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) December 20, 2021



CARPARTS.COM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

001-33264 (Commission File Number) 68-0623433 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2050 W. 190th Street, Suite 400, Torrance, CA 90504 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (424) 702-1455

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:

☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange	ge Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(t	o) under the Exchange Act (17 CF	FR 240.14d-2(b))	
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(o	e) under the Exchange Act (17 CF	SR 240.13e-4(c))	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:			
Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	PRTS	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ Global Market)	
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 \square	
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 December 20, 2021, CarParts.com, Inc. ("we" or the "Company") entered into an Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the "Sales Agreement") with D.A. Davidson & Co., under which we may issue and sell from time to time shares of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Shares"), having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$50,000,000 through D.A. Davidson & Co. (the "Agent"), as sales agent, through an "at the market" equity offering program. We have agreed to pay the sales agent a commission of 1.5% of the gross sales price of any Shares sold under the Sales Agreement. We have also agreed to reimburse the Agent for certain of their expenses in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75,000 in connection with the execution of the Sales Agreement, and up to \$20,000 in connection with quarterly bring-down procedures under the Sales Agreement.

The sales, if any, of the Shares made under the Sales Agreement will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions on the Nasdaq Global Market or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Actual sales will depend on a variety of factors to be determined by us from time to time. Under the terms of the Sales Agreement, we may also sell Shares to the Agent as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. If we sell Shares to the Agent as principal, we will enter into a separate terms agreement with the Agent.

The Shares will be issued pursuant to our shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-240467). Concurrently herewith, we are filing a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement"), dated December 20, 2021, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares.

Because there is no minimum offering amount required pursuant to the Sales Agreement, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We expect to use any net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include operating expenses, working capital, and to further or execute upon potential strategic transactions or relationships.

The Sales Agreement also contains representations, warranties and certain covenants of the Company. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Sales Agreement are made only for purposes of the Sales Agreement and as of specific dates; are solely for the benefit of the parties to the Sales Agreement; and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the parties, including being qualified by confidential disclosures made by each contracting party to the other for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between them that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any description thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of our business or D.A. Davidson & Co. or any of our or their subsidiaries, affiliates, businesses or stockholders. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations, warranties and covenants may change after the date of the Sales Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in our public disclosures or statements by us or D.A. Davidson & Co. Accordingly, investors should read the representations and warranties in the Sales Agreement not in isolation but only in conjunction with the other information about us or D.A. Davidson & Co. and our or their subsidiaries that the respective companies include in reports, statements and other filings made with the SEC.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Shares, nor shall there by any offer, solicitation or sale of the Shares in any state or country in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or country.

The foregoing description of the Sales Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Sales Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Dorsey & Whitney LLP, counsel to the Company, has issued a legal opinion relating to the Shares. A copy of this legal opinion, including the consent included therein, is attached as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. <u>5.1</u>	Description Opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP
<u>10.1</u>	Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated December 20, 2021, by and among the Company and D.A. Davidson & Co.
<u>23.1</u>	Consent of Dorsey & Whitney LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1)
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File – the cover page interactive data file does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

SIGNATURES

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

Dated: December 21, 2021 CARPARTS.COM, INC.

By: /s/ David Meniane

Name: David Meniane

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

CarParts.com, Inc. 2050 W. 190th Street Torrance, California 90504

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-240467)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to CarParts.com, Inc. a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") of a Prospectus Supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement"), dated December 20, 2021, to the Prospectus, dated August 11, 2020 included in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-240467) (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the offer and sale by the Company of up to \$50 million of shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share of the Company (the "Shares"), pursuant to an Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the "Sales Agreement"), dated December 20, 2021 by and between the Company and D.A. Davidson & Co.

We have examined such documents and have reviewed such questions of law as we have considered necessary or appropriate for the purposes of our opinions set forth below. In rendering our opinions set forth below, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures and the conformity to authentic originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. We have also assumed the legal capacity for all purposes relevant hereto of all natural persons. As to questions of fact material to our opinions, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and other representatives of the Company and of public officials.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued and delivered against payment of the consideration therefor specified in the Sales Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

Our opinions expressed above are limited to the Delaware General Corporation Law.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by the Company with the Commission on the date hereof, which Current Report on Form 8-K will be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Exhibit 10.1

CarParts.com, Inc.

Common Stock (\$0.001 par value per share)

EQUITY OFFERING SALES AGREEMENT

December 20, 2021

D.A. Davidson & Co. 8 Third Street North Great Falls, MT 59401

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CarParts.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to issue and sell from time to time to or through D.A. Davidson & Co., as sales agent and/or principal (the "Agent"), shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the 'Common Stock'), having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$50,000,000 on the terms set forth in this Equity Offering Sales Agreement (this Agreement"). The Company agrees that whenever it determines to sell Shares directly to the Agent as principal, it will enter into a separate agreement (each such agreement, a "Terms Agreement") in substantially the form of Annex I hereto, relating to such sale in accordance with Section 2 of this Agreement.

Section 1. Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to the Agent that as of the date of this Agreement, the date of any Terms Agreement, each Registration Statement Amendment Date (as defined in Section 3(i) below), each Company Periodic Report Date (as defined in Section 3(i) below), each Company Earnings Report Date (as defined in Section 3(i) below), each Applicable Time (as defined in Section 1(c) below) and each Settlement Date (as defined in Section 2(g) below):

(a) A registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-240467), including a form of prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"), covering the registration of the offer and sale of certain securities (including the Shares) has been prepared by the Company in conformity with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the rules and regulations (the "1933 Act Regulations") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") thereunder and has been filed with the Commission. The Company and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and any applicable Terms Agreement meet the requirements and comply with the conditions for the use of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act. Such registration statement, together with any registration statement filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations, is herein referred to as the "Registration Statement," which shall be deemed to include all information omitted therefrom in reliance upon Rule 430B of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 430B") and contained in the Prospectus referred to below, has become effective under the 1933 Act and no post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed as of the date of this Agreement. "Prospectus" means the Base Prospectus, as supplemented by the final prospectus supplement relating to the Shares, in the form filed with the Commission pursuant to and within the time limits described in Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement or to the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement or the date of the Prospectus, as the case may be, and any reference to "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to include any documents incorporated by reference therein, and any supplements or amendments thereto

- (b) The Commission has not issued an order preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (as defined in Section 1(c) below) or the Prospectus relating to the proposed offering from time to time of the Shares, and no proceeding for that purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the 1933 Act has been instituted or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened by the Commission. Each of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as of the date hereof and the date of any Terms Agreement and as of each Applicable Time and each Settlement Date, as applicable, comply or will comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, at the time filed with the Commission, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("1934 Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations"). Subject to the limitation included in the next sentence, the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, as of its effective date, at each deemed effective date with respect to the Agent and the Shares pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations and as of each Settlement Date, do not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact and do not and will not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto, as of its date and as of each Settlement Date, do not and will not omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements of a material fact and do not and will not omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or
- (c) The Prospectus and the applicable Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es) issued at or prior to the relevant Applicable Time, taken together (collectively, and, with respect to any Shares, together with the public offering price of such Shares, the "General Disclosure Package") as of such Applicable Time and the applicable Settlement Date, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to information contained in or omitted from the General Disclosure Package, in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Agent, specifically for use therein. As used in this subsection and elsewhere in this Agreement:
 - "Applicable Time" means, with respect to any Shares, the time of sale of such Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement; and
- "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations, relating to the Shares in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company's records pursuant to Rule 433(g) of the 1933 Act Regulations.
- (d) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its date and as of each Applicable Time and each Settlement Date, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to information contained in or omitted from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of the Agent, specifically for use therein.
- (e) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with the requisite corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. Each of the Company's "subsidiaries" (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) (each, a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly incorporated or formed and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or formation, as the case may be, with the requisite corporate, limited liability company or limited partnership power and authority, as the case may be, to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except where failure to be in good standing or lack of such power and authority would not have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined below). The Company and each of the Subsidiaries are duly qualified to transact business in all jurisdictions in which the conduct of their business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify would not have a Material Adverse Effect. The outstanding shares of capital stock, membership interests or limited partnership interests, as the case may be, of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and, except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, are owned by the Company or another Subsidiary free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities and claims; and, except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other o

- (f) The Company has an authorized and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except for any subsequent issuances of Common Stock pursuant to reservations, agreements, compensatory arrangements or benefit plans that are disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable; and none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.
- (g) The Shares have been duly authorized and when issued and paid for as contemplated herein will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. No holder of the Shares will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder. The issuance of the Shares is not subject to the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. The Shares conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The form of certificate for the Shares will be in substantially the form incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and such form complies with all applicable statutory requirements, requirements of the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws and requirements of The Nasdaq Global Market ("Nasdaq").
- (h) (i) At the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made abona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Shares and (ii) as of the date hereof (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (ii)), the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer" (as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations, without taking into account any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer), including, without limitation, for purposes of Rules 164 and 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations with respect to the offering of the Shares as contemplated by the Registration Statement.
- (i) The consolidated financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries, together with related notes and schedules as set forth or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, comply in all material respects with the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations, and present fairly the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows of the Company and the consolidated Subsidiaries, at the indicated dates and for the indicated periods. Such financial statements and related schedules have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted principles of accounting ("GAAP"), consistently applied throughout the periods involved, except as disclosed therein, and all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods have been made. The summary and selected consolidated financial and statistical data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus presents fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. The financial statements of the businesses or properties acquired or proposed to be acquired, if any, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein and have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial statement requirements of the 1934 Act Regulations. The pro forma financial statements and other pro forma financial information, if any, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the information shown therein, have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma financial statements, have been properly compiled on the pro forma bases described therein, and, in the opinion of the Company, the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable and the adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions or circumstances referred to therein. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the 1933 Act Regulations) comply with Regulation G of the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents, in all material respects, the required information and has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. The Company and the Subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations or any "variable interest entities" within the meaning of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46), that are required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus that are not so disclosed. There are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not included as required.

- (j) RSM US LLP ("RSM"), who have certified certain of the financial statements filed with the Commission as part of, or incorporated by reference in, the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company and the Subsidiaries within the meaning of the 1933 Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).
- (k) There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply in all material respects with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith, except where the failure to so comply would not have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (l) There is no action, suit, claim or proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of the Subsidiaries before any court or administrative agency or otherwise which if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries would either (i) have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the earnings, business, management, properties, assets, rights, operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company and of the Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (ii) prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (the occurrence of any such effect or any such prevention described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) being referred to as a "Material Adverse Effect"), except as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (m) There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and filed as required.
- (n) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property and good and valid title to all other properties and assets owned by them, in each case free from liens, charges, encumbrances and defects that would, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, and, except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries hold any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no terms or provisions that would, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) [Reserved].

(p) Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or except as would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) none of the Company, nor any of the Subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products, asbestos-containing materials or mold (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Related Entities have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any Subsidiary, threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violations, investigations or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company or any of the Subsidiaries and (D) there are no events or circumstances that might reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or governmental body or agency, against or affecting the Company or any of the Subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materials or any Environmental Laws.

- (q) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.
- (r) The Company and the Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns which have been required to be filed and have paid all taxes indicated by such returns and all assessments received by them or any of them to the extent that such taxes have become due, except for any such tax or assessment that is being contested in good faith. All tax liabilities have been adequately provided for in the financial statements of the Company, and the Company does not know of any actual or proposed additional material tax assessments.
- (s) Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, except as otherwise described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (i) there has not been any Material Adverse Effect or any development involving a prospective Material Adverse Effect, (ii) there has not been any material transaction entered into or any material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company or the Subsidiaries, other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and (iii) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock. The Company and the Subsidiaries have no material contingent obligations that are required to be disclosed which are not disclosed in the Company's financial statements which are included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (t) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is or with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, will be, (i) in violation of its certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited liability agreement, partnership agreement or other organizational documents or (ii) in violation of or in default under any agreement, lease, contract, indenture or other instrument or obligation to which it is a party or by which it, or any of its properties, is bound and, solely with respect to this clause (ii), which violation or default would have a Material Adverse Effect. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and any Terms Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated and the fulfillment of the terms hereof and thereof will not conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties is bound, except for any such conflict, breach or default that would not have a Material Adverse Effect, or of the certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws, certificate of formation, limited liability agreement, partnership agreement or other organizational documents of the Company or any Subsidiary or any law, order, rule or regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary of any court or of any government, regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction.
- (u) The execution and delivery of, and the performance by the Company of its obligations under, this Agreement and any Terms Agreement have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and this Agreement and any Terms Agreement have been duly executed and delivered by the Company.
- (v) Each approval, consent, order, authorization, designation, declaration or filing by or with any regulatory, administrative or other governmental body necessary in connection with the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement and any Terms Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated (except such additional steps as may be required by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") or such additional steps as may be necessary to qualify the Shares for public offering by the Agent under state securities or Blue Sky laws) has been obtained or made is in full force and effect.

- (w) The Company and each of the Subsidiaries hold all material licenses, certificates and permits from governmental authorities which are necessary to the conduct of their businesses as currently conducted; the Company and the Subsidiaries each own or possess the right to use all patents, patent rights, trademarks, trade names, service marks, service names, copyrights, license rights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) and other intellectual property rights ("Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on their businesses in all material respects; neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has infringed (except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect), and none of the Company or the Subsidiaries have received notice of conflict with, any Intellectual Property of any other person or entity. The Company has taken all reasonable steps necessary to secure interests in such Intellectual Property from its contractors. There are no outstanding options, licenses or agreements of any kind relating to the Intellectual Property of the Company that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus that are not so described in all material respects. The Company is not a party to or bound by any options, licenses or agreements with respect to the Intellectual Property of any other person or entity that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus that are not so described in all material respects. None of the technology employed by the Company has been obtained or is being used by the Company in violation of any contractual obligation binding on the Company or any of its officers, directors or employees or otherwise in violation of the rights of any persons (except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect). The Company has not received any wr
- (x) Neither the Company, nor to the Company's knowledge, any of its affiliates, has taken or may take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the shares of Common Stock to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.
- (y) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is or, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares from time to time as contemplated by this Agreement or any Terms Agreement and the application of the net proceeds from any such sale as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, will be an "investment company" within the meaning of such term under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- (z) The Company and the Subsidiaries maintain systems of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the 1934 Act Regulations) that comply with the requirements of the 1934 Act and have been designed by, or under the supervision of, their respective principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP, including, but not limited to, internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain asset accountability; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents, in all material respects, the required information and is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee ("Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors or the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company, and within the next 90 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, (i) a significant deficiency, (ii) a material weakness, (iii) a change in Internal Controls that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Internal Controls, (iv) fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls, (v) any violation of, or failure to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley, the 1933 Act Regulations, the 1934 Act Regulations, the rules and regulations of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the rules and regulations of the Commission, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of "issuers" (as defined in Sarbanes-Oxley) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the Exchange Rules, or (vi) any other matter involving Internal Controls, except, in the case of (i) and (vi), as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (aa) The Company has established and maintains an effective system of "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the 1934 Act Regulations) that complies with the requirements of the 1934 Act; the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" are reasonably designed to ensure that all information (both financial and non-financial) required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the 1934 Act, and that all such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company required under the 1934 Act with respect to such reports.
- (bb) The statistical, industry-related and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources which the Company reasonably and in good faith believes are reliable and accurate, and such data agree with the sources from which they are derived.
- (cc) The operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries are, and have been conducted at all times, in compliance with applicable financial record-keeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar applicable rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened.
- (dd) Neither the Company nor, any Subsidiary, director, officer, agent, employee, nor, to the Company's knowledge, after due inquiry, any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is currently the subject or the target of any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("OFAC") or the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"); nor is the Company or any of its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject or the target of Sanctions, including without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria; and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of this offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, or any joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of or any business with any person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of such financing, is the subject or the target of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of applicable Sanctions. For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in and are not now knowingly engaged in any dealings or transactions with any person that at the time of dealing or transaction is or was the subject or the target of Sanctions or with any Sanctioned Country.
- (ee) The Company and each of the Subsidiaries carry, or are covered by, insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as is adequate for the conduct of their respective businesses and the value of their respective properties and as is customary for companies engaged in similar businesses.
- (ff) No labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any Subsidiary exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or any Subsidiary's principal suppliers, manufacturers, customers or contractors, which, in either case, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

- (gg) Except as otherwise disclosed in the Prospectus, the Company and its subsidiaries and any "employee benefit plan" (as defined under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (collectively, "ERISA")) established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or their "ERISA Affiliates" (as defined below) are in compliance in all material respects with ERISA. "ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, any member of any group of organizations described in Sections 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (the "Code") of which the Company or such subsidiary is a member. No "reportable event" (as defined under ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur with respect to any "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates. No "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has incurred or reasonably expects to incur any liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "employee benefit plan" or (ii) Sections 412, 4971, 4975 or 4980B of the Code. Each "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Company, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified and nothing has occurred, whether by action or failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.
- (hh) There are no relationships or related-party transactions involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or any other person required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus which have not been described as required.
- (ii) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state or foreign office in violation of any law which violation is required to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus.
- (jj) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, no Subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such Subsidiary's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such Subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such Subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other Subsidiary of the Company.
- (kk) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor any director, officer, employee of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, nor to the knowledge of the Company, any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries has, in the course of its actions for, or on behalf of, the Company or any of its subsidiaries (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; (ii) made or taken any act in furtherance of an offer, promise, or authorization of any direct or indirect unlawful payment or benefit to any foreign or domestic government official or employee, including of any government-owned or controlled entity or public international organization, or any political party, party official, or candidate for political office; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA"), the UK Bribery Act 2010, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law; or (iv) made, offered, authorized, requested, or taken an act in furtherance of any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment or benefit. The Company, the Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, the Company's affiliates have conducted their respective businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.
- (II) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than as contemplated by this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or the Agent for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(mm) The Company and its subsidiaries' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "IT Systems") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries as currently conducted, free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, malware and other corruptants. The Company and its subsidiaries have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable physical, technical and administrative controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect their material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data, including "Personal Data," used in connection with their businesses. "Personal Data" means (i) a natural person's name, street address, telephone number, e-mail address, photograph, social security number or tax identification number, driver's license number, passport number, credit card number, bank information, or customer or account number; (ii) any information which would qualify as "personally identifying information" under the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended; (iii) "personal data" as defined by GDPR; (iv) any information which would qualify as "protected health information" under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (collectively, "HIPAA"); and (v) any other piece of information that allows the identification of such natural person, or his or her family, or permits the collection or analysis of any data related to an identified person's health or sexual orientation. There have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except for those that have been remedied without material cost or liability or the duty to notify any other person, nor any incidents under internal review or investigations relating to the same. The Company and its subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

- (nn) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, the Company (A) does not have any material lending or other relationship with the Agent or any bank, lending or other affiliate of the Agent and (B) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares to repay any outstanding debt owed to the Agent or any affiliate of the Agent.
- (oo) The Common Stock is an actively traded security excepted from the requirements of Rule 101 of Regulation M under the 1934 Act by subsection (c)(1) of such rule.

Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company and delivered to the Agent or to counsel for the Agent shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to the Agent as to the matters covered thereby.

Section 2. Sale and Delivery of Shares.

- (a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Company agrees to issue and sell through the Agent acting as sales agent or directly to the Agent acting as principal from time to time, and the Agent agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell as sales agent for the Company, the Shares. Sales of the Shares, if any, through the Agent acting as sales agent or directly to the Agent acting as principal will be made by at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices (i) by means of ordinary brokers' transactions, to or through the Nasdaq or any other market venue where the Shares may be traded, in transactions deemed to be "at-the-market offerings" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act, (ii) in privately negotiated transactions, which may include block trades, as otherwise agreed by the Company and the Agent, or through a combination of any such methods of sale or (iii) any other method permitted by law.
- (b) The Shares are to be sold to the Agent on an agented basis on any day (other than a day on which the Nasdaq is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time) (each, a "Trading Day") on which (i) the Company has instructed the Agent to make such sales (a "Placement Notice") and (ii) the Company has satisfied its covenants and conditions specified in Sections 4 and 5 hereof. To the extent the Common Stock is not, at the time of delivery of the Placement Notice, an actively traded security excepted from the requirements of Rule 101 of Regulation M under the 1934 Act by subsection (c)(1) of such rule, the Placement Notice must be delivered at least three (3) business days in advance of the sale date. The Company will designate in the Placement Notice the time period during which sales are requested to be made, the maximum number of Shares to be sold during such time period and the minimum price per Share at which such Shares may be sold. Subject to the terms and conditions specified herein (including, without limitation, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations, contained herein and the satisfaction of the additional conditions specified in Section 5 hereof), the Agent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts, consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations, to sell all of the Shares so designated by the Company as sales agent in accordance with such instruction. The Company and the Agent each acknowledge and agree that (A) there can be no assurance that the Agent will be successful in selling any Shares and (B) the Agent will not incur any liability or obligation to the Company if it fails to sell Shares for any reason other than a failure to use commercially reasonable efforts, consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations, to sell such Shares as required by this Agreement.

- (c) The Company or the Agent through whom the sale of Shares are to be made as sales agent on any Trading Day may, upon notice to the other party hereto by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email, which confirmation will be promptly acknowledged by the receiving party), suspend the offering of the Shares with respect to which the Agent is acting as sales agent for any reason and at any time; <u>provided, however</u>, that such suspension or termination shall not affect or impair the parties' respective obligations with respect to the Shares sold, or with respect to Shares that the Company has agreed to sell, hereunder prior to the giving of such notice.
- (d) The gross sales price of any Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement by the Agent acting as sales agent of the Company shall be equal to, subject to the specific instructions of the Company, the market price prevailing at the time of sale for the Shares sold by the Agent on the Nasdaq or otherwise, at prices relating to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The compensation payable for sales of Shares with respect to which the Agent acts as sales agent shall be 1.5% of the gross sales prices for such Shares. The Agent shall notify the Company as promptly as practicable if any deduction referenced in the preceding sentence will be made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Company engages the Agent as a sales agent for a sale of Shares that would constitute a "distribution" within the meaning of Rule 100 of Regulation M under the 1934 Act, the Company and the Agent will agree prior to the commencement thereof to compensation for the Agent that is customary for such sales.
- (e) If acting as sales agent hereunder, the Agent shall provide written confirmation to the Company following the close of trading on the Nasdaq on each Trading Day on which Shares are sold under this Agreement setting forth the number of Shares sold on such day, the aggregate gross sales proceeds of the Shares, the aggregate Net Proceeds to the Company and the aggregate compensation payable by the Company to the Agent with respect to such sales.
- (f) Under no circumstances shall the aggregate gross sales price or number, as the case may be, of Shares offered or sold pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement exceed the aggregate gross sales price or number, as the case may be, of Shares (i) set forth in the preamble paragraph of this Agreement, (ii) available for sale under the Prospectus and the Registration Statement or (iii) duly authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement by the Company or approved for listing on the Nasdaq, and in each case referred to in clause (ii) and (iii), notified to the Agent in writing. In addition, under no circumstances shall any Shares with respect to the Agent, acting as sales agent, be offered or sold at a price lower than the minimum price therefor duly authorized from time to time by the Company and notified to the Agent in writing.
- (g) Settlement for sales of Shares pursuant to this Section 2 will occur on the second business day that is also a Trading Day following the trade date on which such sales are made, unless another date shall be agreed to in writing by the Company and the Agent (each such day, a "Settlement Date"). On each Settlement Date, the Shares sold through the Agent as sales agent shall be delivered by the Company to the Agent against payment of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares. Settlement for all Shares shall be effected by book-entry delivery of Shares to the Agent's account at The Depository Trust Company against payments by the Agent of the Net Proceeds from the sale of such Shares in same day funds delivered to an account designated by the Company. If the Company shall default on its obligation to deliver Shares through the Agent as a sales agent on any Settlement Date, the Company shall (i) indemnify and hold the Agent harmless against any loss, claim or damage arising from or as a result of such default by the Company and (ii) pay the Agent any commission to which it would otherwise be entitled absent such default.

- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company shall not offer, sell or deliver, or request the offer or sale of any Shares and, by notice to the Agent given by telephone (confirmed promptly by telecopy or email), shall cancel any instructions for the offer or sale of any Shares, and the Agent shall not be obligated to offer or sell any Shares, (i) during any period in which the Agent believes that the Company is, or could be deemed to be, in possession of material non-public information or (ii) except as provided in Section 2(i) below, at any time from and including the date (each, an "Announcement Date") on which the Company shall issue a press release containing, or shall otherwise publicly announce, its earnings, revenues or other results of operations (each, an "Earnings Announcement") through and including the time that is 24 hours after the time that the Company files (a "Filing Time") a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or an Annual Report on Form 10-K that includes consolidated financial statements as of and for the same period or periods, as the case may be, covered by such Earnings Announcement. Provided, however, that the restrictions set forth in clause (i) of this Section 2(h) shall not apply to sales under any plan adopted by the Company under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act.
- (i) If the Company wishes to offer, sell or deliver Shares at any time during the period from and including an Announcement Date through and including the time that is 24 hours after the corresponding Filing Time, the Company shall (i) prepare and deliver to the Agent (with a copy to counsel to the Agent) a Current Report on Form 8-K which shall include substantially the same financial and related information as was set forth in the relevant Earnings Announcement (other than any earnings projections, similar forward-looking data and officers' quotations) (each, an "Earnings 8-K"), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, (ii) provide the Agent with the officers' certificate, accountants' letter and opinions and letters of counsel called for by Sections (3)(j), (k) and (l) hereof, respectively, (iii) afford the Agent the opportunity to conduct a due diligence review in accordance with Section 3(n) hereof and (iv) file such Earnings 8-K with the Commission, then the provisions of clause (ii) of Section 2(h) shall not be applicable for the period from and after the time at which the foregoing conditions shall have been satisfied (or, if later, the time that is 24 hours after the time that is 24 hours after the Filing Time of the relevant Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Annual Report on Form 10-K, as the case may be. For purposes of clarity, the parties hereto agree that (A) the delivery of any officers' certificate, accountants' letter and opinions and letters of counsel pursuant to this Section 2(i) shall not relieve the Company from any of its obligations under this Agreement with respect to any Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Annual Report on Form 10-K, as the case may be, including, without limitation, the obligation to deliver officers' certificates, accountants' letters and legal opinions and letters as provided in Section 3 hereof and (B) this Section 2(i) shall in no way affect or limit the operation of the provisions of clause (i) of Section 2(h), which shall have independent applicat
- (j) At each Applicable Time, Settlement Date, Registration Statement Amendment Date, Company Periodic Report Date, and Company Earnings Report Date, the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation and warranty contained in this Agreement. Any obligation of the Agent to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Shares on behalf of the Company as sales agent shall be subject to the continuing accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein, to the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder and to the continuing satisfaction of the additional conditions specified in Section 6 of this Agreement.
- (k) If the exemptive provisions set forth in Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the 1934 Act are not satisfied with respect to the Company or the Shares, the Company shall promptly notify the Agent and future offers and sales of Shares through the Agent on an agented basis under this Equity Offering Sales Agreement shall be suspended until that or other exemptive provisions have been satisfied in the judgment of each party.
- (l) The Agent shall not have any obligation to purchase Shares as principal, whether from the Company or otherwise, unless the Company and the Agent agree as set forth below. Shares purchased from the Company by the Agent, individually or in a syndicate, as principal shall be made in accordance with terms agreed upon between the Agent and the Company as evidenced by a Terms Agreement. The Agent's commitment to purchase Shares from the Company as principal shall be deemed to have been made on the basis of the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company, and performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations, herein contained and shall be subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth. At the time of each Terms Agreement, the Agent shall specify the requirements, if any, for the officers' certificate, opinions and letters of counsel and accountants' letter pursuant to Section 3(i), (j) and (k), respectively, hereof. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Equity Offering Sales Agreement and a Terms Agreement, the terms of such Terms Agreement shall control.

- (a) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required in connection with the offering or sale of Shares (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the 1933 Act Regulations), (i) to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, other than as a result of any filing made under the Exchange Act that is deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, prior to any Settlement Date without first providing the Agent a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such amendment or supplement, and to advise the Agent, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus has been filed, (ii) to file promptly all other material required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act, (iv) to advise the Agent, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus or other prospectus in respect of the Shares, of the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the form of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or rospectus or of any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the form of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or of additional information, and (v) in the event of the issuance of any such stop order or of any such order preventing or suspending the use of the Prospectus in respect of the Shares or suspending any such qualification, to promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to obt
- (b) Promptly from time to time (in each case other than during a Suspension Period (as defined in Section 3(q)) to take such action as the Agent may reasonably request to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the securities laws of such United States jurisdictions as the Agent may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the sale of the Shares, provided that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign entity, subject itself to taxation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction; and to promptly advise the Agent of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offer or sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.
- (c) During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rule 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the 1933 Act Regulations) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, the Company will make available to the Agent, as soon as practicable after the execution of this Agreement, and thereafter from time to time furnish to the Agent, copies of the most recent Prospectus in such quantities and at such locations as the Agent may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the 1933 Act. During any period when the delivery of a prospectus is required (whether physically or through compliance with Rules 153 or 172, or in lieu thereof, a notice referred to in Rule 173(a) of the 1933 Act Regulations) in connection with the offering or sale of Shares, and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or supplement the Prospectus or to file under the 1934 Act any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, to notify the Agent and to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to the Agent as many written and electronic copies as the Agent may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.
- (d) To timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries in form complying with the provisions of Rule 158 of the 1933 Act Regulations.

- (e) To use the Net Proceeds received by it from the sale of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement and any Terms Agreement in the manner specified in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (f) In connection with the offering and sale of the Shares, the Company will file with the Nasdaq all documents and notices, and make all certifications, required by the Nasdaq of companies that have securities that are listed on the Nasdaq and will maintain such listing.
- (g) To not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to constitute, under the 1934 Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any securities of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.
- (h) At each Applicable Time, each Settlement Date, each Registration Statement Amendment Date, each Company Earnings Report Date, each Company Periodic Report Date and each date on which Shares are delivered to the Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement (in each case other than during a Suspension Period), the Company shall be deemed to have affirmed each representation, warranty, covenant and other agreement contained in this Agreement or any Terms Agreement. In each Annual Report on Form 10-K or Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Company in respect of any quarter in which sales of Shares were made by or through the Agent under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement (each date on which any such document is filed, and any date on which an amendment to any such document is filed, a "Company Periodic Report Date"), or, to the extent required by applicable law and Commission interpretations thereof, in prospectus supplements to be filed by the Company from time to time, the Company shall set forth with regard to such quarter or such shorter period determined by the Company, as the case may be, the number of Shares sold through the Agent under this Agreement or any Terms Agreement and the Net Proceeds received by the Company with respect to sales of Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.
- (i) Upon execution of this Agreement and promptly after each time the Company: (i) amends or supplements (other than a prospectus supplement relating solely to an offering of securities other than the Shares) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Shares by means of a post-effective amendment, sticker, or supplement but not by means of incorporation of documents by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Shares; (ii) files an annual report on Form 10-K under the 1934 Act (including any Form 10-K/A containing amended audited financial information or a material amendment to the previously filed Form 10-K); (iii) files its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q under the 1934 Act; or (iv) files a current report on Form 8-K containing amended financial information (other than information "furnished" pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or to provide disclosure pursuant to Item 8.01 of Form 8-K relating to the reclassification of certain properties as discontinued operations in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144) under the 1934 Act (each date of filing of one or more of the documents referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) shall be a "Representation Date"), the Company shall furnish the Agent (but in the case of clause (iv) above only if the Agent reasonably determines that the information contained in such Form 8-K is material) the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agent (with a copy to counsel to the Agent) a certificate dated the date of delivery thereof to the Agent (or, in the case of an amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (including, without limitation, by the filing of any document under the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference therein), the date of the effectiveness of such amendment to the Registration Statement or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or incorporated document, as the case may be), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel, to the effect that the statements contained in the certificate referred to in Section 6(e) of this Agreement which was last furnished to the Agent are true and correct as of the date of such certificate as though made at and as of the date of such certificate (except that such statements shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the date of such certificate) or, in lieu of such certificate, a certificate of the same tenor as the certificate referred to in Section 6(e), but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the date of such certificate; provided, however, that the delivery requirements of this Section 3(i) shall not be in effect during a Suspension Period and shall be deemed waived for any Representation Date occurring at a time at which no Placement Notice is pending, which waiver shall continue until the earlier to occur of the date the Company delivers a Placement Notice hereunder (which for such calendar quarter shall be considered a Representation Date) and the next occurring Representation Date on which the Company files its annual report on Form 10-K. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the applicable Representation Date, "promptly" shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time.

- (j) Upon execution of this Agreement and promptly after each other Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 3(i) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Agent (with a copy to counsel to the Agent) the written opinion of counsel to the Company (who shall be reasonably acceptable to the Agent), dated the date of delivery thereof to the Agent (or, in the case of an amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (including, without limitation, by the filing of any document under the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference therein), the date of the effectiveness of such amendment to the Registration Statement or the date of filing with the Commission of such supplement or incorporated document, as the case may be), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel, of the same tenor as the opinions referred to in Section 6(c) of this Agreement, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the date of in incorporated to the Agent (with a copy to counsel for the Agent) with a letter substantially to the effect that the Agent may rely on such counsel's last opinion to the Same extent as though each were dated the date of such letter authorizing reliance (except that statements in such last opinion shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and Prospectus as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter authorizing reliance); provided, however, that the delivery requirements of this Section 3(j) shall not be in effect during a Suspension Period. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the applicable Representation Date, "promptly" shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time.
- (k) Upon execution of this Agreement and promptly after each other Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 3(i) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company will cause RSM, or other independent accountants reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, to furnish to the Agent a letter, dated the date of effectiveness of such amendment or the date of filing of such supplement or other document with the Commission, as the case may be, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel, of the same tenor as the letter referred to in Section 6(d) hereof, but modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented, or to the document incorporated by reference into the Prospectus, to the date of such letter; provided, however, that the delivery requirements of this Section 3(k) shall not be in effect during a Suspension Period. As used in this paragraph, to the extent there shall be an Applicable Time on or following the applicable Representation Date, "promptly" shall be deemed to be on or prior to the next succeeding Applicable Time.
- (I) The Company consents to the Agent trading in the Company's Common Stock for the Agent's own accounts and for the accounts of its clients at the same time as sales of Shares occur pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement.
- (m) If, to the knowledge of the Company, all filings required by Rule 424 in connection with this offering shall not have been made or the representations contained in Section 1(a) shall not be true and correct on the applicable Settlement Date, the Company will offer to any person who has agreed to purchase Shares from the Company as the result of an offer to purchase solicited by the Agent the right to refuse to purchase and pay for such Shares.
- (n) The Company will cooperate timely with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agent or its counsel from time to time in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or in any Terms Agreement, including, without limitation, and upon reasonable notice providing information and making available documents and appropriate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, as the Agent may reasonably request.

- (o) Other than during a Suspension Period, the Company will not, without (i) giving the Agent at least five days' prior written notice specifying the nature of the proposed sale and the date of such proposed sale and (ii) the Agent suspending activity under this program for such period of time as requested by the Company or as deemed appropriate by the Agent in light of the proposed sale, (A) offer, pledge, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Common Stock, or file any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing (other than a shelf registration statement under Rule 415 of the 1933 Act Regulations, a registration statement on Form S-8 or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement) or (B) enter into any swap or other agreement or any transaction that transfers in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, any of the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (A) or (B) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (i) the Shares to be offered and sold through the Agent pursuant to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement, (ii) Common Stock issued pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, stock purchase plans or employee compensation plans, as the same may be amended or replaced from time to time, (iii) equity incentive awards approved by the board of directors of the Company or the compensation committee thereof or the issuance of Common Stock upon exercise thereof, or (iv)
- (p) If, immediately prior to the third anniversary (the "Renewal Deadline") of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement, any of the Shares remain unsold, the Company will, prior to the Renewal Deadline, file, if it has not already done so and is eligible to do so, a new shelf registration statement or, if applicable, an automatic shelf registration statement relating to the Shares, in a form satisfactory to the Agent, and will use its best efforts to cause such registration statement, if it is not an automatic shelf registration statement, to be declared effective within 60 days after the Renewal Deadline. The Company will take all other action necessary or appropriate to permit the issuance and sale of the Shares to continue as contemplated in the expired registration statement relating to the Shares. References herein to the Registration Statement shall include such new shelf registration statement or such new automatic shelf registration statement, as the case may be.
- (q) The Company may notify the Agent by telephone (confirmed promptly by e-mail), or by such other method as the Company and the Agent shall mutually agree in writing, at any time until 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second business day preceding any Representation Date that it does not intend to sell Shares under this Agreement for the period commencing on such Representation Date and continuing until the second Trading Day after the earlier of (i) the date the Company instructs the Agent to sell Shares under this Agreement and (ii) the date the Company notifies the Agent that it is revoking its prior notice to the Agent that it does not intend to sell Shares under this Agreement (a "Suspension Period"). If the Company shall have provided such notice, the requirements to provide certificates pursuant to Section 3(i) hereunder, legal opinions pursuant to Section 3(j) hereunder, and letters from independent accountants pursuant to Section 3(k) hereunder shall be waived during such Suspension Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during a Suspension Period or subsequent to the completion of a Suspension Period, as applicable, the Agent shall not be obligated to sell any Shares pursuant to the Company's instruction until all documents required by each such applicable Section of this Agreement shall have been provided to the Agent and the Company shall have provided the Agent with a customary due diligence update.

Section 4. Free Writing Prospectus.

- (a) (i) The Company represents and agrees that without the prior consent of the Agent, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations; and
- (ii) the Agent represents and agrees that, without the prior consent of the Company it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a free writing prospectus required to be filed with the Commission.
- (b) The Company has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations applicable to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (including any free writing prospectus identified in Section 4(a) hereof), including timely filing with the Commission or retention where required and legending.

Section 5. Payment of Expenses. The Company covenants and agrees with the Agent that the Company will pay or cause to be paid all expenses, including the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Shares under the 1933 Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Agent; (ii) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, any Blue Sky and Legal Investment Memoranda, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares; (iii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 3(b) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Agent in connection with the Blue Sky and Legal Investment Surveys; (iv) any filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Agent in connection with, any required review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Shares; (v) all fees and expenses in connection with listing the Shares on the Nasdaq; (vi) the cost of preparing the Shares; (vii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent or registrar or any dividend distribution agent; (viii) reimbursement of the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of the Agent including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel, incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; provided, however, that such expenses under this Section 5 shall not exceed (A) an aggregate of \$75,000 in connection with the execution of this Agreement and (B) \$20,000 for each required bring down as necessary thereafter und

Section 6. <u>Conditions of Agent's Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Agent hereunder shall be subject, in its discretion, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof are true and correct as of the time of the execution of this Agreement, the date of any executed Terms Agreement and as of each Representation Date, Applicable Time and Settlement Date, to the condition that the Company shall have performed all of its obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed, and the following additional conditions:

- (a) The Prospectus Supplement shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations on or prior to the date hereof and in accordance with Section 3(a) hereof, any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) of the 1933 Act Regulations shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; no stop order suspending or preventing the use of the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of the Agent.
- (b) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof, Paul Hastings, LLP, counsel for the Agent, shall have furnished to the Agent such written opinion or opinions, dated as of such date, with respect to such matters as the Agent may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such papers and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters.
- (c) On every date specified in Section 3(j) hereof, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Agent written opinions, dated as of such date, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 and A-2, respectively, and to such further effect as counsel to the Agent may reasonably request.
- (d) At the dates specified in Section 3(k) hereof, RSM, and any other independent accountants who have certified the financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus shall have furnished to the Agent a letter or letters dated as of the date of delivery thereof and addressed to the Agent in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and its counsel, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

- (e) On each date specified in Section 3(i) hereof, the Agent shall have received a certificate of the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, dated as of the date thereof, to the effect that (A) the Registration Statement has been declared effective under the 1933 Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or no order preventing or suspending the use of any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued, and no proceedings for such purpose or pursuant to Section 8A of the 1933 Act have been taken or are, to his or her knowledge, contemplated or threatened by the Commission; (B) there has been no Material Adverse Effect, or any development or occurrence that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus as each is then amended or supplemented, (C) the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein are true and correct as of such date and (D) the Company has complied with all of the agreements entered into in connection with the transactions contemplated herein and in any Terms Agreement and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied.
- (f) Since the date of the latest audited financial statements then included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred.
 - (g) The Company shall have complied with the provisions of Section 3(c) hereof with respect to the timely furnishing of prospectuses.
- (h) On such dates as reasonably requested by the Agent, the Company shall have conducted due diligence sessions, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.
- (i) All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 of the 1933 Act Regulations to have been filed by each Applicable Time or related Settlement Date shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424 (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)).
 - (i) [Reserved]
- (k) Counsel for the Agent shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, contained herein or in any applicable Terms Agreement; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares as contemplated herein or in any applicable Terms Agreement and in connection with the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any such Terms Agreement shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Agent and counsel for the Agent.

Section 7. Indemnification.

(a) The Company agrees:

(1) to indemnify and hold harmless the Agent and its affiliates and each person, if any, who controls the Agent within the meaning of either Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Agent or its affiliates or any such controlling person may become subject under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, (ii) with respect to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto, the omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (iii) with respect to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances under which they were made; provided, however, that the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or through the Agent specifically for use therein; and

- (2) to reimburse the Agent, the Agent's affiliates, and each such controlling person upon demand for any legal or other out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by the Agent or its affiliates or such controlling person in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, action or proceeding or in responding to a subpoena or governmental inquiry related to the offering of the Shares, whether or not the Agent, its affiliates or controlling person is a party to any action or proceeding. In the event that it is finally judicially determined that the Agent was not entitled to receive payments for legal and other expenses pursuant to this subparagraph, the Agent will promptly return all sums that had been advanced pursuant hereto. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have.
- (b) The Agent, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its affiliates, each of its directors, each of its officers who have signed the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company or any such director, officer, or controlling person may become subject under the 1933 Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, (ii) with respect to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto, the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (iii) with respect to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances under which they were made; and will reimburse any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company or any such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability, action or proceeding; provided, however, that the Agent will be liable in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission has been made in the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus or such amendment or supplement, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or through the Age
- (c) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to this Section 7, such person (the "indemnified party") shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the "indemnifying party") in writing. No indemnification provided for in Section 7(a) or (b) shall be available to any party who shall fail to give notice as provided in this Section 7(c) if the party to whom notice was not given was unaware of the proceeding to which such notice would have related and was materially prejudiced by the failure to give such notice, but the failure to give such notice shall not relieve the indemnifying party or parties from any liability which it or they may have to the indemnified party for contribution or otherwise than on account of the provisions of Section 7(a) or (b). In case any such proceeding shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party and shall pay as incurred the fees and disbursements of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel at its own expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the indemnifying party shall pay as incurred (or within 30 days of presentation) the fees and expenses of the counsel retained by the indemnified party in the event (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them or (iii) the indemnifying party shall have failed to assume the defense and employ counsel acceptable to the indemnified party within a reasonable period of time after notice of commencement of the action. Such firm shall be designated in writing by the Agent in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(a) and by the Company in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 7(b). The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. In addition, the indemnifying party will not, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action or proceeding of which indemnification may be sought hereunder (whether or not any indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such claim, action or proceeding) unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such claim, action or proceeding and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) To the extent the indemnification provided for in this Section 7 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 7(a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agent on the offering of the Shares. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Agent on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agent on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total commissions received by the Agent. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Agent on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Agent agrees that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 7(d) 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 7(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions or proceedings in respect thereof) referred to above in this Section 7(d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (d), (i) the Agent shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares sold by it to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which the Agent has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission and (ii) no person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

- (e) In any proceeding relating to the Registration Statement, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus or any supplement or amendment thereto, each party against whom contribution may be sought under this Section 7 hereby consents to the jurisdiction of any court having jurisdiction over any other contributing party, agrees that process issuing from such court may be served upon it by any other contributing party and consents to the service of such process and agrees that any other contributing party may join it as an additional defendant in any such proceeding in which such other contributing party is a party.
- (f) Any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses for which an indemnified party is entitled to indemnification or contribution under this Section 7 shall be paid by the indemnifying party to the indemnified party as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are incurred. The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this Section 7 and the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Agent, the directors or officers or any person controlling the Agent, the Company, (ii) acceptance of any Shares and payment therefor hereunder, and (iii) any termination of this Agreement or any Terms Agreement. A successor to the Agent, its directors or officers or any person controlling the Company, shall be entitled to the benefits of the indemnity, contribution and reimbursement agreements contained in this Section 7.

Section 8. <u>Representations</u>, <u>Warranties and Agreements to Survive Delivery</u>. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the Agent, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of the Agent or any controlling person of the Agent, or the Company, or any officer or director of the Company or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Shares.

Section 9. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the Agent is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length contractual counterparty to the Company with respect to the offering of Shares contemplated hereby (including in connection with determining the terms of such offering) and (ii) the Agent has not assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Agent has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and any Terms Agreement, (ii) the public offering price of the Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement was not established by the Agent, (iii) it is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (iv) the Company has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that the Agent has not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (v) the Company is aware that the Agent has not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (v) the Company is aware that the Agent has no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship or otherwise and (vi) it waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against the Agent for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty and agrees the Agent shall not have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to it in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any person asserting a fiduciary duty claim or its behalf or in right of it or the Company, e

Section 10. Termination.

- (a) The Company shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party, except that (i) with respect to any pending sale through the Agent for the Company or with respect to any pending sale to the Agent pursuant to a Term Agreement or any offering or resale of any Shares purchased or to be purchased by the Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, the obligations of the Company, including in respect of compensation of the Agent, shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination; and (ii) the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7 and Section 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (b) The Agent shall have the right, by giving written notice as hereinafter specified, to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 1, Section 5, Section 7 and Section 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (c) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until and unless terminated pursuant to Section 10(a) or (b) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; provided that any such termination by mutual agreement or pursuant to this clause (c) shall in all cases be deemed to provide that Section 1, Section 5, Section 7 and Section 8 of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

- (d) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; <u>provided</u> that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by the Agent or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Shares, such sale shall settle in accordance with the provisions of Section 2(g) hereof.
- (e) In the case of any purchase by the Agent pursuant to a Terms Agreement, the Agent may terminate this Agreement, at any time at or prior to the Settlement Date (i) if there has been, in the judgment of the Agent, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Agent, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of Shares, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the Nasdaq, or if trading generally on the NYSE, the NYSE MKT or the Nasdaq has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (iv) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (v) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either federal of New York authorities.

Section 11. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Agent shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to:

D.A. Davidson & Co. 8 Third Street North Great Falls, MT 59401 Attention: Equity Syndicate Department Fax No.: (406) 791-7357

And if to the Company to:

CarParts.com, Inc. 2050 W. 190th Street, Suite 400, Torrance, CA 90504 Attention: CFO

Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

Section 12. <u>Parties</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Agent and the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 7 and 8 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company and the Agent and each person who controls the Company or the Agent, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of Shares through the Agent shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

Section 13. <u>Time of the Essence</u>. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. As used herein, the term "business day" shall mean any day when the Commission's office in Washington, D.C. is open for business.

Section 14. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>; <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. No proceeding related to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement or any transactions contemplated hereby or thereby may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Company consents to the jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Company waives all right to trial by jury in any proceeding (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any Terms Agreement. The Company agrees that a final judgment in any such proceeding brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in any other courts to whose jurisdiction it is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

Section 15. Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ITS PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW.

Section 16. Counterparts. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto and thereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement and any Terms Agreement may be delivered by any party by facsimile or other electronic transmission, including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law (e.g., www.docusign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

Section 17. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement or any Terms Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other Section, paragraph or provision hereof or thereof, as the case may be. If any Section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement or any Terms Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among the Agent and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

CarParts.com, Inc.

/s/ Lev Peker By:

Name: Lev Peker

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Accepted as of the date hereof:

 $\hbox{D.A. DAVIDSON \& CO.}\\$

By:

/s/ Frederick D. Johnson Name: Frederick D. Johnson Title: Managing Director

CarParts.com, Inc.

Common Stock (\$0.001 par value per share)

TERMS AGREEMENT

[ADDRESS OF AGENT[S]]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

CarParts.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), proposes, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein and in the Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated [•], 2021 (the "Sales Agreement"), between the Company and D.A. Davidson & Co., to sell and issue to D.A. Davidson & Co. (the "Agent") the securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "Purchased Securities") [, and solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, to grant to the Agent the option to purchase the additional securities specified in the Schedule hereto (the "Additional Securities")]*. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Sales Agreement.

[The Agent shall have the right to purchase from the Company all or a portion of the Additional Securities as may be necessary to cover over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Purchased Securities, at the same purchase price per share to be paid by the Agent to the Company for the Purchased Securities; provided, that the purchase price payable by the Agent for any Additional Securities shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions paid or payable by the Company on the Purchased Securities but not payable on such Additional Securities. This option may be exercised by the Agent at any time (but not more than once) on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of shares of Additional Securities as to which the option is being exercised, and the date and time when the Additional Securities are to be delivered (such date and time being herein referred to as the "Option Closing Date"); provided, however, that the Option Closing Date shall not be earlier than the Time of Delivery (as set forth in the Schedule hereto) nor earlier than the second business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised nor later than the fifth business day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. Payment of the purchase price for the Additional Securities shall be made at the Option Closing Date in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Purchased Securities. For purposes of clarity, the parties hereto agree that any Option Closing Date shall be a "time Shares are delivered to the Agent as principal on a Settlement Date" within the meaning of Sections 3(j), (k) and (l) of the Sales Agreement.]*

* Include only if the Agent has an over-allotment option.

Each of the provisions of the Sales Agreement not specifically related to the solicitation by the Agent, as agent of the Company, of offers to purchase securities is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and shall be deemed to be part of this Terms Agreement to the same extent as if such provisions had been set forth in full herein. Each of the representations and warranties set forth therein shall be deemed to have been made at and as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Applicable Time [and any Option Closing Date]*, except that each representation and warranty in Section 1 of the Sales Agreement which makes reference to the Prospectus (as therein defined) shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty as of the date of the Sales Agreement in relation to the Prospectus, and also a representation and warranty as of the date of this Terms Agreement [and] [,] the Settlement Date [and any Option Closing Date]* in relation to the Prospectus as amended and supplemented to relate to the Purchased Securities.

An amendment to the Registration Statement (as defined in the Sales Agreement), or a supplement to the Prospectus, as the case may be, relating to the Purchased Securities [and the Additional Securities]*, in the form heretofore delivered to the Agent is now proposed to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Sales Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company agrees to issue and sell to the Agent and the latter agrees to purchase from the Company the number of shares of the Purchased Securities at the time and place and at the purchase price set forth in the Schedule hereto.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Agent and the Company in accordance with its terms.

THIS TERMS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

* Include only if the Agent has an over-allotment option.

By:
Name:
Title:

Accepted as of the date hereof:

D.A. DAVIDSON & CO

By:
Name:

Title:

CARPARTS.COM, INC.