession of any material, non-public information received from the Company or any of its officers, directors, agents or employees and the Purchasers shall no longer be subject to any confidentiality or similar obligations under any current agreement, whether written or oral with the Company, the Placement Agent or any of their Affiliates, relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

9.6 Headings. The section and subsection headings in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

9.7 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, void, or incapable of being enforced by any Law or public policy, all other terms and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect for so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any Party. Upon such determination that any term or other provisions is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

9.8 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and the agreements and documents, exhibits and schedules referenced herein constitute the entire agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, which the parties acknowledge have been merged into such agreements documents, exhibits and schedules.

9.9_Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Except as set forth below, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned by the Company (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the Purchasers. Except as set forth below, neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement may be assigned by any Purchaser (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the Company; provided that a Purchaser may transfer or assign all or a portion of its rights under this Agreement to any fund or other entity or account managed or advised by the same investment advisor as such Purchaser. Any transfer that is made in violation of the immediately preceding sentence shall be null and void ab initio, and the Company shall have the right to enforce the voiding of such transfer.

9.10 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure solely to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns and, except as expressly set forth in Section 9. nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other Person any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever.

9.11 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may not be altered, amended, or modified except by a written instrument executed by or on behalf of the Company and the Purchasers against whom enforcement of such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver is sought; provided that any rights (but not obligations) of a Party under this Agreement may be waived, in whole or in part, by such Party on its own behalf without the prior consent of any other Party.

9.12_ Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York

9.13 <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. Each of the Parties (a) irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that any actions, suits or proceedings, at law or equity, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any agreements or transactions contemplated hereby shall be heard and determined by the federal or state courts located in New York, New York; (b) irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts in any such action, suit or proceeding; (c) consents that any such action, suit or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives any objection that such Party may now or hereafter have to the venue or personal jurisdiction of such courts or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient forum; and (d) agrees that service of process in any such action, suit or proceeding was brought in settion 9.5 to such Party at its address as provided in <u>Section 9.5</u> (provided that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by Law).

9.14<u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u> EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTENDLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT, OR ANY OTHER THEORY). NO PARTY HERETO OR ANY PERSON ASSERTING RIGHTS AS A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY SHALL SEEK TO CONSULDATE ANY SUCH LEGAL DISPUTE WITH A SEPARATE ACTION OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH A JURY TRIAL CANNOT BE WAIVED. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF THE OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSACTIONS, AS APPLICABLE, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>SECTION 9.14</u>.

9.15 Currency. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, all references to currency, monetary values and dollars set forth herein shall mean United States (U.S.) dollars and all payments hereunder shall be made in United States dollars.

9.16 [Reserved]

9.17_<u>Remedies</u>. Each Party acknowledges that, in view of the uniqueness of the securities referenced herein and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the other Parties would not have an adequate remedy at law for money damages in the event that this Agreement has not been performed in accordance with its terms, and therefore agrees that, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by Law and under this Agreement, including recovery of damages, the other Parties shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief, without the necessity of proving the inadequacy of monetary damages as a remedy.

9.18 [Reserved].

9.19 <u>Rules of Construction</u>. All definitions set forth in this Agreement are deemed applicable whether the words defined are used in this Agreement in the singular or in the plural, and correlative forms of defined terms have corresponding meanings. The term "or" has, except where otherwise indicated, the inclusive meaning represented by the phrase "and/or." The words "hereof," "herein," "hereby," "herein," "hereby," "herein," and similar terms in this Agreement refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. Section, subsection, clause, schedule, annex and exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified. Any reference to this Agreement shall include all alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, substitutions, and supplements thereto and thereof, as applicable. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun includes the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms.

9.20_Cleansing. The Company shall, by 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the first Business Day immediately following the date of this Agreement, issue one or more press releases or file with the SEC a Current Report on Form 8-K (collectively, the "Disclosure Document") disclosing or otherwise making publicly available all material terms of the transactions contemplated hereby and any other information that the Company has provided to the Purchasers in connection with the Common Stock Equity Offering at any time prior to the filing of the Disclosure Document that constitutes material, nonpublic information as of such date and time and the Purchasers shall no longer be subject to any confidentiality or similar obligations under any current agreement, whether written or oral with the Company, the Placement Agents, or any of their respective Affiliates in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby. Upon the issuance of the Disclosure Document, no Purchaser shall be in possession of any material, non-public information received from the Company or any of its respective officers, directors, employees or agents in connection with the Common Stock Equity Offering. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall not publicly disclose the name of any Purchaser or any of their respective Affiliates or investment advisers, or in clude the name of any Purchaser or (ii) in any press release or marketing materials without the prior written consent of such Purchasers, except (A) as required by the federal securities law in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement (as defined in that certain Registration Rights Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof, among the Company and the Purchasers) (B) the filing of this Agreement (or a form of this Agreement) with the SEC, and (C) to the extent such disclosure is required by law, at the request of the Staff of the SEC or regulatory agency or under the regulations of NASDAQ, in which case the Company shall provide such Purchasers with

9.21 Placement Agent Matters.

(a) The Company and the Purchasers acknowledge that the Placement Agent shall be entitled to rely on the representations and warranties of the Company and such Purchaser contained in <u>Section 4</u> and <u>Section 5</u>, respectively, of this Agreement. Prior to the Closing, the Company agrees to promptly notify each Purchaser, and each Purchaser (on behalf of itself) agrees to notify the Company, if any of the acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties of such Party set forth herein are no longer accurate in all material respects. Each Party agrees that each purchases by the Purchasers of the Common Stock hereunder from the Company will constitute a reaffirmation of its own acknowledgments, understandings, agreement Agent is a third-party beneficiary of the representations and warranties of the Company and such Purchaser further acknowledge and agree that the Placement Agent is a third-party beneficiary of the representations and warranties of the Company and such Purchaser contained in <u>Section 4</u> and <u>Section 5</u>, respectively, of this Agreement.

(b) Each Party agrees for the express benefit of the Placement Agent, its Affiliates and representatives that the Placement Agent, any of its Affiliates or any of its control persons, officers, directors or employees (A) have no duties or obligations other than those specifically set forth herein or in its engagement letter with the Company or under applicable Law; (B) shall not be liable for any improper payment made in accordance with the information provided by the Company unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from the Placement Agent's bad faith, fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence; (C) make no representation or warranty and do not have any responsibilities as to the validity, accuracy, value or genuineness of any information, certificates or documentation delivered by or on behalf of the Company pursuant to this Agreement; and (D) shall not be liable to the Purchasers (or any account for which a Purchaser is acquiring the Common Stock hereunder) in connection with the purchase of the Common Stock hereunder unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted primarily from the Placement Agent's bad faith, fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence; and the Placement Agent and tis Affiliates and representatives shall be entitled to rely on, and shall be protected in acting upon, in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, any certificate, instrument, opinion (including pursuant to <u>Section 2.4(f)</u>), notice, letter or any other document or security delivered to any Purchaser by or on behalf of the Company.

9.22 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile or electronic transmission) in one or more counterparts, and by the different Parties in separate counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Signatures of the Parties transmitted by electronic mail shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

[No further text appears; signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

NEXTDECADE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Matthew Schatzman Name: Matthew Schatzman Title: Chief Executive Officer

PURCHASERS BURKEHILL FUND LTD

By: /s/ Regan O'Neill Name: Regan O'Neill Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

ALYESKA MASTER FUND, L.P. By Alyeska Investment Group, LP, its investment manager

By: /s/ Jason Bragg Name: Jason Bragg Title: Chief Financial Officer

TRANSITION EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC

/s/ Pat Eilers By:

Name: Pat Eilers Title: Partner

CITADEL CEMF INVESTMENTS LTD. By Citadel Advisors LLC, its portfolio Manager

By: /s/ Shellane Mulcahy Name: Shellane Mulcahy Title: Authorized Signatory

TORTOISE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE CORP. By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

By: <u>/s/ Brian Kes</u> Name: Brian Kessens /s/ Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

/s/ Brian Kessens By: Name: Brian Kessens

Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

TORTOISE MIDSTREAM ENERGY FUND, INC. By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

By: /s/ Brian Kessens Name: Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

TORTOISE MLP & PIPELINE FUND By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

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TORTOISE PIPELINE & ENERGY FUND, INC. By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser By: <u>/s/Brian Kessens</u> Name: Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

TORTOISE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE FUND, INC. By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser By: <u>/s/Brian Kessens</u> Name: Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

 TORTOISE POWER AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, INC.

 By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

 By:
 <u>/s/Brian Kessens</u>

 Name: Brian Kessens

 Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

ECOFIN SUSTAINABLE AND SOCIAL IMPACT TERM FUND By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser By: <u>/s/Brian Kessens</u> Name: Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

PRINCIPAL DIVERSIFIED SELECT REAL ASSET FUND By Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser By: <u>/s/Brian Kessens</u> Name: Brian Kessens Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

STEELMILL MASTER FUND LP By: <u>(s/ Alfred J. Barbagallo</u> Name: Alfred J. Barbagallo Title: Managing Director & General Counsel

SPINDRIFT PARTNERS, L.P. By Wellington Management Company, LLP, as investment adviser By: <u>(s/Laura Martin</u> Name: Laura Martin Title: Managing Director and Counsel

SPINDRIFT INVESTORS (BERMUDA) L.P. By Wellington Management Company, LLP, as investment adviser By: /s/ Laura Martin Name: Laura Martin Title: Managing Director and Counsel

COVALIS CAPITAL LLP For and in the name of each investment vehicle it manages By: <u>/s/Christopher Egbunike</u> Name: Christopher Egbunike Title: Member

AVENTAIL CAPITAL GROUP, LP By Aventail Capital Group GP, LLC, its general partner By: <u>/s/Sean Grant</u> Name: Sean Grant Title: Managing Member

INTEGRATED CORE STRATEGIES (US) LLC By Integrated Holding Group LP, its Managing Member By Millennium Management LLC, its General Partner By: <u>/s/ Mark Meskin</u> Name: Mark Meskin Title: Chief Trading Officer

ICS OPPORTUNITIES, LTD. By Millennium International Management LP, its Investment Manager By: <u>/s/ Mark Meskin</u> Name: Mark Meskin Title: Chief Trading Officer

<u>Schedule I</u>

Schedule of Purchasers

| Purchaser | Purchase Price | | Shares | |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Spindrift Partners, L.P. | \$ | 1,206,128.00 | 219,296 | |
| Spindrift Investors (Bermuda) L.P. | \$ | 791,747.00 | 143,954 | |
| Burkehill Fund Ltd | \$ | 2,000,000.00 | 363,636 | |
| Transition Equity Partners, LLC | \$ | 3,000,000.00 | 545,455 | |
| AVENTAIL ENERGY MASTER FUND, LP | \$ | 5,000,000.00 | 909,091 | |
| ICS Opportunities, Ltd. | \$ | 578,000.50 | 105,091 | |
| Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC | \$ | 4,422,000.00 | 804,000 | |
| SteelMill Master Fund LP | \$ | 12,000,000.00 | 2,181,818 | |
| Alyeska Master Fund, L.P. | \$ | 15,000,000.00 | 2,727,273 | |
| Citadel CEMF Investments Ltd. | \$ | 20,000,000.00 | 3,636,364 | |
| Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corp. | \$ | 3,260,295.50 | 592,781 | |
| Texas Mutual Insurance Company | \$ | 179,305.50 | 32,601 | |
| Tortoise Midstream Energy Fund, Inc. | \$ | 1,595,583.00 | 290,106 | |
| Tortoise MLP & Pipeline Fund | \$ | 12,086,261.00 | 2,197,502 | |
| Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. | \$ | 493,966.00 | 89,812 | |
| Tortoise Energy Independence Fund, Inc. | \$ | 361,179.50 | 65,669 | |
| Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc. | \$ | 659,147.50 | 119,845 | |
| Ecofin Sustainable and Social Impact Term Fund | \$ | 1,289,788.50 | 234,507 | |
| Principal Diversified Select Real Asset Fund | \$ | 74,475.50 | 13,541 | |
| Covalis Capital LLP | \$ | 1,000,000.00 | 181,818 | |
| Total | \$ | 84,997,877.50 | 15,454,160 | |

Schedule II

Form of Eligibility Representations of Purchaser

This schedule must be completed by Purchaser and forms a part of the Agreement to which it is attached. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this schedule have the meanings given to them in the Agreement. Purchaser must check the applicable box in either Part A or Part B below and the applicable box in Part C below.

A. QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER STATUS (Please check the box, if applicable)

D Purchaser is a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act).

ACCREDITED INVESTOR STATUS (Please check the box)

Purchaser is an institutional "accredited investor" (within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) and (7) under the Securities Act) and has marked and initialed the appropriate box below indicating the provision under which it qualifies as an "accredited investor."

AFFILIATE STATUS

(Please check the applicable box)

PURCHASER:

□ is:

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□ is not:

an "affiliate" (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) of the Company or acting on behalf of an affiliate of the Company.

Rule 501(a), in relevant part, states that an institutional "accredited investor" shall mean any person who comes within any of the below listed categories, or who the issuer reasonably believes comes within any of the below listed categories, at the time of the sale of the securities to that person. Purchaser has indicated, by marking and initialing the appropriate box below, the provision(s) below which apply to Purchaser and under which Purchaser accordingly qualifies as an institutional "accredited investor."

- Any bank, registered broker or dealer, insurance company, registered investment company, business development company, or small business investment company;
- Any plan established and maintained by a state, its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or its political subdivisions for the benefit of its employees, if such plan has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000, or, if a self-directed plan, with investment decisions made solely by persons that are accredited investors;
- □ Any employee benefit plan, within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, if a bank, insurance company, or registered investment adviser makes the investment decisions, or if the plan has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000;
- □ Any private business development company as defined in section 202(a)(22) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;
- Any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, corporation, Massachusetts or similar business trust, partnership, or limited liability company, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, with total assets in excess of \$5,000,000; or
- Any trust, with total assets in excess of \$5,000,000, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, whose purchase is directed by a sophisticated person as described Rule 506(b)(2)(ii) of the Securities Act.

<u>Exhibit A</u> REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

<u>Exhibit B</u> CLOSING PROCEDURE

<u>Exhibit C</u> COMPANY SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

<u>Exhibit D</u> COMPANY COUNSEL OPINION

<u>Exhibit E</u>

USE OF PROCEEDS

Proceeds from the Common Stock Equity Offering shall be used by the Company for development activities related to the liquefaction of natural gas and the sale of liquefied natural gas ("LNG") in international markets and any carbon capture and storage projects it or any third party may develop, including:

Development activities related to the Rio Grande LNG terminal facility at the Port of Brownsville in southern Texas, including activities and businesses reasonably complementary or ancillary thereto and reasonable extensions thereof;

Development activities conducted in overseas locations in direct support of the Company's businesses as set forth above.

Development of the Company's proprietary processes and carbon capture and storage solution and business incident thereto.

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of September 19, 2022, is made and entered into by and among NextDecade Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and certain entities listed on <u>Schedule I</u> (the "<u>Holders</u>") attached hereto. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Purchase Agreement (as defined below).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain Common Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 14, 2022 (the "Purchase Agreement"), by and between the Company and each of the Purchasers party thereto (the "Purchasers");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of the Purchase Agreement, the Company issued an aggregate 15,454,160 shares of Common Stock (as defined herein) to the Purchasers;

WHEREAS, the Company and the Holders wish to determine registration rights with respect to the Common Shares.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged,

IT IS AGREED as follows:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS

. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereof.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Business Day" shall mean any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is not a day on which banking institutions in New York or other applicable places where such act is to occur are authorized or obligated by applicable law, regulation or executive order to close.

"Commission" shall mean the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Shares" shall mean the shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and any other shares of Common Stock held by the Holders.

"Common Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0001 per share.

"Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the introductory paragraph hereof.

"Controlling Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5(a) of this Agreement.

"Demand Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i) of this Agreement.

"Demand Registration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(i) of this Agreement

"Demand Registration Statement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(i) of this Agreement

"Depositary" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, or any other depositary appointed by the Company.

"Effectiveness Deadline" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(a) of this Agreement.

"End of Suspension Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b) of this Agreement.

"Equity Securities" means (a) any capital stock, partnership, membership, joint venture or other ownership or equity interest, participation or securities in or of any Person (whether voting or non-voting, whether preferred, common or otherwise, and including any stock appreciation, contingent interest or similar right), and (b) any option, warrant, security or other right (including debt securities) directly or indirectly convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or otherwise to acquire directly or indirectly, any stock, interest, participation or security described in clause (a) above.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (or any corresponding provision of succeeding law), and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"FINRA" shall mean the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

"Holder" shall mean each holder of Equity Securities of the Company, listed in Schedule I attached hereto, in its capacity as a holder of Registrable Securities, and its direct and indirect transferees. For purposes of this Agreement, the Company may deem and treat the registered holder of a Registrable Security as the Holder and absolute owner thereof, unless notified to the contrary in writing by the registered Holder thereof.

"Holders' Minimum Amount" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(c) of this Agreement.

"Legal Proceeding" shall mean any action, suit, hearing, claim, lawsuit, litigation, investigation (formal or informal), inquiry, arbitration or proceeding (in each case, whether civil, criminal or administrative or at law or in equity) by or before a governmental or legal entity.

"Liabilities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5(a)(i) of this Agreement.

"Majority" means more than half of the Registrable Securities

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated organization or other governmental or legal entity.

"Piggyback Registration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(i) of this Agreement.

"Prospectus" means the prospectus or prospectuses included in any Registration Statement (including without limitation, any prospectus subject to completion and a prospectus that includes any information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A promulgated under the Securities Act and any term sheet filed pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration statement and by all other amendments and supplements to the prospectus, including post-effective amendments and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such prospectuses.

"Purchase Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

"Purchasers" shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereof.

"Registrable Securities" with respect to any Holder, shall mean at any time all of the Common Shares together with any class of equity securities of the Company or of a successor to the entire business of the Company that are issued in exchange for the Common Shares; provided, however, that such Registrable Securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities with respect to any Holder upon the earliest to occur of (a) the date on which a Registrable Securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities Act and all of such Holder's Registrable Securities shall have been declared effective under the Securities Act and all of such Holder's Registrable Securities shall have been sold, transferred, disposed of or exchanged in accordance with such Registration Statement, (b) the date on which such Holder's Registrable Securities shall have ceased to be outstanding and (c) the date on which such Holder's Common Shares may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 without restriction (including without application of paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h) of Rule 144).

"Registration Expenses" shall mean (a) the fees and disbursements of counsel and independent public accountants for the Company incurred in connection with the Company's performance of or compliance with this Agreement, including the expenses of any special audits or "comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance and compliance, and any premiums and other costs of policies of insurance obtained by the Company against liabilities arising out of the sale of any securities, (b) all registration, filing and stock exchange fees, all fees and expenses of complying with securities or "blue sky" laws, all fees and expenses (c) expenses (c) expenses relating to any analyst or investor presentations or any "road shows" undertaken in connection with the registration, marketing or selling of the Registrable Securities, (d) fees and expenses in connection with any review by FINRA of the underwriting arrangements or other terms of the offering, and all fees and expenses of any counsel thereto, (e) costs of printing and producing any agreements among underwriters, underwriting agreements, any "blue sky" or legal investment memoranda and any selling agreements and other documents in connection with the offering, sale or delivery of the Registrable Securities; <u>the weyer</u>, that "Registration Expenses" shall not include any out-of-pocket expenses of the Holders (other than as set forth in clause (b) above), transfer taxes, underwriting or blockrage commissions or aliscount associated with effecting any sales of Registrable Securities that may be offered, which expenses shall be borne by each Holder of Registrable Securities on a pro rata basis with respect to the Registrable Securities so ald.

"Registration Statement" means any registration statement of the Company filed with the Commission under the Securities Act which covers any of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, including the Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, all exhibits and all materials incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Registration Statement.

"Sale Expenses" shall mean other than in connection with a Registration Statement, (a) the fees and disbursements of counsel and independent public accountants for the Company incurred in connection with the Company's performance of or compliance with this Agreement, including the expenses of any special audits or "comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance and compliance, and any premiums and other costs of policies of insurance obtained by the Company against liabilities arising out of the sale of any securities and (b) all registration, filing and stock exchange fees, all fees and expenses of complying with securities or "blue sky" laws, all fees and expenses of custodians, transfer agents and registrars, all printing expenses, messenger and delivery expenses and any fees and disbursements of one common counsel retained by a Majority of the Registrable Securities; provided, however, that "Sale Expenses" shall not include any out-of-pocket expenses of the Holders (other than as set forth in clause (b) above), transfer taxes, underwriting or brokerage commissions or discounts associated with effecting any sales of Registrable Securities that may be offered, which expenses shall be borne by each Holder of Registrable Securities on a pro rata basis with respect to the Registrable Securities so sold.

"Securities Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (or any corresponding provision of succeeding law), and the rules and regulations thereunder.

"Selling Holders' Counsel" shall mean counsel for the Holders that is selected by the Holders holding a Majority of the Registrable Securities included in a Registration Statement and that is reasonably acceptable to the Company.

"Shelf Registration Statement" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i) of this Agreement.

"Suspension Event" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b) of this Agreement.

"Suspension Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(a) of this Agreement.

"Underwritten Demand Holders" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(iii) of this Agreement.

"Underwritten Offering" shall mean a sale of securities of the Company to an underwriter or underwriters for reoffering to the public.

"Withdrawn Demand Registration" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(iv) of this Agreement.

Section 2.__SHELF REGISTRATIONS, DEMAND REGISTRATIONS AND PIGGYBACK REGISTRATIONS.

(a) Shelf Registration.

(i)__Eling. The Company shall, promptly after the date of this Agreement, but in any event within fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of this Agreement, file a Registration Statement under the Securities Act to permit the public resale of all the Registrable Securities held by the Holders from time to time as permitted by Rule 415 under the Securities Act (or any successor or similar provision adopted by the Commission then in effect) (the "<u>Shelf Registration Statement</u>") on the terms and conditions specified in this Section 2(a) and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Shelf Registration Statement on the earlier of (i) forty-five (45) calendar days (or seventy-five (75) calendar days) if the Commission notifies the Company that it will "review" the Shelf Registration Statement will not be "reviewed" or will not be subject to further review (such earlier date, the "<u>Effectiveness Deadline</u>"). The Shelf Registration Statement field with the Commission pursuant to this Section 2(a) shall be on Form S-3 or, if Form S-3 is not then available to the Company, on Form S-1 or such other form of registration statement as is then available to affect a registration for the securities, covering such Registrable Securities, and shall contain a prospectus in such form as to permit any Holder to sell such Registration Statement filed pursuant to this Section 2(a) shall provide for the resale pursuant to any method or combination of methods legally available to, and requested by, the Holders of the effectiveness of such Registration Statement filed pursuant to this Section 2(a) (including the documents incorporated therein by reference) will comply as to form in all material respects with all applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and will not contain an untrue statement is medo). In no event shelf Registration Statement. When effective, as Shelf Registration Statement filed pursuant to this Section 2(a) (including the documents incorporated therein by reference) will comply as

(ii) <u>Continued Effectiveness</u>. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Shelf Registration Statement to remain effective and to be supplemented and amended to the extent necessary to ensure that such Shelf Registration Statement is available, that another registration statement is available. For the resale of all the Registrable Securities held by the Holders until the earlier of (A) the date all such Registrable Securities have ceased to be Registrable Securities and (B) the date all such Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement can be sold publicly without restriction or limitation under Rule 144 of the Securities Act and without the requirement to be in compliance with Rule 144(c)(1) of the Securities Act.

(iii) Underwritten Offering and Selection of Underwriters. If the Holders of at least 50.0% of the Registrable Securities held by all Holders immediately following the issuance of Common Stock pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (the "Underwritten Demand Holders") elect to dispose of Registrable Securities under a Shelf Registration Statement or other Registration Statement pursuant to an Underwritten Offering of all or part of such Registrable Securities held by such Holders) (the "Holders") finitum Amount") from such Underwritten Offering, then the Company shall, yon the written demand of such Underwritten Demand Holders and shall take all such other reasonable actions as are requested by the managing underwriter or underwriters in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities; provided, however, that the Company shall have no obligation to facilitate or participate in more than two (2) Underwritten Offerings in any twelve (12)-month period pursuant to this Section 2(a) or Section 2(b). In connection with any Underwriter of the accuracy of informations, covenants, indemnities and obligations as are customary in underwriten offerings of securities by the Company. No Holder shall be required to make any representations or warranties to or agreements with the Company or the underwriter shall contain such representations, covenants, indemnities and other distribution, the accuracy of information provided by a Holder shall be required to make any representation required by law; <u>provided</u>, that each Holder other than the Underwritten Offering; <u>provided</u> further, that to the Registrable Securities based on the percentage of Registrable Securities owned by the Underwritten Offering up to its pro rata share of Registrable Securities based on the percentage of Registrable Securities owned by the Underwritten Offering up to its pro rata share of Registrable Securities based on the percentage of Registrable Securities owned by the Underwritten Offering in excess of their allotted proport

(b) Demand Registrations

(i) <u>Right to Regust Registration</u>. So long as the Company does not have an effective Shelf Registration Statement with respect to the Registrable Securities following the Effectiveness Deadline, the Holders of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Registrable Securities held by all Holders immediately following the issuance of Common Stock pursuant to the Purchase Agreement (the "<u>Demand Holders</u>") may request registration under the Securities Act of all or part of their Registrable Securities with an anticipated aggregate offering price in excess of the Holders' Minimum Amount at any time and from time to time ("<u>Demand Registration</u>").

Within seven (7) Business Days after receipt of any such request for Demand Registration, the Company shall give written notice of such request to each other Holder of Registrable Securities, if any, and shall, subject to the provisions of Section 2(d)(i) hereof, include in such registration up to the pro rata share of Registrable Securities of each such Holder based on the percentage Registrable Securities would by the Demand Holders that are to be included in the Demand Registrable Securities for the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of the Company's notice; provided, that to the extent such other Holders wish to include additional Registrable Securities held by such Holders in the Demand Registration in excess of their allotted proportion, such other Holders may request, within the same five (5) Business Day notice period outlined above, that the Demand Holders consider including such additional shares as Registration Excertifies. Upon receipt of such notice, and subject to Section 2(d)(i), the Demand Holders may elect to include or exclude such additional Registration in their sole and absolute discretion. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to file with the Commission following receipt of any such requests for inclusion therein in accordance with this paragraph under the Securities Act (the "Demand Registration Statements with respect to all such Registration Statement are of Registrable Securities in accordance with this paragraph under the Securities of shares registered on such Registration Statement may from time to time notify the Company. Subject to the foregoing and to Section 2(d)(i), following the receipt by the Company of any request for Demand Registration statement shall be on an appropriate form and the Registration Statement and any form of Prospectus included therein (or Prospectus supplement relating thereto) shall reflect the plan of distribution or method of shares registered on such Registration State

(ii) Restrictions on Demand Registrations. The Company shall not be obligated to effect any Demand Registration within ninety (90) calendar days after the effective date of (A) a previous Demand Registration or (B) a previous registration under which any Holder or Holders had piggyback rights pursuant to Section 2(c) hereof and in which the Holders exercising such piggyback rights were permitted to register, and sold, at least fifty percent (50%) of the Registrable Securities requested to be included therein. In addition, the Company shall not be obligated to effect any Demand Registration after the Company has effected by the Company have been declared and ordered effective.

(iii) <u>Underwritten Offering and Selection of Underwriters</u>. If the Underwritten Demand Holders elect to dispose of Registrable Securities under a Demand Registration pursuant to an Underwritten Offering, then each other Holder shall be afforded the right to include in any such Underwritten Offering up to its pro rata share of Registrable Securities based on the percentage of Registrable Securities owned by the Underwritten Demand Holders that are included in such Underwritten Offering. If any of the Registrable Securities covered by a Demand Registration hereof are to be sold in an Underwritten Offering, then the Underwritten Demand Holders shall have the right to select the managing underwriter or underwriters to administer any such Underwritten Offering.

(iv) Effective Period of Demand Registrations. After any Demand Registration Statement filed pursuant to this Agreement has become effective, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep such Demand Registration Statement effective for a period equal to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date on which the Commission declares such Demand Registration Statement effective (or if such Demand Registration Statement is not effective), or such shorter period that shall terminate when all of the Registrable Securities covered by such Demand Registration Statement have been sold pursuant to such Demand Registration shall be extitutes or reduce the number of shares of Registrable Securities that is subject to any Demand Registration pursuant to Section 2(d)(i) (a "<u>Withdrawn Demand Registration</u>"), the Demand Holders of the Registrable Securities remaining unsold and originally covered by such Withdrawn Demand Registration shall be entitled to a replacement Demand Registration that (subject to the provisions of this Section 2(b)) the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep effective for a period commencing on the effective date of such Demand Registration and ending on the earlier to occur of the date (i) that is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the effective date of such Demand Registration have been sold. Such additional Demand Registration otherwise shall be subject to all of the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) Piggyback Registrations.

(i) <u>Right to Piggyback</u>. Whenever the Company proposes to register any of its Common Stock under the Securities Act (other than (1) a registration statement on Form S-8 or on Form S-4 or any similar successor forms thereto, or (2) a universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 or any similar successor form thereto; provided, that the Shelf Registration Statement is effective at the time any such universal shelf registration statement or any amendment or supplement thereto, or (a) a universal shelf registration statement or, is filed), whether for its own account or for the account of one or more stockholders of the Company, and the registration form to be used may be used for any registration of Registrable Securities (a "<u>Digyback Registration</u>"), the Company shall give prompt (but in no event less than ten (10) calendar days before the anticipated filing date of such registration statement), which notice shall (A) describe the amount and type of securities to be included in such offering, the intended method of distribution, and the name of the proposed managing underwriter, if any, in such offering, and (B) offer to all Holders of Registrable Securities the opportunity to register the same of such number of Registrable Securities as such Holders may request in writing within five (5) Business Days after receipt of such written notice from the Company shall, subject to Sections 2(d)(ii) and 2(d)(iii), include in such registration all Registrable Securities with respect to which the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of such writes hotice to any participating Holders.

(ii) <u>Withdrawal</u>. Any Holder may elect to withdraw such Holder's request for inclusion of Registrable Securities in any Piggyback Registration by giving written notice to the Company of such request to withdraw prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement. The Company (whether on its own determination or as the result of a withdrawal by Persons making a demand pursuant to written contractual obligations) may withdraw a Registration Statement at any time prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement without thereby incurring any liability to the Holders of Registrable Securities. Notwithstanding any such withdrawal, the Company shall pay all expenses incurred by the Holders in connection with such Piggyback Registration as provided in Section 8(d).

(iii) Selection of Underwriters. If any of the Registrable Securities of the Holders covered by a Piggyback Registration hereof are to be sold in an Underwritten Offering, then the Company shall have the right to select the managing underwriter or underwriters to administer any such offering.

(d) Priority



(i) Priority on Shelf and Demand Registrations. If the managing underwriters of a requested Demand Registration or an Underwritten Offering under a Shelf Registration Statement advise the Company in writing that, in their opinion, the number of Registrable Securities requested to be included in such Demand Registration Statement or Shelf Registration Statement exceeds the number that can be sold in such offering and/or that the number of Registrable Securities proposed to be included in such offering and/or that the number of Registrable Securities proposed to be included in such offering (such maximum number of securities) as applicable, the "Maximum Threshold", the underwriting shall be allocated among the Company and all Holders as follows: (A) first, the shares comprised of Registrable Securities, as to which registration has been requested and is required pursuant to the registration rights hereof, based on the amount of such Registrable Securities initially requested by the Demand Holders, as the case may be, to be registred by such Holders that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Threshold, (B) second, to the extent that the Maximum Threshold has not been reached under the foregoing clause (A), the shares of Common Stock or other securities of Holders other than the Demand Holders or Underwritten Demand Holders as suplicable, determine, in their sole discretion, can be sold.

(ii) <u>Priority on Primary Registrations</u>. If a Piggyback Registration is an underwritten primary registration on behalf of the Company, and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the Maximum Threshold, the underwriting shall be allocated among the Company and all Holders as follows: (A) first, the shares of Common Stock or other securities that the Company desires to sell that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Threshold; and (B) second, to the extent that the Maximum Threshold has not been reached under the foregoing clause (A), the shares comprised of Registrable Securities, as to which registration been requested pursuant to the registration rights hereof, allocated pro rata based on the amount of such Registrable Securities initially requested to be registered by such Holders that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Threshold.

(iii) <u>Priority on Secondary Registrations</u>. If a Piggyback Registration is an underwritten secondary offering on behalf of holders of the Company's securities (other than holders of Registrable Securities) and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their reasonable opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the Maximum Threshold, the underwriting shall be allocated as follows: (A) first, the securities that such other holders of the Company's securities propose to sell; (B) second, to the extent that the Maximum Threshold has not been reached under the foregoing clause (A), the shares comprised of Registrable Securities, as to which registration has been requested pursuant to the registration rights hereof, allocated pro rata based on the amount of such Registrable Securities initially requested to be registered by such Holders that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Threshold.

(iv) <u>Underwritten Block Trades</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Underwritten Demand Holders wish to engage in an underwritten block trade off of an effective Shelf Registration Statement, Demand Registration Statement or Piggyback Registration with an anticipated aggregate offering price in excess of \$40,000,000, such Holders may notify the Company of the block trade offering at least five (5) Business Days prior to the day such offering is to commence and the Company shall as expeditiously as possible use its reasonable best efforts to facilitate such offering (which may close as early as three (3) Business Days after the date it commences); provided that in the case of such underwritten block trade, only such Holders shall have a right to notice of and to participate in such offering.

Section 3. BLACK-OUT PERIODS

(a) Notwithstanding Section 2, and subject to the provisions of this Section 3, the Company shall be permitted, in limited circumstances, to suspend the use, from time to time, of the Prospectus that is part of a Shelf Registration Statement (and therefore suspend sales of the Registrable Securities under such Shelf Registration Statement), by providing written notice (a "<u>Suspension Notice</u>", which shall not include material non-public information) to the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, and the Holders, for such times as the Company reasonably may determine is necessary and advisable (but in oevent for more than an aggregate of ninety (90) calendar days in any rolling twelve (12)-month period commencing on the date of this Agreement or more than forty-five (45) consecutive calendar days, except as a result of a refusal by the Commission, in which case, the Company must terminate the black-out period immediately following the effective adte of the post-effective amendment to be declared effective by the Commission, in which case, the (A) the offer or sale of any Registrable Securities would materially impede, delay or interfere with any proposed financing, offer or sale of securities, acquisition, or orbate methanistic in involving the Company has a boan fide business purpose for preserving the confidentiality of such transaction requirements, in each case under circumstances that would maker i impractical or inadvisable to cause the Shelf Registration Statement (or such filings) to become effective or to promptly amend or supplement the Shelf Registration Statement or file a post-effective basis, as applicable; or (ii) a majority of the Board determines in good faith, upon the advice of counsel, that it is in the Company 's best interest or it is required by law, rule or requirements and that the Prospectus include in the Shelf Registration Statement or apost-effective basis, as applicable; or (ii) a majority of the Board determines in good faith, upon the advice of counsel, that it is in the Company's best

(b) In the case of an event that causes the Company to suspend the use of a Shelf Registration Statement as set forth in paragraph (a) above (a "<u>Suspension Event</u>"), the Company shall give a Suspension Notice to the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, and the Holders to suspend sales of the Registrable Securities and such Suspension Notice shall state generally the basis for the notice (but shall not include any material non-public information) and that such suspension Notice shall state generally the basis for the notice (but shall not include any material non-public information) and that such suspension shall continue only for so long as the Suspension Event or its effect is continuing and the Company is using its reasonable set efforts and taking all reasonable steps to terminate suspension of the use of the Shelf Registration Statement as promptly as possible. A Holder shall not effect any sales of the Registrable Securities pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement (or such filings) at any time after it has received a Suspension Notice from the Company and prior to receipt of an End of Suspension Notice (as defined below), it being agreed that a Suspension Notice shall not in and of itself limit a Holder's ability to sell Registrable Securities in reliance on Securities At Rule 144. If so directed by the Company, each Holder will deliver to the Company (at the expense of the Company) all copies other than permanent file copies then in such Holder's possession of the Prospectus covering the Registrable Securities at the time of receipt of the Suspension Notice. The Holders may recommence effecting sales of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement (or such filings) following further written notice to such effect (an "<u>End of Suspension Notice</u>") from the Company, which End of Suspension Notice shall be given by the Company to the Holders' Counsel, if any, promptly following further written notice to such effect.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Company shall give a Suspension Notice with respect to any Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Section 3, the Company agrees that it shall extend the period of time during which such Shelf Registration Statement shall be maintained effective pursuant to this Agreement by the number of days during the period from the date of receipt by the Holders of the Suspension Notice to and including the date of receipt by the Holders of the End of Suspension Notice and provide copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus necessary to resume sales, with respect to each Suspension Event; provided that such period of time shall not be extended beyond the date that Common Stock covered by such Shelf Registration Statement are no longer Registrable Securities.

Section 4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

(a) In connection with the filing of any Registration Statement or sale of Registrable Securities as provided in this Agreement, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to, as expeditiously as reasonably practicable:

(i) prepare and file with the Commission the Registration Statement, within the relevant time period specified in Section 2, on the appropriate form under the Securities Act, which form, subject to Section 2, (1) shall be selected by the Company, (2) shall be available for the registration and sale of the Registrable Securities by the selling Holders thereof, (3) shall comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the applicable form and include or incorporate by reference all financial statements required by the Commission to be filed therewith or incorporate by reference therein, and (4) shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulation S-T under the Securities Act, and otherwise comply with its obligations under Section 2 hereof;

(ii) prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and post-effective amendments to each Registration Statement as may be necessary under applicable law to keep such Registration Statement effective for the applicable period; and cause each Prospectus to be supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (or any similar provision then in force) under the Securities Act and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to them with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by each Registration Statement during the applicable period in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution by the selling Holders thereof;

(iii) (1) notify each Holder of Registrable Securities, at least five (5) Business Days after filing, that a Registration Statement with respect to the Registrable Securities has been filed and advise such Holders that the distribution of Registrable Securities will be made in accordance with any method or combination of methods legally available by the Holders of any and all Registrable Securities; (2) furnish to each Holder of Registrable Securities and to each underwriter of an Underwritten Offering of Registrable Securities, if any, without charge, as many copies of each Prospectus, including each preliminary Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto and such other documents as such Holder or underwriter may reasonably request, including financial statements and schedules contained therein, in order to facilitate the public sale or other disposition of the Registrable Securities; and (3) hereby consent to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of Registrable Securities in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities or any amendment or supplement thereto;

(iv) use its reasonable best efforts to register or qualify the Registrable Securities under all applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws of such jurisdictions as any Holder of Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement and each underwriter of an Underwritten Offering of Registrable Securities shall reasonably request by the time the applicable Registration Statement is declared effective by the Commission, and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable each such Holder and underwriter to consummate the disposition in each such jurisdiction of such Registrable Securities would be used holder; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to (1) qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to qualify but for this Section 4(a)(iv), or (2) take any action which would subject it to general service of process or taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject;

(v) promptly notify each Holder of Registrable Securities under a Registration Statement and, if requested by such Holder, confirm such notice in writing promptly at the address determined in accordance with Section 8(f) of this Agreement (1) when a Registration Statement has become effective and when any post-effective amendments and supplements thereto become effective, 2) of any request by the Commission or any state securities authority for post-effective automethand supplements to a Registration Statement of a Prospectus or for additional information after the Registration Statement has become effective, (3) of the issuance by the Commission or any state securities authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (4) if, between the effective date of a Registration Statement and the closing of any sale of Registrable Securities covered thereby, the representations and warranties of the Company contained in any underwriting agreement, securities sales agreement or other similar agreement, if any, relating to the offering cease to be true and correct in all material respects, (5) of the happening of any event or the discovery of any facts during the period a Registration Statement is effective as a result of which such Registration Statement or any document incorporated by reference therein contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or, in the case of the Prospectus, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to suspending the egistration Statement and the Prospectus (such instruction to be provided in the same manner as a Suspension Notice) until the requisite changes have been made, at which time notice of the end of suspension shall be delivered in the same manner as an End of Suspension Notice). (6) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the sus

(vi) furnish Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, copies of any comment letters relating to the selling Holders received from the Commission or any other request by the Commission or any state securities authority for amendments or supplements to a Registration Statement and Prospectus or for additional information relating to the selling Holders;

(vii) make every reasonable effort to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement at the earliest possible moment;

(viii) furnish to each Holder of Registrable Securities, and each underwriter, if any, without charge, at least one conformed copy of each Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules contained therein (without documents incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits thereto, unless requested);

(ix) cooperate with the selling Holders to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates or book entries representing Registrable Securities to be sold and not bearing any restrictive legends pursuant to Section 5.9 of the Purchase Agreement; and enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as the selling Holders or the underwriters, if any, may reasonably request at least two (2) Business Days prior to the closing of any sale of Registrable Securities, as applicable;

(x) upon the occurrence of any event or the discovery of any facts, as contemplated by Sections 4(a)(v)(5) and 4(a)(v)(6) hereof, as promptly as practicable after the occurrence of such an event, use its reasonable best efforts to prepare a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or the related Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the Registrable Securities, such Prospectus will not contain at the time of such delivery any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or will remain so qualified, as applicable. At such time as such public disclosure is otherwise made or the Company determines that such disclosure is not necessary, in each case to correct any misltatement of a material fact or to include any omitted material fact, the Company agrees promptly to notify each Holder of such determination and to furnish each Holder such number of copies of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented, as such Holder may reasonably request;

(xi) (a) notify each Holder of its intention to prepare and file with the Commission the Registration Statement and provide each Holder with a draft of the Registration Statement and at least three (3) calendar days therefrom to comment on the Registration Statement and (b) within three (3) calendar days prior to the filing of any Prospectus, any amendment to a Registration Statement or supplement to a Prospectus (except for amendments and supplements that do not alter the information regarding the Holders or affect their ability to sell the Registrable Securities under such Registration Statement or Prospectus), provide copies of such document to the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, and make representatives of the Company as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders of Registrable Securities available for discussion of such document;

(xii) enter into agreements (including underwriting agreements) and take all other customary appropriate actions in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities whether or not an underwriting agreement is entered into and whether or not the registration:

1. make such representations and warranties to the underwriters, if any, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in similar Underwritten Offerings as may be reasonably requested by them;

2. obtain opinions of counsel to the Company and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to any managing underwriter(s) and their counsel) addressed to the underwriters, if any, covering the matters customarily covered in opinions requested in Underwritten Offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by the underwriter(s);

3. obtain "comfort" letters and updates thereof from the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements are, or are required to be, included in the Registration Statement) addressed to the underwriter(s), if any, and use reasonable efforts to have such letter addressed to the selling Holders in the case of an underwritten registration (to the extent consistent with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 72 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants), such letters to be in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in "comfort" letters to underwritters in connection with similar Underwritter Offerings;

4. enter into a securities sales agreement with the Holders and an agent of the Holders providing for, among other things, the appointment of such agent for the selling Holders for the purpose of soliciting purchases of Registrable Securities, which agreement shall be in form, substance and scope customary for similar offerings;

5. if an underwriting agreement is entered into, cause the same to set forth indemnification provisions and procedures substantially equivalent to the indemnification provisions and procedures set forth in Section 5 hereof with respect to the underwriters and all other parties to be indemnified pursuant to said Section or, at the request of any underwriters, in the form customarily provided to such underwriters in similar types of transactions; and

6. deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested and as are customarily delivered in similar offerings to the Holders of a Majority of the Registrable Securities being sold, and the managing underwriters, if any;

(xiii) make available for inspection by any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to a Registration Statement, Selling Holders' Counsel and any accountant retained by a Majority of the Registrable Securities being sold, all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties or assets of the Company reasonably requested by any such Persons, and cause the respective officers, directors, employees, and any other agents of the Company to supply all information reasonably requested by any such representative, underwriter, counsel or accountant in connection with a Registration Statement, and make such representatives of the Company variable for discussion of such documents as shall be reasonably requested by the Company; <u>provided, however</u>, that the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, and the representatives of any underwriters will use its reasonable best efforts, to the extent reasonably practicable, to coordinate the foregoing inspection and information gathering and to not materially disrupt the Company's business operations;

(xiv) a reasonable time prior to filing any Registration Statement, any Prospectus forming a part thereof, any amendment to such Registration Statement, or amendment or supplement to such Prospectus, provide copies of such document to the underwriter(s) of an Underwriter Offering of Registrable Securities; within five (5) Business Days after the filing of any Registration Statement, provide copies of such Registration Statement to Selling Holders' Counsel; make such changes in any of the foregoing documents prior to the filing thereof, or in the case of changes received from Selling Holders' Counsel relating to the selling Holders' or the plan of distribution of Registrable Securities, as Selling Holders' Counsel, reasonably requests; not file any such document in a form to which any underwriter shall not have previously been advised and furnished a copy of or to which the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities, or any underwriter shall reasonably object; not include in any amendment or supplement to such documents any information about the selling Holders' counsel, if any, on behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities that would binit the method of distribution of the Registrable Securities unless Selling Holders' Counsel, in advance and has approved such information or change; and make the representatives of the Company available for discussion of such document as shall be reasonably requested by the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, Selling Holders' Counsel as shall be reasonably requested by the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, Selling Holders' Counsel as shall be reasonably requested by the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, Selling Holders' Counsel as shall be reasonably requested by the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, Selling Holders' Counsel as shall be reasonably requested by the Selling Holders' Counsel, if any, on behalf of such Holders, Sell

(xv) use its reasonable best efforts to cause all Registrable Securities to be listed or quoted on any national securities exchange on which the Company's Common Stock is then listed or quoted;

(xvi) otherwise comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission and make available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, an earnings statement covering at least twelve (12) months which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder;

(xvii) cooperate and assist in any filings required to be made with the FINRA and in the performance of any due diligence investigation by any underwriter and its counsel (including any "qualified independent underwriter" that is required to be retained in accordance with the rules and regulations of the FINRA);

(xviii) if Registrable Securities are to be sold in an Underwritten Offering, to include in the registration statement, or in the case of a Shelf Registration, a Prospectus supplement, to be used all such information as may be reasonably requested by the underwriters for the marketing and sale of such Registrable Securities;

(xix) cause the appropriate officers of the Company to (i) prepare and make presentations at any "road shows" and before analysts and rating agencies, as the case may be, (ii) take other actions to obtain ratings for any Registrable Securities and (iii) use their reasonable best efforts to cooperate as reasonably requested by the underwriters in the offering, marketing or selling of the Registrable Securities.

(b) The Company may (as a condition to a Holder's participation in a Shelf Registration, Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration) require each Holder of Registrable Securities to furnish to the Company such information regarding the Holder and the proposed distribution by such Holder of such Registrable Securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request in writing.

(c) Each Holder agrees that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event or the discovery of any facts of the type described in Section 4(a)(v) hereof, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement relating to such Registrable Securities until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 4(a)(v) hereof, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder will deliver to the Company (at the Company's expense) all copies in such Holder's possession, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder's possession, of the Prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice.

Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION

(a) <u>Indemnification by the Company</u>. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder, and the respective officers, directors, partners, employees, representatives, trustees, members, managers, stockholders, affiliates, investment advisors, successors, assigns and agents (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles, notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title) of any such Person, and each Person (a "<u>Controlling Person</u>"), if any, who controls (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) any of the foregoing Persons, as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, penalty, liability, claim, damage, judgment, suit, action, other liabilities and expenses whatsoever ("Liabilities"), as incurred, arising out of, based upon or relating to any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement (including any final, preliminary or summary Prospectus contained therein or any amendment or supplement thereto) pursuant to which Registrable Securities were registered under the Securities Act, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, or any other disclosure document produced by or on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries including reports and other documents filed under the Exchange Act, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact contained to supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom as such date of a material to any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom as usch date of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all Liabilities, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 5(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of external counsel chosen by any indemnified party), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever arising out of or based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under subparagraph (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this Section 5(a) shall not apply to any Liabilities to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Holder expressly for use in a Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto); it being understood that the Company shall not rely upon, and such Holder shall not be responsible for any Liabilities arising out of the Company's reliance upon, such written information to the extent, but only to the extent, that the Holder has subsequently notified the Company of a material inaccuracy in, or change to, such information.

The indemnity in this Section 5(a) shall be in addition to any liability the Company may otherwise have. Such indemnity shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of such Holder or any indemnifyed party and shall survive any transfer of such securities by such Holder. The Company shall also indemnify underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers and similar securities industry professionals participating in the offering, their officers and directors and each Person who controls such Persons (within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act) to the same extent as provided above with respect to the indemnification of the indemnified parties.

(b) Indemnification by the Holders. Each Holder severally, but not jointly with any other Holder, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the other selling Holders, and each of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, representatives, successors, assigns and agents (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles, notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title), against any and all Liabilities described in the indemnity contained in Section 5(a) hereof, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in a Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any Prospectus included therein (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information such Holder furnished to the Company by such Holder expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such Prospectus (or any amendment thereto); it being understood that the Company shall not rely upon, and such Holder shall not be responsible for any Liabilities arising out of the Company's reliance upon, such written information to the extent, that the Holder has subsequently notified the Company of a material inaccuracy in, or change to, such information; <u>provided</u>, however, that no such Holder shall be liable for any claims hereunder in excess of the amount of net proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Reesistration Statement.

(c) Notices of Claims, etc. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action or proceeding commenced against it in respect of which indemnifying party shall not relieve is the final tree to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve is uch indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve is from any liability which it in may have otherwise than on account of this indemnifying party shall not relieve is the defense of such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. Other than in the case of any actual or potential conflict that may arise from a single counsel representing more than one indemnified party, the indemnifying party or parties shall not be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whosoever in respect of which indemnified parts of each indemnified party is such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party.

(d) Indemnification Payments. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 5(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such settlement is entered into more than forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt by such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnifying party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

(e) <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in this Section 5 is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any Liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such Liabilities incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other hand, in connection with the acts, statements or omissions which resulted in such Liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Holders on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Holders and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Holders agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 5 were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 5. The aggregate amount of Liabilities incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 5 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(e), no Holder shall be liable for any claims hereunder in excess of the amount of net proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to any such Registration Statement.

No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 5, each Person, if any, who controls a Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as a Holder, and each director of the Company, and each Person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

Section 6. HOLDBACK AGREEMENT

(a) [Reserved].

(b) The Company agrees (i) not to effect any public sale or distribution of its equity securities (or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for such securities) during the sixty (60) calendar day period beginning on the effective date of any underwritten Demand Registration (or for such shorter period as to which the managing underwriter or underwriters may agree), except as part of such Demand Registration or in connection with any employee benefit or similar plan, any dividend reinvestment plan, or a business acquisition or combination and (ii) to use all reasonable efforts to cause each holder of at least five percent (5%) (on a fully diluted basis) of its equity securities (or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for such securities), if otherwise permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, <u>Section 6(b)(ii)</u> shall not apply to the Holders.

Section 7. TERMINATION

Section 8. MISCELLANEOUS

place.

(a) <u>Covenants Relating To Rule 144</u>. For so long as the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15 of the Securities Act, the Company covenants that it will file the reports required to be filed by it under the Securities Act and Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations adopted by the Commission thereunder. If the Company cases to be so required to file such reports, the Company covenants that it will upon the request of any Holder of Registrable Securities (a) make publicly available such information as is necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144. Under the Securities Act, (b) deliver such information to a prospective purchaser as is necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144. Under the Securities Act, (b) deliver such further action that is reasonable in the circumstances, in each case, to the extent required, from time to time, to enable such Holder to sell its Registrable Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, (ii) Rule 144A under the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, (iii) any similar rules or regulations hereafter adopted by the Commission. Upon the request of any Holder of Registrable Securities Act, a couplid with such requirements and of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act (at any time after it has become subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act), a copy of the most recent annual and quarterly report(s) of the Company, and such other reports, documents or stockholder communitoriations of the Company, and take such Rule regulations for the Securities Act, as a Holder to sell in section S(a), as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any rule or regulation of the Company, and such Other reports, documents or stockholder communitions of the Company, and such other reports, documents or stockholder communities to the Company, and take such further actions consistent with this Section 8(a), as a Holder may reasonably request in availing itself of any r

(b) <u>Cooperation</u>. The Company shall cooperate with the Holders in any sale and or transfer of Registrable Securities including by means not involving a registration statement.

(c) No Inconsistent Agreements. The Company has not entered into and the Company will not after the date of this Agreement enter into any agreement which is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders of Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions of this Agreement. The rights granted to the Holders hereunder do not and will not for the term of this Agreement in any way conflict with the rights granted to the holders of the Company's other issued and outstanding securities under any such agreements.

(d) Expenses. All Registration Expenses or Sale Expenses of any Holder shall be borne by the Company, whether or not any Registration Statement related thereto becomes effective or other sale takes

(e) <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended or waived at any time only by the written agreement of the Company and the Holders of a Majority of the Registrable Securities. Any waiver, permit, consent or approval of any kind or character on the part of any such Holders of any provision or condition of this Agreement must be made in writing and shall be effective only to the extent specifically set forth in writing. Any amendment or waiver effected in accordance with this paragraph shall be binding upon each Holder of Registrable Securities and the Company.

(f)_Notices. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand delivery, registered first-class mail, facsimile, email or any courier guaranteeing overnight delivery: (a) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company by means of a notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 8(f); and (b) if to the Company, to NextDecade Corporation, Attention: Vera de Gyarfas (email: vdegyarfas@next-decade.com). All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: (i) if personally delivered, at the time delivered by hand; (ii) if by email, on receipt of a read receipt email from the correct address, twenty-four (24) hours from delivery if sent to the correct email address and no notice of delivery failure is received, or on receipt of confirmation of receipt from the recipient; (iii) if mailed, two (2) Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid; (iv) if sent by facsimile (<u>provided</u> confirmation of transmission is mechanically or electronically generated and kept on file by the sending party), when receipt is acknowledged; and (v) if by courier guaranteeing overnight delivery, on the next Business Day if timely delivered to an air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery.

(g)_Assignments and Transfers by Holders. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Holders and their respective successors and assigns. A Holder may transfer or assign, in whole or from time to time in part, to one or more persons its rights hereunder in connection with the transfer of Registrable Securities by such Holder to such person, provided that such Holder complies with all laws applicable thereto, and provides written notice of assignment to the Company promptly after such assignment is effected, and such person agrees in writing to be bound by all of the provisions contained herein.

(h) <u>Assignments and Transfers by the Company</u>. This Agreement may not be assigned by the Company (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the Holders of a Majority of the Registrable Securities, provided, however, that in the event that the Company is a party to a merger, consolidation, share exchange or similar business combination transaction in which the Common Stock is converted into the equity securities of another Person, from and after the effective time of such transaction, such Person shall, by virtue of such transaction, be deemed to have assumed the obligations of the Company hereunder, the term "Company" shall be deemed to refer to such Person and the term "Registrable Securities" shall be deemed to include the securities received by the Holders after giving effect to such transaction.

(i) Obligations Limited to Parties to Agreement. Each of the parties hereto covenants, agrees and acknowledges that no Person other than the Holders and, except as provided in Section 2(h), the Company shall have any obligation hereunder and that, notwithstanding that one or more of the Holders may be a corporation, partnership or limited liability company, no recourse under this Agreement or under any documents or instruments delivered in connection herewith shall be had against any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or affiliate of any of the foregoing, whether by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding, or by virtue of any applicable law, it being expressly agreed and acknowledged that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, be imposed on or otherwise by incurred by any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or any former, current or future director, officer, employee, agent, general or limited partner, manager, member, stockholder or affiliate of any of the Holders or any documents or instruments delivered in connection herewith or therewith or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligation or its creation, except in each case for any transferee or assignee of a

(j) Remedies. In the event of a breach by the Company or by a Holder of any of their respective obligations under this Agreement, each Holder or the Company, as the case may be, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law and under this Agreement, including recovery of damages, shall be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Agreement. Without limiting the remedies available to the Holders or the Company, each of the Company and each Holder acknowledges that any failure by the Company and each Holder to comply with its obligations under Section 2 hereof, may result in material irreparable injury to the Company or each Holder for which there is no adequate remedy at law, that it would not be possible to measure damages for such injuries precisely and that, in the event of any such failure, the Company or each Holder may obtain such relief as may be required to specifically enforce the Company's obligations under Section 2 hereof and hereby further agree that, in the event of any action for specific performance in respect of such breach, it shall not assert or shall waive the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

(k) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(1) Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

(m) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK REGARDLESS OF THE LAW THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE GOVERN UNDER APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW THEREOF.

(n) <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

(o) <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>: WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. The undersigned irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of New York or the federal courts located in the State of New York in connection with any matter based upon or arising out of this Agreement, agrees that process may be served upon it in any manner authorized by the laws of the State of New York and waives and covenants not to assert or plead any objection which it might otherwise have to such manner of service of process. The undersigned waives, and shall not assert as a defense in any legal dispute, that (a) it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above named courts for any reason, (b) such Legal Proceeding may not be brought or is not maintainable in such court, (c) its property is exempt or immune from execution, (d) such Legal Proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or (e) the venue of such Legal Proceeding is improper. THE UNDERSIGNED UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY ON ANY CLAIMS OR COUNTERCLAIMS ASSERTED IN ANY LEGAL DISPUTE RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF ANY SUCH LEGAL DISPUTE IS ONE IN WHICH THE WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL SAREMENT. FURTHER, THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL NOT ASSERT IN SUCH LEGAL DISPUTE A NONCOMPULSORY COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL NOT SEEK TO CONSOLIDATE ANY SUCH LEGAL DISPUTE WITH A SEPARATE ACTION OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING IN WHICH A JURY TRIAL CANNOT BE WAIVED.

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NEXTDECADE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Matthew Schatzman Name: Matthew Schatzman Title: Chief Executive Officer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

HOLDERS SPINDRIFT PARTNERS, L.P. By Wellington Management Company, LLP, as investment adviser

By: /s/ Laura Martin Name: Laura Martin Title: Managing Director and Counsel

SPINDRIFT INVESTORS (BERMUDA) L.P. By Wellington Management Company, LLP, as investment adviser By /s/ Laura Martin Name: Laura Martin Title: Managing Director and Counsel

Covalis Capital LLP For and in the name of each investment vehicle it manages

By: <u>/s/ Christopher Egbunike</u> Name: Christopher Egbunike Title: Member

AVENTAIL CAPITAL GROUP, LP By Aventail Capital Group GP, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Sean Grant Name: Sean Grant Title: Managing Member

ALYESKA MASTER FUND, L.P. By Alyeska Investment Group, LP, its investment manager

By: /s/ Jason Bragg Name: Jason Bragg Title: Chief Financial Officer

INTEGRATED CORE STRATEGIES (US) LLC By: Integrated Holding Group LP, its Managing Member By: Millennium Management LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Mark Meskin Name: Mark Meskin Title: Chief Trading Officer

ICS OPPORTUNITIES, LTD. By: Millennium Management LLC, its General Partner By /s/ Mark Meskin Name: Mark Meskin

Title: Chief Trading Officer

TRANSITION EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC

/s/ Pat Eilers By: Name: Pat Eilers Title: Partner

TORTOISE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE CORP. By: Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser

By: /s/ Brian Kessens Name: Brian Kessens Title: Managing Director

TEXAS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY By: Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. as its Investment Adviser By (s/ Brian Kessens Name: Brian Kessens Title: Managing Director

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BURKEHILL FUND LTD By Burkehill Global Management, LP, its investment adviser

By: /s/ Regan O'Neill Name: Regan O'Neill Title: General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer

STEELMILL MASTER FUND LP By: PointState Capital LP, its Investment Manager

By: /s/ Alfred Barbagallo Name: Alfred Barbagallo

Title: Managing Director and General Counsel

Citadel CEMF Investments Ltd. By: Citadel Advisors LLC, its portfolio manager

By: /s/ Shellane Mulcahy Name: Shellane Mulcahy Title: Authorized Signatory SCHEDULE I

HOLDERS

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 Spindrift Partners, L.P.

 Spindrift Investors (Bermuda) L.P.

 Burkehill Fund Ltd

 Transition Equity Partners, LLC

 AVENTAIL ENERGY MASTER FUND, LP

 ICS Opportunities, Ltd.

 Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC

 SteelMill Master Fund, LP

 Alyeska Master Fund, L.P.

 Citadel CEMF Investments Ltd.

 Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Corp.

 Texas Mutual Insurance Company

 Tortoise Midstream Energy Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise MLP & Pipeline Fund

 Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise Power and Energy Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise Supeline & Energy Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise Power and Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Fund, Inc.

 Tortoise Power and Social Impact Term Fund

 Principal Diversified Select Real Asset Fund

 Covalis Capital Master Fund Ltd.

 Covalis Capital Enhanced Master Fund Ltd.