# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported): June 10, 2013

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-35713 (Commission File Number) 45-2681082 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2529 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 200 Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 627-9088

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

The information set forth in Item 3.02 relating to Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.'s ("Wheeler") entry into the Securities Purchase Agreement (as defined in Item 3.02) and the Registration Rights Agreement (as defined in Item 3.02), both which are attached as exhibits to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 3.02 UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

On June 10, 2013, Wheeler completed a \$4.5 million private placement transaction with 21 accredited investors (the "Buyers").

Pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 10, 2013 (the "Securities Purchase Agreement"), Wheeler issued an aggregate of 4,500 shares of Series A Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") to the Buyers. The Preferred Stock accrues cumulative dividends at a rate of 9% per annum, which will be paid quarterly. The Preferred Stock will convert automatically into shares of Wheeler common stock, \$ 0.01 par value per share ("Common Stock"), upon the closing of Wheeler's next publicly registered secondary offering at a price equal to 95% of the price at which Common Stock is sold in such secondary offering (the "Primary Conversion"). In no event shall the Primary Conversion price exceed \$6.00 per share of Common Stock. To the extent Wheeler does not complete a publicly registered secondary offering within 180 days of June 10, 2013, the Preferred Stock shall automatically convert into Common Stock (the "Alternative Conversion") at a price equal to 90% of the 30-day volume-weighted average price of the Common Stock prior to the conversion. In no event shall the Primary Conversion or Alternative Conversion result in the issuance of more than 656,998 shares of Common Stock. Any Preferred Stock that remains outstanding following the Alternative Conversion shall accrue cumulative dividends at a rate of 12% per annum, which will be paid quarterly.

Subsequent to the Primary Conversion, Wheeler shall have the right to redeem the Preferred Stock, on a pro rata basis, at any time at a price equal to 103% of the purchase price for the Preferred Stock plus any accrued but unpaid dividends. Subsequent to the Alternative Conversion, Wheeler shall have the right to redeem the Preferred Stock, on a pro rata basis, at any time at a price equal to 105% of the purchase price for the Preferred Stock plus any accrued but unpaid dividends.

In connection with the investment, Wheeler and the Buyers entered into a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 10, 2013 (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, Wheeler agreed to file and maintain a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the resale of the Common Stock underlying the Preferred Shares acquired by the Buyers.

The proceeds from this investment will be used to purchase a 75,000 square foot, 100% leased, free-standing grocery store in the Bixby Commons shopping center located in Bixby, Oklahoma. The offer and sale of these securities was completed pursuant to the exemptions from registration provided by Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The foregoing descriptions are only a summary and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the agreements that are attached to this Form 8-K as exhibits and incorporated herein by reference.

## ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.

In connection with the private placement transaction described in Item 3.02, Wheeler filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the "SDAT") an amendment to its Charter, which amendment is attached as an exhibit to this Form 8-K, that increased the number of shares of stock which Wheeler has authority to issue to 75,500,000, consisting of 75,000,000 shares of Common Stock, and 500,000 shares of preferred stock, without par value per share.

In connection with the private placement transaction described in Item 3.02, Wheeler filed Articles Supplementary with SDAT, which Articles Supplementary are attached as an exhibit to this Form 8-K, that classified and designated 4,500 authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock as shares of Preferred Stock.

# ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (a) Financial statement of businesses acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions. Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.
  - 3.1 Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Articles Supplementary.
  - 3.2 Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. Articles of Amendment.
  - 10.1 Securities Purchase Agreement, dated June 10, 2013.
  - 10.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 10, 2013.

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

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jon S. Wheeler</u>

Jon S. Wheeler Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: June 13, 2013

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

#### ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

<u>FIRST</u>: Under a power contained in Section 5.3 of Article V of the charter of the Corporation (the "Charter"), the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board of Directors"), by duly adopted resolutions classified and designated 4,500 authorized but unissued Preferred Shares (as defined in the Charter) as shares of Series A Preferred Stock, with the following preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption, which, upon any restatement of the Charter, shall become part of Article V of the Charter, with any necessary or appropriate renumbering or relettering of the sections or subsections hereof. Unless otherwise defined below, capitalized terms used below have the meanings given to them in the Charter.

#### Series A Preferred Stock

Section 5.3.1 *Designation and Number*. A series of Preferred Stock, designated the "Series A Preferred Stock" (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), is hereby established. The number of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be 4,500.

Section 5.3.2 <u>Rank</u>. The Series A Preferred Stock shall, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, rank (a) senior to all classes or series of Common Stock and any other class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of which specifically provide that the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive dividends or amounts distributable upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation in preference or priority to the holders of shares of such class or series (the "Junior Stock"); (b) on a parity with any class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of which specifically provide that the holders of such class or series of stock and the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive dividends and amounts distributable upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation to their respective amounts of accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends per share or liquidation preferences, without preference or priority of one over the other (the "Parity Stock"); and (c) junior to any class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of such class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of such class or series are entitled to receive dividends or amounts distributable upon the liquidation preferences, without preference or priority of one over the other (the "Parity Stock"); and (c) junior to any class or series of stock of the Corporation the terms of which specifically provide that the holders of such class or amounts distributable upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation in preference or priority to the holders of such class or series are entitled to receive dividends or amounts distributable upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation in preference or priority to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (the "Senior Stock").

#### Section 5.3.3 Dividends.

(a) Subject to the preferential rights of holders of any class or series of Senior Stock, holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when and as authorized by the Board of Directors and declared by the Corporation, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cash dividends at the rate of 9.0% per annum. Subject to the preferential rights of holders of any class or series of Senior Stock, holders of Series A Preferred Stock that remain outstanding following the Alternative Conversion (as defined below in Section 5.3.7 (b)) shall be entitled to receive, when and as authorized by the Board of Directors and declared by the Corporation, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, cash dividends at the rate of 12.0% per annum. The dividends on each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall accrue and shall be cumulative from the first date on which such share of Series A Preferred Stock is issued and shall be payable quarterly in arrears on or before the fifteenth day of each January, April, July and October of each year or, if not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day (each, a "Dividend Payment Date"). Any dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock for any partial Dividend Series of record as they appear in the stock records of the Corporation at the close of business on the applicable record date or dates, which shall be each day of the calendar quarter immediately preceding the calendar quarter in which the applicable Dividend Payment Date falls or such other date or dates designated by the Board of Directors for the determination of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock

entitled to receive dividends that is or are not more than 90 days prior to such Dividend Payment Date or the date on which such dividends are set aside for payment (each, a "Dividend Record Date"). The term "Dividend Period" shall mean the first day of each calendar quarter through and including the last day of such calendar quarter.

(b) Holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any dividends in excess of cumulative dividends, as herein provided, on the Series A Preferred Stock.

(c) No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock that may be in arrears.

(d) When dividends are not paid in full upon the Series A Preferred Stock or any other class or series of Parity Stock, or a sum sufficient for such payment is not set apart, all dividends declared upon the Series A Preferred Stock and any shares of Parity Stock shall be declared ratably in proportion to the respective amounts of dividends accumulated, accrued and unpaid on the Series A Preferred Stock and accumulated, accrued and unpaid on such Parity Stock (which shall not include any accumulation in respect of unpaid dividends for prior Dividend Periods if such Parity Stock does not have a cumulative dividend).

(e) Except as set forth in the preceding paragraph, unless full cumulative dividends equal to the full amount of all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock have been, or are concurrently therewith, declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment for all past Dividend Periods, no dividends (other than dividends or distributions paid in shares of Junior Stock or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of Junior Stock) shall be declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment by the Corporation and no other distribution of cash or other property may be declared and made, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation with respect to any shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock, nor shall any shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired (other than a redemption, purchase or other acquisition of Common Stock made for purposes of an employee incentive or benefit plan of the Corporation) for any consideration (or any monies be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any shares of any such stock), directly or indirectly, by the Corporation (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of Junior Stock or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase shares of Junior Stock), nor shall any other cash or other property be paid or distributed to or for the benefit of holders of shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5.3.3, the Corporation shall not be prohibited from (i) declaring or paying or setting apart for payment any dividend or other distribution on any shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock or (ii) redeeming, purchasing or otherwise acquiring any Junior Stock or Parity Stock, in each case, if such declaration, payment, setting apart for payment, redemption, purchase or other acquisition is necessary in order to maintain the continued qualification of the Corporation as a REIT under Section 856 of the Code.

# Section 5.3.4 Liquidation Preference.

(a) Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, before any payment or distribution by the Corporation shall be made to or set apart for the holders of any shares of Junior Stock, the holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Corporation that are legally available for distribution to the stockholders, a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share (the "Liquidation Preference"), plus an amount equal to all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to and including the date of payment. Until the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock have been paid the Liquidation Preference in full, plus an amount equal to all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the date of final distribution to such holders, no payment will be made to any holder of Junior Stock upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation. If upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be insufficient to pay in full the above described Liquidation Preference and the liquidating payments on any shares of any class or series of Parity Stock, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, shall be distributed among the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and any such Parity Stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. After payment of the full amount of the Liquidation Preference to which they are entitled, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be are respective amounts that would be payable on such Series A Preferred Stock and any such Parity Stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full. After payment of the full amount of the Liquidation Preference to which they are entitled, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall have no right or claim to any of the remaining assets of the Corporat

(b) Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, after payment shall have been made in full to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock, the holders of any classes or series of Junior Stock shall be entitled to receive any and all assets of the Corporation remaining to be paid or distributed and the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and any Parity Stock shall not be entitled to share therein.

(c) Neither the consolidation or merger of the Corporation with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other corporation, trust or entity with or into the Corporation, nor the sale or transfer of any or all of the assets or business of the Corporation, nor a statutory share exchange shall be deemed to constitute a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(d) In determining whether a distribution (other than upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation), by dividend, redemption or other acquisition of shares of stock of the Corporation or otherwise, is permitted under the Maryland Corporation Law, amounts that would be needed, if the Corporation were to be dissolved at the time of distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock shall not be added to the Corporation's total liabilities.

## Section 5.3.5 *<u>Redemption</u>*.

(a) *Primary Redemption.* Subsequent to the Primary Conversion, if any (as defined below in Section 5.3.7(a)), the Corporation may, at its option, redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or from time to time, in part, for cash at a redemption price of \$1,030 per share, plus all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to and including the date fixed for redemption (the "Redemption Date").

(b) *Alternative Redemption*. Subsequent to the Alternative Conversion, if any (as defined below in Section 5.3.7(b)), the Corporation may, at its option, redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or from time to time, in part, for cash at a redemption price of \$1,050 per share, plus all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to and including the Redemption Date.

(c) In the event of a redemption of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, if the Redemption Date occurs after a Dividend Record Date and on or prior to the related Dividend Payment Date, the dividend payable on such Dividend Payment Date in respect of such shares called for redemption shall be payable on such Dividend Payment Date to the holders of record at the close of business on such Dividend Record Date, and shall not be payable as part of the redemption price for such shares.

(d) The Redemption Date shall be selected by the Corporation and shall be not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days after the date on which the Corporation sends the notice of redemption.

(e) If full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock have not been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment for all past Dividend Periods, no shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed.

(f) If fewer than all of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, the Corporation shall select those shares to be redeemed pro rata.

(g) Upon the Corporation's provision of written notice as to the effective date of the redemption, accompanied by a check in the amount of the full redemption price, plus all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends, if any, to and including the Redemption Date, to which each record holder of Series A Preferred Stock is entitled, the Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed and shall no longer be deemed outstanding shares of stock of the Corporation and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate. Such notice shall be given by first class mail, postage pre-paid, to each record holder of the Series A Preferred Stock at the respective mailing addresses of such holders as the same shall appear on the stock transfer records of the Corporation. No failure to give such notice or any defect therein or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom notice was defective or not given.

(h) In addition to any information required by law or by the applicable rules of any exchange upon which Series A Preferred Stock may be listed or admitted to trading, such notice shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the redemption price payable on the Redemption Date; and (iii) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such Redemption Date. If less than all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder to be redeemed.

(i) If notice of redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock has been given and if the funds necessary for such redemption have been set apart by the Corporation for the benefit of the holders of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption, then, from and after the Redemption Date, dividends will cease to accrue on such shares of Series A Preferred Stock, such shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed in accordance with the notice and shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the cash payable upon such redemption without interest thereon. No further action on the part of the holders of such shares shall be required.

(j) Subject to applicable law and the limitation on purchases when dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears, the Corporation may, at any time and from time to time, purchase any shares of Series A Preferred Stock in the open market, by tender or by private agreement.

(k) Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that shall at any time have been redeemed or otherwise acquired by the Corporation shall, after such redemption or acquisition, have the status of authorized but unissued Preferred Shares, without designation as to series until such shares are once more classified and designated as part of a particular class or Series Ay the Board of Directors.

Section 5.3.6 Voting Rights. The holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have no voting rights.

Section 5.3.7 <u>Conversion</u>. The holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall have the following conversion rights , subject to the Common Stock Ownership Limit:

(a) *Primary Conversion*. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically be converted into shares of Common Stock, without any further action on the part of the holder thereof (the "Primary Conversion"), in the event of the completion by the Corporation of an underwritten public offering pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Financing Event"). Upon a Financing Event, the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon conversion of one share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be determined by dividing 1,000 by the product of (a) the price per Common Share in the Financing Event and (b) .95. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, however, under no circumstance shall the product of (a) and (b) in the previous sentence exceed 6.00.

(b) Alternative Conversion. In the event the Financing Event does not occur on or before December 9, 2013, each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically be converted into shares of Common Stock, without any further action on the part of the holder thereof (the "Alternative Conversion"). The number of shares of Common Stock to be issued in connection with the Alternative Conversion upon conversion of one share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be determined by dividing 1,000 by the product of (a) the 30 consecutive trading day Weighted Average Price of the Common Stock and (b) .90. "Weighted Average Price" means, for any security as of any date, the dollar volume-weighted average price for such security on the Corporation's principal market during the period beginning at 9:30:01 a.m., New York Time (or such other time as the principal market publicly announces is the official close of trading) as reported by Bloomberg through its "Volume at Price" functions, or, if the foregoing does not apply, the dollar volume-weighted average price of such security in the over-the-counter market on the electronic bulletin board for such security during the period beginning at 9:30:01 a.m., New York Time (or such other time as such market publicly announces is the official open of trading), New York Time (or such other time as such market publicly announces is the official open of trading) as reported by Bloomberg through its "Volume at Price" functions, or, if the foregoing does not apply, the dollar volume-weighted average price of such security in the over-the-counter market on the electronic bulletin board for such security during the period beginning at 9:30:01 a.m., New York Time (or such other time as such market publicly announces is the official open of trading), and ending at 4:00:00 p.m., New York Time (or such other time as such market publicly announces is the official open of trading), and ending at 4:00:00 p.m., New York Time (or such other time as such market publicly announces is the official clos

of trading) as reported by Bloomberg, or, if no dollar volume-weighted average price is reported for such security by Bloomberg for such hours, the average of the highest closing bid price and the lowest closing ask price of any of the market makers for such security as reported in the "pink sheets" by Pink Sheets LLC (formerly the National Quotation Bureau, Inc.). If the Weighted Average Price cannot be calculated for a security on a particular date on any of the foregoing bases, the Weighted Average Price of such security on such date shall be the fair market value as determined by the Corporation.

(c) *Market Regulation.* In connection with the Primary Conversion or the Alternative Conversion, the Corporation shall not be obligated to issue Common Stock upon conversion if the issuance of such Common Stock would exceed the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock which the Corporation may issue upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock without breaching the Corporation's obligations under the rules and regulations of its principal market (including Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(d), if applicable). In such a situation, the Series A Preferred Stock shall convert into the maximum number of shares of Common Stock permitted under applicable market rules on a pro rata basis among holders of the Series A Preferred. The unconverted shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall remain outstanding.

(d) *No Fractional Shares*. No fractional shares of Common Stock or scrip shall be issued upon conversion of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. If more than one share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be surrendered for conversion at any one time by the same holder, the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion thereof shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock so surrendered. Instead of any fractional shares of Common Stock which would otherwise be issuable upon conversion of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation shall pay a cash adjustment in respect of such fractional interest in an amount equal to that fractional interest of the then current market price.

(e) Adjustment of Shares. The Conversion Rate shall be subject to adjustment from time to time as follows:

(i) If the Corporation shall (a) declare a dividend or make a distribution on its Common Stock in shares of its Common Stock, (b) subdivide or reclassify the outstanding shares of Common Stock into a greater number of shares, or (c) combine or reclassify the outstanding Common Stock into a smaller number of shares, the Conversion Rate in effect at the time of the record date for such dividend or distribution or the effective date of such subdivision, combination, or reclassification shall be proportionately adjusted so that the holder of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion after such date shall be entitled to receive the number of shares of Common Stock which he would have owned or been entitled to receive had such Series A Preferred Stock been converted immediately prior to such date. Successive adjustments in the Conversion Rate shall be made whenever any event specified above shall occur.

(ii) In case of any consolidation with or merger of the Corporation with or into another Corporation, or in case of any sale, lease or conveyance to another Corporation of the assets of the Corporation as an entity or substantially as an entity, each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, lease or conveyance be convertible into the number of shares of stock or other securities or property (including cash) to which the Common Stock issuable (at the time of such consolidation, merger, sale, lease or conveyance) upon conversion of such share of Series A Preferred Stock would have been entitled upon such consolidation, merger, sale, lease or conveyance; and in any such case, if necessary, the provisions set forth herein with respect to the rights and interests thereafter of the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be appropriately adjusted so as to be applicable, as nearly as may reasonably be, to any shares of stock or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion or other securities or property thereafter deliverable on the conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

(iii) In any case in which the provisions of this Section 5.3.7(e) shall require that an adjustment shall become effective immediately after a record date for an event, the Corporation may defer until the occurrence of such event (a) issuing to the holder of any share of Series A Preferred Stock converted after such record date and before the occurrence of such event the additional shares of Common Stock issuable upon such conversion by reason of the adjustment and (b) paying to such holder any amount of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Common Stock pursuant to this Section 5.3.7(e); provided that the Corporation upon request shall deliver to such holder a due bill or other appropriate instrument evidencing such holder's right to receive such additional shares, and such cash, upon the occurrence of the event requiring such adjustment.

(f) *Notice to Transfer Agent.* Whenever the Conversion Rate shall be adjusted as provided in Section 5.3.7(e), the Corporation shall forthwith file in the office of any transfer agent for the Series A Preferred Stock and at the principal office of the Corporation, a statement showing in detail the facts requiring such adjustment and the Conversion Rate that shall be in effect after such adjustment, and the Corporation shall also cause a copy of such statement to be sent by mail, first class postage prepaid to each holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock at its address appearing on the Corporation's records.

(g) Notice to Holders of Shares of Series A Preferred Stock. In the event the Corporation shall propose to take any action of the type that would result in an adjustment in the Conversion Rate as provided in Section 5.3.7(e), the Corporation shall give notice to each holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, which notice shall specify the record date, if any, with respect to any such action and the approximate date on which such action is to take place. Such notice shall also set forth such facts with respect thereto as shall be reasonably necessary to indicate the effect of such action (to the extent such effect may be known at the date of such notice) on the Conversion Rate and the number, kind or class of shares or other securities or property which shall be deliverable upon conversion of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. In the case of any action which would require the fixing of a record date, such notice shall be given at least 10 days prior to the date so fixed, and in case of all other action, such notice shall be given at least 15 days prior to the taking of such proposed action. Failure to give such notice, or any defect therein, shall not affect the legality or validity of any such action.

(h) *Taxes*. The Corporation shall pay all documentary, stamp, transfer or other transactional taxes attributable to the issuance or delivery of shares of Common Stock upon conversion of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock; provided that the Corporation shall not be required to pay any taxes which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance or delivery of any certificate for such shares in a name other than that of the holder of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock in respect of which such shares are being issued.

(i) *Reserve*. The Corporation shall reserve at all times so long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, free from preemptive rights, out of its treasury stock (if applicable) or its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock, or both, solely for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, sufficient shares of Common Stock to provide for the conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, or if it cannot do so, to use all reasonable efforts to effect on increase in the authorized Common Stock of the Corporation.

(j) *Validity*. All shares of Common Stock which shall be issued upon conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock will, upon issuance by the Corporation, be duly and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and free from all taxes, liens and charges with respect to the issuance thereof, and the Corporation shall take no action which will cause the contrary result.

SECOND: The shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been classified and designated by the Board of Directors under the authority contained in the Charter.

THIRD: These Articles Supplementary have been approved by the Board of Directors in the manner and by the vote required by law.

<u>FOURTH</u>: The undersigned acknowledges these Articles Supplementary to be the corporate act of the Corporation and, as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties of perjury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles Supplementary to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman and attested to by its Secretary on this 4th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Robin A. Hanisch

Name: Robin A. Hanisch Title: Secretary

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: Jon S. Wheeler

(SEAL)

Name: Jon S. Wheeler Title: Chief Executive Officer and Chairman

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC. ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"), hereby certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that:

FIRST: The Corporation desires to amend its charter (the "Charter") as currently in effect and as hereinafter amended.

<u>SECOND</u>: In accordance with Section 2-603(c) of the Maryland Code, this amendment to the charter has been duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation as required by law.

THIRD: The charter of the Corporation is hereby amended as follows:

Section 5.1 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new Section 5.1. Section 5.3 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the new Section 5.3. The text of both new sections follows.

Section 5.1 *Authorized Shares*. The Corporation has authority to issue 75,500,000 shares of stock, consisting of 75,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ("<u>Common Stock</u>"), and 500,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, without par value per share ("<u>Preferred Stock</u>"). The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$750,000. If shares of one class of stock are classified or reclassified into shares of another class of stock pursuant to Section 5.2, 5.3 or 5.4 of this Article V, the number of authorized shares of the former class shall be automatically decreased and the number of shares of the latter class shall be automatically increased, in each case by the number of shares so classified or reclassified or reclassified or stock set forth in the first sentence of this paragraph. The Board of Directors, with the approval of a majority of the entire Board and without any action by the stockholders of the Corporation, may amend the Charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that the Corporation has authority to issue.

Section 5.3 *Preferred Stock*. The Board of Directors may classify any unissued shares of Preferred Stock and reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of Preferred Stock of any series from time to time, in one or more classes or series of stock.

<u>FOURTH</u>: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation had authority to issue immediately prior to this amendment was 15,000,000 shares, \$0.01 par value per share of Common Stock and 500,000 shares, without par value per share of Preferred Stock. The aggregate par value of all shares of stock having par value was \$150,000.

<u>FIFTH</u>: The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation has authority to issue pursuant to the foregoing amendment of the Charter is 75,500,000, consisting of 75,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, and 500,000 shares of Preferred Stock, without par value per share. The aggregate par value of all authorized shares of stock having par value is \$750,000.

<u>SIXTH</u>: The undersigned Chairman and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges these Articles of Amendment to be the corporate act of the Corporation and as to all matters or facts required to be verified under oath, the undersigned Chairman and Chief Executive Officer acknowledges that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, these matters and facts are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalties for perjury.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and attested to by its Secretary as of the 4th day of June, 2013.

ATTEST:

By: /s/ Robain A. Hanisch

Name: Robin A. Hanisch Title: Secretary

Return address of filing party: Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. c/o The Corporation Trust Incorporated 351 West Camden Street Baltimore, MD 21201

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.:

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler

Name: Jon S. Wheeler Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

# SECURITIES PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Securities Purchase Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is dated as of June 10, 2013 by and among Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "*Company*"), and each purchaser identified on the signature pages hereto (each, including its successors and assigns, a "*Purchaser*," and collectively, the "*Purchasers*").

#### RECITALS

A. The Company is offering for sale (the "Offering") shares of its Series A Preferred Stock, no par value per share (the "Preferred Stock"). When purchased, the Preferred Stock will have the terms set forth in a Certificate of Designations incorporated into Articles of Amendment for the Preferred Stock in the form attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto (the "Articles of Amendment") and made a part of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as amended by the filing of the Articles of Amendment with the Maryland Department of Assessments & Taxation (the "Maryland Department"). The Preferred Stock will be convertible into shares (the "Underlying Shares" and, together with the Preferred Stock, the "Securities") of the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "Common Stock"), subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Articles of Amendment. The maximum aggregate offering amount is \$4,500,000. The sale of shares of Preferred Stock in the Offering may occur in one or more closings.

B. The Company has engaged MCG Securities, LLC ("MCG"), to act as placement agent for the Offering on a "best efforts" basis.

C. Pursuant to this Agreement, each Purchaser, severally and not jointly, wishes to purchase, and the Company wishes to sell, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein, that aggregate number of shares of Preferred Stock set forth below such Purchaser's name on the signature page of this Agreement.

D. The Company and each Purchaser are executing and delivering this Agreement in reliance upon the exemption from securities registration afforded by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Rule 506 of Regulation D ("Regulation D") as promulgated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act.

E. Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the parties hereto are executing and delivering a Registration Rights Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "*Registration Rights Agreement*"), pursuant to which, among other things, the Company will agree to provide certain registration rights with respect to the Underlying Shares under the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and applicable state securities laws.

F. Contemporaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the parties hereto are executing and delivering an Irrevocable Transfer Agent Letter of Instructions, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u> (the "*Irrevocable Transfer Agent Instructions*") with respect to the issuance of the Underlying Shares to Purchasers upon conversion of the Preferred Stock.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Purchasers hereby agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, for all purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated in this <u>Section 1.1</u>:

"Action" means any action, suit, notice of violation, proceeding (including any partial proceeding such as a deposition) or investigation pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, overtly threatened in writing against the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties or any officer, director or employee of the Company or any Subsidiary acting in his or her capacity as an officer, director or employee, before or by any federal, state, county, local or foreign court, arbitrator, governmental or administrative agency, regulatory authority, stock market, stock exchange or trading facility. "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person, as such terms are used in and construed under Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Articles of Amendment" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Business Day" means any day except Saturday, Sunday, any day which is a federal legal holiday in the United States or any day on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia are authorized or required by law or other governmental action to close.

"Closing" means the closing of the purchase and sale of shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Agreement.

"Closing Bid Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(f).

"*Closing Date*" means the Trading Day when all of the Transaction Documents have been executed and delivered by the applicable parties thereto, and all of the conditions set forth in <u>Sections 2.1, 2.2, 5.1</u> and <u>5.2</u> hereof are satisfied or waived, as the case may be, or such other date as the parties may agree.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Commission" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Company Counsel" means Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., or such other legal counsel as may be engaged by the Company.

"Company Deliverables" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(a).

"*Company's Knowledge*" means with respect to any statement made to the Company's Knowledge, that the statement is based upon the actual knowledge of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or Secretary.

"*Control*" (including the terms "controlling," "controlled by" or "under common control with") means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Deadline Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(f).

"Disclosure Materials" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(h).

"Disclosure Schedules" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"DTC" means The Depository Trust Company.

"Effective Date" means the date on which the initial Registration Statement required by Section 2(a) of the Registration Rights Agreement is first declared effective by the Commission.

"Effectiveness Deadline" means the date on which the initial Registration Statement is required to be declared effective by the Commission under the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

"Environmental Law" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(hh).

"Evaluation Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(w).

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

*"Final Closing Date"* means the date of the last closing of the purchase and sale of shares of Preferred Stock in the Offering. In the event an additional closing of the purchase and sale of shares of Preferred Stock in the Offering does not occur following the Closing Date, the Closing Date shall also be the Final Closing Date.

"GAAP" means U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, as applied by the Company.

"Indemnified Person" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.9(b).

"Intellectual Property Rights" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(s).

"Irrevocable Transfer Agent Instructions" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Lien" means any lien, charge, claim, encumbrance, security interest, right of first refusal, preemptive right or other restriction of any kind.

"Maryland Department" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

*"Material Adverse Effect"* means a material adverse effect on the results of operations, assets, business or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except that any of the following, either alone or in combination, shall not be deemed a Material Adverse Effect: (i) effects caused by changes or circumstances affecting general market or other conditions in the U.S. economy or which are generally applicable to the industry in which the Company operates, provided that such effects are not borne to a materially disproportionate degree by the Company compared to other companies operating in the same industry as the Company; (ii) effects resulting from or relating to the announcement or disclosure of the sale of the Securities or other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Offering; or (iii) effects caused by any event, occurrence or condition resulting from or relating to the taking of any action in accordance with this Agreement.

"*Material Contract*" means any contract of the Company that has been filed or was required to have been filed as an exhibit to the SEC Reports pursuant to Item 601(b)(4) or Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

"MCG" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"OFAC" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(pp).

"Offering" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Offering Termination Date" means the termination date of the Offering, which date shall be no later than June 10, 2013.

"Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, business trust, association, joint stock company, joint venture, sole proprietorship, unincorporated organization, governmental authority or any other form of entity not specifically listed herein.

"Placement Agent" means MCG.

"Preferred Stock" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Press Release" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.4.

"Principal Market" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(f).

"Principal Trading Market" means the Trading Market on which the Common Stock is primarily listed on and/or quoted for trading, which, as of the date of this Agreement and each Closing Date, shall be the NASDAQ Capital Market.

"Proceeding" means an action, claim, suit, investigation or proceeding (including, without limitation, an investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition), whether commenced or overtly threatened in writing.

"Purchase Price" means \$1,000 per share of Preferred Stock.

"Purchaser" or "Purchasers" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Purchaser Deliverables" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2(b).

"Purchaser Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.9(a).

"Registration Rights Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

*"Registration Statement"* means a registration statement meeting the requirements set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement and covering the resale by the Purchasers of the Registrable Securities (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement).

"Regulation D" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"REIT" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(gg).

"Required Approvals" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(e).

"Required Delivery Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(d).

"*Required Purchasers*" means Purchasers holding or having the right to acquire 66.66% of the shares of Preferred Stock at the applicable time.

*"Rule 144"* means Rule 144 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"SEC Reports" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(h).

"Securities" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Securities Act" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Short Sales" include, without limitation (i) all "short sales" as defined in Rule 200 promulgated under Regulation SHO under the Exchange Act, whether or not against the box, and all types of direct and indirect stock pledges, forward sale contracts, options, puts, calls, short sales, swaps, "put equivalent positions" (as defined in Rule 16a-1(h) under the Exchange Act) and similar arrangements (including on a total return basis), and (ii) sales and other transactions through non-U.S. broker dealers or foreign regulated brokers (but shall not be deemed to include the location and/or reservation of borrowable shares of Common Stock).

*"Subscription Amount"* means, with respect to each Purchaser, the aggregate amount to be paid for the shares of Preferred Stock purchased hereunder as indicated on such Purchaser's signature page to this Agreement next to the heading "Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount)" in United States dollars and in immediately available funds.

"Subsidiary" or "Subsidiaries" means any subsidiary of the Company as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1(a)</u>, and shall, where applicable, include any subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the date hereof.

"*Trading Day*" means (i) a day on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted on its Principal Trading Market, or (ii) if the Common Stock is not listed or quoted on any Trading Market, a day on which the Common Stock is quoted in the over the counter market as reported in the OTC Pink (also known as "Pink Sheets") by OTC Markets Group Inc. (or any similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices); *provided*, that in the event that the Common Stock is not listed or quoted as set forth in clause (i) or (ii) above, then Trading Day shall mean a Business Day.

*"Trading Market"* means whichever of the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE MKT, the NASDAQ Stock Market (any market tier) or the OTC Bulletin Board, on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted for trading on the date in question.

*"Transaction Documents"* means this Agreement, the schedules and exhibits attached hereto, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Articles of Amendment, the Irrevocable Transfer Agent Instructions, and any other documents or agreements explicitly contemplated hereunder.

"Transfer Agent" means Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the current transfer agent of the Company, or any successor transfer agent for the Company.

"Underlying Shares" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Virginia Courts" means the state and federal courts sitting in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

# ARTICLE II <u>PURCHASE AND SALE</u>

#### 2.1 Closing.

(a) <u>Amount</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, at the Closing, the Company shall issue and sell to each Purchaser, and each Purchaser shall, severally and not jointly, purchase from the Company, such number of shares of Preferred Stock set forth below such Purchaser's name on the signature page of this Agreement at a price per share of Preferred Stock equal to the Purchase Price.

(b) <u>Closing</u>. The Closing of the purchase and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Agreement shall take place at the offices of Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., on the Closing Date or at such other location or remotely by facsimile transmission or other electronic means as determined by the Company.

(c) Form of Payment. Unless otherwise agreed by the Company, on or before the Closing Date, each Purchaser shall wire its Subscription Amount, in United States dollars and in immediately available funds, to the Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP trust account in accordance with the written wire transfer instructions provided by MCG. The Company shall deliver to each Purchaser one or more stock certificates (if physical certificates are required by the Purchaser to be held immediately prior to the Closing; if not, then facsimile or ".pdf" copies of such certificates shall suffice for purposes of the Closing with original stock certificates to be delivered within two Business Days of the Closing Date), evidencing the number of shares of Preferred Stock set forth below such Purchaser's name on the signature page of this Agreement (or, if the Company and such Purchaser agree, the Company shall cause to be made a book-entry record through the facilities of DTC representing the shares of Preferred Stock registered in the name of such Purchaser or as otherwise set forth on the Stock Registration Questionnaire included as Exhibit E hereto).

#### 2.2 Closing Deliveries.

(a) At or prior to the Closing, the Company shall issue, deliver or cause to be delivered to each of the Purchasers, the following (the "*Company Deliverables*"):

(i) this Agreement, duly executed by the Company;

(ii) one or more stock certificates (if physical certificates are required by the Purchaser to be held immediately prior to the Closing; if not, then facsimile or ".pdf" copies of such certificates shall suffice for purposes of the Closing with original stock certificates to be delivered within two Business Days of the

Closing Date), evidencing the number of shares of Preferred Stock subscribed for by Purchaser hereunder, registered in the name of such Purchaser or as otherwise set forth on the Stock Registration Questionnaire (or, if the Purchaser requests, the Company shall cause to be made a book-entry record through the facilities of DTC representing the shares of Preferred Stock registered in the name of such Purchaser or as otherwise set forth on the Stock Registration Questionnaire);

(iii) a legal opinion from Company Counsel, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Purchasers, dated as of the Closing Date, executed by such counsel and addressed to the Purchasers and the Placement Agent;

(iv) the Registration Rights Agreement, duly executed by the Company;

 $\left(v\right)$  the Irrevocable Transfer Agent Instructions, duly executed by the Company and acknowledged and agreed to by the Transfer Agent;

(vi) a certificate of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, certifying to the matters in Section 5.1 hereof; and

(vii) a certificate of the Secretary of the Company, dated as of the Closing Date, (a) certifying the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof approving the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the issuance of the Securities, and (b) certifying the current versions of the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws of the Company.

(b) At or prior to the Closing, each Purchaser shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Company the following (the *"Purchaser Deliverables"*):

(i) this Agreement, duly executed by such Purchaser;

(ii) its Subscription Amount;

(iii) the Registration Rights Agreement, duly executed by such Purchaser; and

(iv) a fully completed and duly executed Accredited Investor Questionnaire and Stock Registration Questionnaire in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits D and E, respectively.

# ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. Except as set forth in the schedules delivered herewith (the "*Disclosure Schedules*"), which Disclosure Schedules shall be deemed a part hereof and shall qualify any representation made herein to the extent of the disclosure contained in the corresponding section of the Disclosure Schedules or other representation relating to the subject matter of such disclosure, the Company hereby represents and warrants as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (except for the representations and warranties that speak as of a specific date, which shall be made as of such date), to each Purchaser:

(a) <u>Subsidiaries</u>. The Company has no direct or indirect Subsidiaries other than those listed in <u>Schedule 3.1(a)</u> hereto. Except as disclosed in <u>Schedule 3.1(a)</u> hereto, the Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the capital stock or comparable equity interests of each Subsidiary, if any, free and clear of any and all Liens, and all the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or comparable equity interest of each Subsidiary, if any, are validly issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and free of preemptive and similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities.

(b) <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries is an entity duly incorporated or otherwise organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization (as applicable), with the requisite power and authority to own or lease and use its properties and assets and to carry on its business as currently conducted. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in violation or default of any of the provisions of its respective articles of incorporation, bylaws or other

organizational or charter documents. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries is duly qualified to conduct business and is in good standing as a foreign corporation or other entity in each jurisdiction in which the nature of the business conducted or property owned by it makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing, as the case may be, would not have a Material Adverse Effect, and no Proceeding has been instituted, is pending, or, to the Company's Knowledge, has been threatened in writing in any such jurisdiction revoking, limiting or curtailing or seeking to revoke, limit or curtail such power and authority or qualification.

(c) <u>Authorization; Enforcement; Validity</u>. The Company has the requisite corporate power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by each of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The Company's execution and delivery of each of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby (including, but not limited to, the sale and delivery of the shares of Preferred Stock in accordance with the terms hereof and the issuance of the Underlying Shares in accordance with the Articles of Amendment) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and no further corporate action is required by the Company, its Board of Directors or its stockholders in connection therewith other than in connection with the Required Approvals. Each of the Transaction Documents to which the Company is a party has been (or upon delivery will have been) duly executed by the Company and is, or when delivered in accordance with the terms hereof, will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, liquidation or similar laws relating to, or affecting generally the enforcement of, creditors' rights and remedies or by other equitable principles of general application, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.

(d) <u>No Conflicts</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (including, without limitation, the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock and the Underlying Shares) do not and will not (i) conflict with or violate any provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation or bylaws or otherwise result in a violation of the organizational documents of the Company, (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event that with notice or lapse of time or both would result in a default) under, result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) of, any Material Contract, or (iii) subject to the Required Approvals, conflict with or result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment, injunction, decree or other restriction of any court or governmental authority to which the Company is subject (including federal and state securities laws, assuming the correctness of the representations and warranties made by the Purchasers herein), or by which any property or asset of the Company is bound or affected, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) such as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the parties hereto acknowledge that the timing of this Offering will not permit the Company to timely file its LAS Notification with the Principal Market.

(e) <u>Filings, Consents and Approvals</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is required to obtain any consent, waiver, authorization or order of, give any notice to, or make any filing or registration with, any court or other federal, state, local or other governmental authority, self-regulatory organization (including the Principal Trading Market) or other Person in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Transaction Documents (including, without limitation, the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock and the Underlying Shares), other than (i) the filing of the Articles of Amendment with the Maryland Department, (ii) the filing with the Commission of one or more Registration Statements in accordance with the requirements of the Registration Rights Agreement, (iii) filings required by applicable state securities laws, (iv) the filing of a Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities on Form D with the Commission under Regulation D of the Securities Act, (v) the filing of any requisite notices and/or application(s) to the Principal Trading Market for the issuance and sale of the Underlying Shares and the listing of the Underlying Shares for trading or quotation, as the case may be, thereon in the time and manner required thereby, (vi) the filings contemplated in <u>Section 4.4</u> of this Agreement and (vii) those that have been made or obtained prior to the date of this Agreement (collectively, the "*Required Approvals*").

(f) <u>Issuance of the Securities</u>. The shares of Preferred Stock have been duly authorized and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free and clear of all Liens, other than restrictions on transfer provided for in the Transaction Documents or imposed by applicable securities laws, and shall not be subject to preemptive or similar rights of stockholders. The issuance of the Underlying Shares has been duly authorized and the Underlying Shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Articles of Amendment, will be duly and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free and clear of all Liens, other than restrictions on transfer provided for in the Transaction Documents or imposed by applicable securities laws, and shall not be subject to preemptive or imposed by applicable securities laws, and shall not be subject to preemptive or similar rights of stockholders. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Purchasers in this Agreement and the timely filing of the Required Approvals referenced in Section 3.1(e)(iv), the Securities will be issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws.

(g) <u>Capitalization</u>. No Person has any right of first refusal, preemptive right, right of participation, or any similar right to participate in the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents that have not been effectively waived as of the Closing Date. The issuance and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock will not obligate the Company to issue shares of Common Stock or other securities to any Person (other than the Purchasers) and will not result in a right of any holder of Company securities to adjust the exercise, conversion, exchange or reset price under any of such securities. All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, have been issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws, and none of such outstanding shares was issued in violation of any preemptive rights or similar rights to subscribe for or purchase securities. No further approval or authorization of any stockholder, the Board of Directors or others is required for the issuance and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock and the issuance of the Underlying Shares.

(h) <u>SEC Reports</u>; <u>Disclosure Materials</u>. The Company has filed with the Commission all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents required to be filed by the Company under the Exchange Act, including pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) thereof (the foregoing materials, including the exhibits thereto and documents incorporated by reference therein, being collectively referred to herein as the "*SEC Reports*," and the SEC Reports, together with the Disclosure Schedules, being collectively referred to as the "*Disclosure Materials*"), on a timely basis or has received a valid extension of such time of filing and has filed any such SEC Reports prior to the expiration of any such extension. As of their respective filing dates, or to the extent corrected or updated by a subsequent amendment or restatement, the SEC Reports complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, and none of the SEC Reports, when filed, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Each of the Material Contracts to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a party or to which the property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are subject has been filed (or incorporated by reference) as an exhibit to the SEC Reports.

(i) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The financial statements of the Company included in the SEC Reports comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing (or to the extent corrected or updated by a subsequent amendment or restatement). Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP, except as may be otherwise specified in such financial statements or the notes thereto and except that unaudited financial statements may not contain all footnotes required by GAAP, and fairly present in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole as of and for the dates thereof and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments.

(j) <u>Material Changes</u>. Since the date of the latest audited financial statements included within the SEC Reports, except as disclosed in a subsequent SEC Report filed prior to the date hereof, (i) there have been no events, occurrences or developments that have had or would reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the Company has not incurred any material liabilities (contingent or otherwise) other than (A) trade payables and accrued expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (B) liabilities not required to be reflected in the Company's financial statements pursuant to GAAP or disclosed in filings made with the Commission, (iii) the Company has not altered

materially its method of accounting or the manner in which it keeps its accounting books and records, (iv) the Company has not declared or made any dividend or distribution of cash or other property to its stockholders or purchased, redeemed or made any agreements to purchase or redeem any shares of its capital stock, (v) there has not been any material change or amendment to, or any waiver of any material right by the Company under, any Material Contract under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound or subject.

(k) Litigation. There is no Action which (i) adversely affects or challenges the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Transaction Documents or the issuance of the Securities or (ii) except as disclosed in the SEC Reports, would, if there were an unfavorable decision, individually or in the aggregate, have or reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. There are no Actions pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened or contemplated to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective directors or officers (or, to the Company's Knowledge, any Person from whom the Company or any of its Subsidiaries acquired any real property or any portion thereof owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (each, a "*seller*"), or any tenant or subtenant of any property or any portion thereof owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any real property owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any real property owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any real property or disclosed or foreign governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency, or before or by any self-regulatory organization or other non-governmental regulatory authority, except any such action, suit, claim, investigation or proceeding which, if resolved adversely to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, such seller or such tenant or subtenant, would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(1) <u>Employment Matters</u>. No current executive officer of the Company (as defined in Rule 501(f) of the Securities Act) has notified the Company or any such Subsidiary that such officer intends to leave the Company or any such Subsidiary or otherwise terminate such officer's employment with the Company or any such Subsidiary. To the Company's Knowledge, no current executive officer is, or is now expected to be, in violation of any material term of any employment contract, confidentiality, disclosure or proprietary information agreement or non-competition agreement with the Company's Knowledge, the contract or agreement or any restrictive covenant in favor of a third party, and to the Company's Knowledge, the continued employment of each such executive officer does not subject the Company or any Subsidiary to any liability with respect to any of the foregoing matters. The Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance with all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to employment and employment practices, terms and conditions of employment and wages and hours, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(m) <u>Compliance</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) is in default under or in violation of (and no event has occurred that has not been waived that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would result in a default by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under), nor has the Company or any of its Subsidiaries received written notice of a claim that it is in default under or that it is in violation of, any Material Contract (whether or not such default or violation has been waived), (ii) is in violation of any order of any court, arbitrator or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company, its Subsidiaries or their respective properties or assets, or (iii) is in violation of, or in receipt of written notice that it is in violation of, any statute, rule or regulation of any governmental authority or self-regulatory organization (including the Principal Trading Market) applicable to the Company, except in each case as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(n) <u>Regulatory Permits</u>. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has all necessary licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals, possesses valid and current certificates, has made all necessary filings required under any federal, state or local law, regulation or rule, and has obtained all necessary authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons, required in order to conduct their respective businesses and own their respective properties and other assets, except to the extent that any failure to have any such licenses, permits, authorizations, consents or approvals, to make any such filings or to obtain any such authorizations, consents or approvals, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; to the Company's Knowledge, each tenant of any real property owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has all necessary licenses, permits, authorizations, consents and approvals, possess valid and current certificates, and is required under the lease to make all necessary filings required under any federal, state or local law, regulation or rule and obtain all necessary authorizations, consents and approvals from other persons,

required in order to conduct their respective businesses and own their respective properties and other assets, and to the Company's Knowledge, each tenant of any real property owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has made all such filings and obtained all such authorizations, consents and approvals, if any, as required under the lease, except to the extent that any failure to have any such licenses, permits, authorizations, consents or approvals, to make any such filings or to obtain any such authorizations, consents or approvals, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; none of the Company or its Subsidiaries or, to the Company's Knowledge, any tenant of any real property owned or leased by the Company or its Subsidiaries is in violation of, or in default under, or has received any written notice regarding a possible violation, default or revocation of any such license, permit, authorization, consent or approval, or any federal, state or local law, regulation or rule or any decree, order or judgment applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except where such violation, default or revocation would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(o) Title to Assets. The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real properties owned by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests, pledges, charges, encumbrances, encroachments, restrictions, mortgages, and other defects, except (i) such as are disclosed in the Disclosure Schedules, (ii) indebtedness secured by real property reflected in the financial statements in the SEC Reports, (iii) such as are listed as an exception to any owner's or leasehold title insurance policy with respect to such properties or otherwise set forth in any loan or financing documentation relating to such properties, in each case made available by the Company to the Purchasers, (iv) for the leasehold interests of the tenants, or (iv) such as except would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; any real property leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is held under valid, existing, and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its Subsidiaries; the Company or its Subsidiaries have obtained an owner's title insurance policy, from a title insurance company licensed to issue such policy, on each property that is owned by the Company or such Subsidiary that insures the Company or such Subsidiary's fee interest in such property, or a lender's title insurance policy insuring the lien of its mortgage securing such property with coverage equal to the maximum aggregate principal amount of any indebtedness held by the Company or such Subsidiary and secured by such property. Each of the leases pertaining to real property held under lease by the Company or a Subsidiary has been duly authorized by the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, and is a valid, subsisting, and enforceable agreement of the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, and to the Company's Knowledge, each other party thereto, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other similar laws affecting creditor's rights generally or general equitable principles. The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all tangible personal property owned by them that is material to the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as whole, in each case free and clear of all Liens except as disclosed in the Disclosure Schedules or such as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and any of its Subsidiaries.

(p) Intent to Acquire Properties. There are no material real property interests that any of the Company and its Subsidiaries directly or indirectly intends to acquire or lease or any contracts, letters of intent, term sheets, agreements, arrangements, or understandings with respect to the direct or indirect acquisition or disposition by the Company or its Subsidiaries of interests in real property that are required to be disclosed in the SEC Reports and are not so disclosed.

(q) <u>Real Property Compliance</u>. Each of the real properties owned or leased by the Company or its Subsidiaries complies with all applicable zoning laws, ordinances, regulations, and deed restrictions or other covenants in all material respects or, if and to the extent there is a failure to comply, such failure does not impair the value of any of the properties and will not result in a forfeiture or reversion of title, except where such failure to comply would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; there is no pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened condemnation, zoning change or other similar proceeding or action that will in any material respect affect the size or use of, improvements on, or construction on or access to the properties, except such zoning changes, proceedings, or actions that individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; to the Company's Knowledge, no tenant of any portion of any of the properties is in default under any of the leases governing such properties and there is no event which, but for the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default under any of such leases, or such defaults that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(r) <u>Mortgages and Deeds of Trust</u>. The mortgages and deeds of trust encumbering the real property owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries are not convertible into debt or equity securities of the Company, nor does the Company hold a participating interest therein, and such mortgages and deeds of trust are not cross-defaulted or cross-collateralized to any property not owned directly or indirectly by the Company or its Subsidiaries.

(s) <u>Patents and Trademarks</u>. To the Company's Knowledge, the Company and its Subsidiaries own, possess, license or have other rights to use, all patents, patent applications, trade and service marks, trade and service mark applications and registrations, trade names, trade secrets, inventions, copyrights, licenses, technology, know-how and other intellectual property rights and similar rights necessary or material for use in connection with their respective businesses as described in the SEC Reports and which the failure to so have would have a Material Adverse Effect (collectively, the "*Intellectual Property Rights*"). There is no pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened action, suit, proceeding or claim by any Person that the Company's business as now conducted infringes or otherwise violates any patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of such Person. To the Company's Knowledge, there is no existing infringement by another Person of any of the Intellectual Property Rights that would have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company and its Subsidiaries have taken reasonable security measures to protect the secrecy, confidentiality and value of all of their Intellectual Property Rights, except where failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(t) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as the Company believes to be prudent and customary in the businesses and locations in which the Company and the Subsidiaries are engaged. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any notice of cancellation of any such insurance, nor, to the Company's Knowledge, will it or any Subsidiary be unable to renew their respective existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business.

(u) <u>Transactions With Affiliates and Employees</u>. Except as set forth in the SEC Reports, none of the executive officers or directors of the Company and, to the Company's Knowledge, none of the employees of the Company is presently a party to any transaction with the Company or any Subsidiary (other than for services as employees, officers and directors), that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act.

(v) <u>Internal Accounting Controls</u>. The Company maintains a system of 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 and liability accountability, (iii) access to assets or incurrence of liabilities is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets and liabilities is compared with the existing assets and liabilities at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

(w) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley; Disclosure Controls</u>. The Company is in compliance in all material respects with all of the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 which are applicable to it as of the Closing Date. The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) for the Company and designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. The Company's certifying officers have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by the Company's most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act (such date, the *"Evaluation Date"*). The Company presented in its most recently filed periodic report under the Exchange Act the conclusions of the certifying officers about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on their evaluations as of the Evaluation Date. Since the Evaluation Date, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in the Exchange Act) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(x) <u>Certain Fees</u>. No person or entity will have, as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any valid right, interest or claim against or upon the Company or a Purchaser for any commission, fee or other compensation pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into by or on behalf of the Company, other than the Placement Agent with respect to the offer and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock (which placement agent fees and expenses are being paid by the Company). The Company shall indemnify, pay, and hold each Purchaser harmless against, any liability, loss or expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket expenses) arising in connection with any such right, interest or claim.

(y) <u>Private Placement</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchasers' representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 3.2</u> of this Agreement and the accuracy of the information disclosed in the Accredited Investor Questionnaires provided by the Purchasers, no registration under the Securities Act is required for the offer and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock by the Company to the Purchasers under the Transaction Documents. Neither the issuance and sale of the shares of Preferred Stock hereunder nor the issuance of the Underlying Shares in accordance with the Articles of Amendment will contravene the rules and regulations of the Principal Trading Market.

(z) <u>Investment Company</u>. The Company is not, and immediately after receipt of payment for the shares of Preferred Stock, will not be an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Company shall conduct its business in a manner so that it will not become subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(aa) <u>Registration Rights</u>. Except for the Purchasers in connection with the Offering, and except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules, no Person has any right to cause the Company to effect the registration under the Securities Act of any securities of the Company.

(bb) <u>Listing and Maintenance Requirements</u>. The Company's Common Stock is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to terminate the registration of the Common Stock under the Exchange Act, nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission is contemplating terminating such registration. The Company has not, in the twelve (12) months preceding the date hereof, received written notice from the Principal Trading Market to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of the Principal Trading Market. The Company is in compliance with all listing and maintenance requirements of the Principal Trading Market on the date hereof.

(cc) <u>Rights Agreements</u>. The Company has not adopted any stockholder rights plan or similar arrangement relating to accumulations of beneficial ownership of Common Stock or a change in control of the Company.

(dd) <u>Disclosure</u>. The Company confirms that it has not provided, and to the Company's Knowledge, none of its executive officers or directors nor any other Person acting on its or their behalf has provided, and it has not authorized the Placement Agent to provide, any Purchaser or its respective agents or counsel with any information that it believes constitutes material, non-public information except insofar as the existence, provisions and terms of the Transaction Documents and the proposed transactions hereunder may constitute such information, all of which will be disclosed by the Company in the manner contemplated by <u>Section 4.4</u> hereof. The Company understands and confirms that the Purchasers will rely on the foregoing representations in effecting transactions in securities of the Company.

(ee) <u>No Integrated Offering</u>. Assuming the accuracy of the Purchasers' representations and warranties set forth in <u>Section 3.2</u>, neither the Company nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any Person acting on its behalf has, directly or indirectly, at any time within the past six (6) months, made any offers or sales of any Company security or solicited any offers to buy any Company security under circumstances that would (i) eliminate the availability of the exemption from registration under Regulation D under the Securities Act in connection with the offer and sale by the Company of the shares of Preferred Stock as contemplated hereby or (ii) cause the Offering to be integrated with prior offerings by the Company for purposes of any applicable law, regulation or stockholder approval provisions, including, without limitation, under the rules and regulations of any Trading Market on which any of the securities of the Company are listed or quoted.

(ff) <u>Tax Matters</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries (i) has prepared and filed (or has requested valid extensions for) all foreign, federal and state income and all other tax returns, reports and declarations required by any jurisdiction to which it is subject, and (ii) has paid all taxes and other governmental assessments and charges that are material in amount, shown or determined to be due on such returns, reports and declarations, except those being contested in good faith, with respect to which adequate reserves have been set aside on the books of the Company, except in either case where the failure to prepare, file or pay would not have a Material Adverse Effect. There are no unpaid taxes in any material amount claimed to be due by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries by the taxing authority of any jurisdiction.

(gg) <u>REIT Tax Status</u>. The Company (i) will make a valid election under Section 856(c)(1) of the Code to be taxed as a "real estate investment trust" (a "*REIT*") effective as of its taxable year ending December 31, 2012, (ii) has been organized and has operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code since January 1, 2012, to the date hereof and (iii) intends and expects to continue to be organized and to operate in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries have enabled and will continue to enable the Company to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code.

(hh) Environmental Matters. The Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective properties and assets (and, to the Company's Knowledge, each tenant or subtenant of any real property or portion thereof owned or leased by the Company or its Subsidiaries) are in substantial compliance with, and each of the Company and its Subsidiaries hold all permits, authorizations and approvals required under, Environmental Laws (as defined below), except to the extent that failure to so comply or to hold such permits, authorizations or approvals would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; there are no past, present or, to the Company's Knowledge, reasonably anticipated future events, conditions, circumstances, activities, practices, actions, omissions or plans that could reasonably be expected to give rise to any material costs or liabilities to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under, or to interfere with or prevent compliance by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with, Environmental Laws, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any seller, tenant or subtenant of any real property or portion thereof owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any previous owner thereof, (i) is the subject of any investigation, (ii) has received any notice or claim, (iii) is a party to or affected by any pending or, to the Company's Knowledge, threatened action, suit or proceeding, (iv) is bound by any judgment, decree or order or (v) has entered into any agreement, in each case relating to any alleged violation of any Environmental Law or any actual or alleged release or threatened release or cleanup at any location of any Hazardous Materials (as defined below); and none of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any seller, tenant or subtenant of any real property or portion thereof owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any previous owner thereof, has received from any governmental authority notice of any violation, concerning such properties, of any municipal, state or federal law, rule or regulation or of any Environmental Law, except for such violations as have heretofore been cured and except for such violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect (as used herein, "Environmental Law" means any federal, state or local law, statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, decree, judgment, injunction, permit, license, authorization or other binding requirement, or common law, relating to health, safety or the protection, cleanup or restoration of the environment or natural resources, including those relating to the distribution, processing, generation, treatment, storage, disposal, transportation, other handling or release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials, and "Hazardous Materials" means any material (including, without limitation, pollutants, contaminants, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes) that is regulated by or may give rise to liability under any Environmental Law).

(ii) <u>Environmental Law Costs and Liabilities</u>. There are no costs or liabilities associated with Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) which would, singly or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect on the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(jj) <u>No General Solicitation</u>. Neither the Company nor, to the Company's Knowledge, any Person acting on behalf of the Company has offered or sold any of the shares of Preferred Stock by any form of general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Regulation D).

(kk) <u>Unlawful Payments</u>. To the Company's Knowledge, none the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, nor any directors, executive officers, employees, agents or other Persons acting at the direction of or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, has, in the course of its actions for or on behalf of the Company: (a) used any corporate funds for unlawful contributions, gifts, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to foreign or domestic political activity; (b) made any unlawful payments to any foreign or domestic governmental officials or employees or to any foreign or domestic political parties or campaigns from corporate funds; (c) violated any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended; or (d) made any other unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other material unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee.

(II) <u>Off Balance Sheet Arrangements</u>. There is no transaction, arrangement, or other relationship between the Company (or any Subsidiary) and an unconsolidated or other off balance sheet entity that is required to be disclosed by the Company in its SEC Reports and is not so disclosed and would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(mm) <u>Acknowledgment Regarding Purchasers' Purchase of Securities</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that each of the Purchasers is acting solely in the capacity of an arm's length purchaser with respect to the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby. The Company further acknowledges that no Purchaser is acting as a financial advisor or fiduciary of the Company (or in any similar capacity) with respect to the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby and any advice given by any Purchaser or any of their respective representatives or agents in connection with the Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated thereby and the transactions contemplated thereby is merely incidental to the Purchasers' purchase of the shares of Preferred Stock. The Company represents to each Purchaser that the Company's decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents has been based solely on the independent evaluation of the transactions contemplated hereby by the Company and its representatives.

(nn) <u>Absence of Manipulation</u>. The Company has not, and, to the Company's Knowledge, no Person acting on its behalf has, taken any action designed to cause or to result in the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company in violation of applicable law to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(oo) <u>PFIC</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is or intends to become a "passive foreign investment company" within the meaning of Section 1297 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(pp) <u>OFAC</u>. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is, and, to the Company's Knowledge, no director, executive officer, agent, employee, Affiliate or other Person acting for or on behalf of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is, currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department ("*OFAC*"). The Company will not knowingly use the proceeds of the sale of the Securities, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person or entity, towards any sales or operations in Cuba, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Myanmar or any other country sanctioned by OFAC or for the purpose of financing the activities of any Person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(qq) <u>No Additional Agreements</u>. The Company does not have any agreement or understanding with any Purchaser with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents other than as specified in the Transaction Documents.

(rr) <u>Reservation of Underlying Shares</u>. The Company has reserved, and will continue to reserve, free of any preemptive or similar rights of stockholders of the Company, a number of unissued shares of Common Stock, sufficient to issue and deliver the Underlying Shares into which the Preferred Shares are convertible.

3.2 <u>Representations and Warranties of the Purchasers</u>. Each Purchaser hereby, for itself and for no other Purchaser, represents and warrants as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date to the Company as follows:

(a) <u>Authority</u>. The Purchaser is either an individual or an entity duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization with the requisite power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated by the applicable Transaction Documents and otherwise to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. If the Purchaser is not an individual, the execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Purchaser and performance by such Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such Purchaser. Each Transaction Document to which the Purchaser is a party has been duly executed by such Purchaser, and when delivered by such Purchaser in accordance with the terms hereof, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of such Purchaser, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except (i) as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, liquidation or similar laws relating to, or affecting generally the enforcement of, creditors' rights and remedies or by other equitable principles of general application, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies and (iii) insofar as indemnification and contribution provisions may be limited by applicable law.

(b) <u>No Conflicts</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and the consummation by such Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, will not (i) if applicable, result in a violation of the organizational documents of such Purchaser, (ii) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, any agreement, indenture or instrument to which such Purchaser is a party, or (iii) result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree (including federal and state securities laws) applicable to such Purchaser, except in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for such conflicts, defaults, rights or violations which would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the ability of such Purchaser to perform its obligations hereunder or any of the other Transaction Documents to which such Purchaser is a party.

(c) <u>Investment Intent</u>. The Purchaser understands that the shares of Preferred Stock are "restricted securities" and have not been registered under the Securities Act or any applicable state securities law, and the Purchaser is acquiring the shares of Preferred Stock as principal for its own account and not with a view to, or for distributing or reselling such shares of Preferred Stock or any part thereof in violation of the Securities Act or any applicable state securities laws, *provided*, *however*, that by making the representations herein, such Purchaser does not agree to hold any of the shares of Preferred Stock for any minimum period of time and reserves the right, subject to the provisions of this Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement, at all times to sell or otherwise dispose of all or any part of such shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or under an exemption from such registration and in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws. Such Purchaser is acquiring the shares of Preferred Stock hereunder in the ordinary course of its business. Such Purchaser does not presently have any agreement, plan or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any Person to distribute or effect any distribution of any of the shares of Preferred Stock (or any securities which are derivatives thereof) to or through any person or entity. The Purchaser is not a registered broker-dealer under Section 15 of the Exchange Act or an entity engaged in a business that would require it to be so registered as a broker-dealer.

(d) <u>Purchaser Status</u>. At the time the Purchaser was offered the shares of Preferred Stock, it was, and at the date hereof it is, an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act. The Accredited Investor Questionnaire delivered by the Purchaser in connection with this Agreement is complete and accurate in all respects as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date and will be accurate in all respects as of the effective date of the Registration Statement; *provided*, that the Purchaser shall be entitled to update such information prior to the Closing by providing written notice thereof to the Company.

(e) <u>General Solicitation</u>. The Purchaser is not purchasing the shares of Preferred Stock as a result of any advertisement, article, notice or other communication regarding the shares of Preferred Stock published in any newspaper, magazine or similar media or broadcast over television or radio or presented at any seminar or any other general advertisement.

(f) Experience. The Purchaser, either alone or together with its representatives, has such knowledge, sophistication and experience in business and financial matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the shares of Preferred Stock, and has so evaluated the merits and risks of such investment. The Purchaser is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the shares of Preferred Stock and, at the present time, is able to afford a complete loss of such investment.

(g) Access to Information. The Purchaser acknowledges that it has had the opportunity to review the Disclosure Materials and has been afforded (i) the opportunity to ask such questions as it has deemed necessary of, and to receive answers from, representatives of the Company concerning the terms and conditions of the Offering and the merits and risks of investing in the shares of Preferred Stock, (ii) access to information about the Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective financial condition, results of operations, business, properties, management and prospects sufficient to enable it to evaluate its investment, and (iii) the opportunity to obtain such additional information that the Company possesses or can acquire without unreasonable effort or expense that is necessary to make an informed investment decision with respect to the investment. Neither such inquiries nor any other investigation conducted by or on behalf of the Purchaser or its representatives shall modify, amend or affect such Purchaser's right to rely on the truth, accuracy and completeness of the Disclosure Materials and the Company's representations and warranties contained in the Transaction Documents. The Purchaser has sought such accounting, legal and tax advice as it has considered necessary to make an informed decision with respect to its acquisition of the shares of Preferred Stock.

(h) <u>Certain Trading Activities</u>. Other than consummating the transactions contemplated hereunder, the Purchaser has not directly or indirectly, nor has any Person acting on behalf of or pursuant to any understanding with such Purchaser, engaged in any transactions in the securities of the Company (including, without limitation, any Short Sales involving the Company's securities) since the time that such Purchaser was first contacted by the Company, the Placement Agent or any other Person regarding the specific investment contemplated hereby. Other than to other Persons party to this Agreement, such Purchaser has maintained the confidentiality of all disclosures made to it in connection with this transaction, including the existence and terms of this transaction.

(i) <u>Brokers and Finders</u>. Other than the Placement Agent with respect to the Company, no Person will have, as a result of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any valid right, interest or claim against or upon the Company or any Purchaser for any commission, fee or other compensation pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into by or on behalf of the Purchaser.

(j) Independent Investment Decision. The Purchaser has independently evaluated the merits of its decision to purchase shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to the Transaction Documents, and such Purchaser confirms that it has not relied on the advice of any other Purchaser's business and/or legal counsel in making such decision. The Purchaser understands that nothing in this Agreement or any other materials presented by or on behalf of the Company to the Purchaser in connection with the purchase of the shares of Preferred Stock constitutes legal, tax or investment advice. The Purchaser has consulted such legal, tax and investment advisors as it, in its sole discretion, has deemed necessary or appropriate in connection with its purchase of the shares of Preferred Stock. The Purchaser understands that the Placement Agent has acted solely as the agent of the Company in this placement of the shares of Preferred Stock and such Purchaser has not relied on the business or legal advice of the Placement Agents or any of its agents, counsel or Affiliates in making its investment decision hereunder, and the Purchaser confirms that none of such Persons has made any representations or warranties to such Purchaser in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(k) <u>Reliance on Exemptions</u>. The Purchaser understands that the shares of Preferred Stock are being offered and sold to it in reliance on specific exemptions from the registration requirements of United States federal and state securities laws and that the Company is relying in part upon the truth and accuracy of, and such Purchaser's compliance with, the representations, warranties, agreements, acknowledgements and understandings of such Purchaser set forth herein in order to determine the availability of such exemptions and the eligibility of such Purchaser to acquire the shares of Preferred Stock.

(1) <u>No Governmental Review</u>. The Purchaser understands that no United States federal or state agency or any other government or governmental agency has passed on or made any recommendation or endorsement of the shares of Preferred Stock or the fairness or suitability of the investment in the shares of Preferred Stock nor have such authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of the Offering.



(m) <u>Regulation M</u>. The Purchaser is aware that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of Securities and other activities with respect to the Securities by the Purchasers.

(n) <u>Residency</u>. The Purchaser's residence (if an individual) or offices in which its investment decision with respect to the Securities was made (if an entity) are located at the address immediately below such Purchaser's name on its signature page hereto.

The Company and each of the Purchasers acknowledge and agree that no party to this Agreement has made or makes any representations or warranties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby other than those specifically set forth in this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

# ARTICLE IV OTHER AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES

#### 4.1 Transfer Restrictions.

(a) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Article IV</u>, each Purchaser covenants that the Securities may be disposed of only pursuant to an effective registration statement under, and in compliance with the requirements of, the Securities Act, or pursuant to an available exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable state and federal securities laws. In connection with any transfer of the Securities other than (i) pursuant to an effective registration statement, (ii) to the Company, (iii) pursuant to Rule 144 (*provided* that the Purchaser provides the Company with reasonable assurances (in the form of seller and, if applicable, broker representation letters) that the securities may be sold pursuant to such rule) or (iv) in connection with a bona fide pledge as contemplated in <u>Section 4.1(b)</u>, the Company may require the transferor thereof to provide to the Company an opinion of counsel selected by the transferor and reasonably acceptable to the Company, the form and substance of which opinion shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Company, to the effect that such transfer does not require registration of such transferred Securities under the Securities Act. As a condition of such transfer, any such transferee shall agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement and shall have the rights of a Purchaser under this Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement with respect to such transferred Securities.

(b) <u>Legends</u>. Certificates evidencing the Securities shall bear any legend as required by the "blue sky" laws of any state and a restrictive legend in substantially the following form (and, with respect to Securities held in book-entry form, the Transfer Agent will record such a legend on the share register), until such time as they are not required under <u>Section 4.1(d)</u>:

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), OR APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED (I) IN THE ABSENCE OF (A) AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FOR THE SECURITIES UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR (B) AN AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR BLUE SKY LAWS AS EVIDENCED BY A LEGAL OPINION OF COUNSEL REASONABLY SATISFACTORY TO THE COMPANY AND ITS TRANSFER AGENT OR (II) UNLESS SOLD PURSUANT TO RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, THE SECURITIES MAY BE PLEDGED IN CONNECTION WITH A BONA FIDE MARGIN ACCOUNT OR OTHER LOAN OR FINANCING ARRANGEMENT SECURED BY THE SECURITIES.

The Company acknowledges and agrees that a Purchaser may from time to time pledge, and/or grant a security interest in, some or all of the legended Securities in connection with applicable securities laws, pursuant to a bona fide margin agreement in compliance with a bona fide margin loan. Such a pledge would not be subject to approval or consent of the Company and no legal opinion of legal counsel to the pledgee, secured party or pledgor shall be required in connection with the pledge, but such legal opinion shall be required in connection with a subsequent transfer or foreclosure following default by the Purchaser transferee of the pledge. No notice shall be required of such pledge, but Purchaser's transferee shall promptly notify the Company of any such subsequent transfer or foreclosure. Each Purchaser acknowledges that the Company shall not be responsible for any pledges relating to, or the grant of any security interest in, any of the Securities or for any agreement, understanding or arrangement between any Purchaser and its pledgee or secured party. At the applicable Purchaser's expense, the Company will execute and deliver such reasonable documentation as a pledge or secured party of Securities may reasonably request in connection with a pledge or transfer of the Securities, including the preparation and filing of any required prospectus supplement under Rule 424(b)(3) of the Securities Act to appropriately amend the list of selling stockholders thereunder. Each Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that, except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 4.1(d)</u>, any Securities subject to a pledge or security interest as otherwise provided in <u>Section 4.1(d)</u>, and be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in <u>Section 4.1(a)</u>.

(c) <u>Transfer Agent Instructions</u>. The Company shall issue irrevocable instructions to the Transfer Agent to issue certificates or credit shares to the applicable balance accounts at DTC, registered in the name of each Purchaser and its respective nominee(s), for the Underlying Shares in such amounts as specified from time to time by each Purchaser to the Company in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto. The Company represents and warrants that no instruction other than the Irrevocable Transfer Agent Instructions and stop transfer instructions to give effect to <u>Section 4.1(a)</u> will be given by the Company to its Transfer Agent with respect to the Underlying Shares, and that the Securities shall otherwise be freely transferable on the books and records of the Company as and to the extent provided in this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. If a Purchaser effects a sale, assignment, or transfer of the Underlying Shares in accordance with <u>Section 4.1(a)</u>, the Company shall permit the transfer and shall promptly instruct the Transfer Agent to issue one or more certificates or credit shares to the applicable balance accounts at DTC in such name and in such denominations as specified by such Purchaser to effect such sale, transfer, or assignment.

(d) <u>Removal of Legends</u>. Certificates or book-entry statements evidencing the Securities shall not be required to contain the legend set forth in Section 4.1(b) above or any other legend (i) while a registration statement (including a registration statement filed pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement) covering the resale of such Securities is effective under the 1933 Act, (ii) following any sale of such Securities pursuant to Rule 144 (assuming the transferor is not an Affiliate of the Company), (iii) if such Securities are eligible to be sold, assigned or transferred under Rule 144 (provided that a Purchaser provides the Company with reasonable assurances that such Securities are eligible for sale, assignment or transfer under Rule 144 which shall not include an opinion of counsel), (iv) in connection with a sale, assignment or other transfer (other than under Rule 144), provided that such Purchaser provides the Company with an opinion of counsel to such Purchaser, in a generally acceptable form, to the effect that such sale, assignment or transfer of the Securities may be made without registration under the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act or (v) if such legend is not required under applicable requirements of the 1933 Act (including, without limitation, controlling judicial interpretations and pronouncements issued by the SEC). If a legend is not required pursuant to the foregoing, the Company shall no later than two (2) Trading Days following the delivery by a Purchaser to the Company or the Transfer Agent (with notice to the Company) of a legended certificate representing such Securities (endorsed or with stock powers attached, signatures guaranteed, and otherwise in form necessary to affect the reissuance and/or transfer, if applicable), together with any other deliveries from such Purchaser as may be required above in this Section 4(d), as directed by such Purchaser, or, in the case of shares held in book-entry accounts, within two (2) Trading Days following the date on which a legend is no longer required, without any action required on the part of the Purchaser, either: (A) provided that the Company's transfer agent is participating in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer Program, credit the aggregate number of Securities to which such Purchaser shall be entitled to such Purchaser's or its designee's balance account with DTC through its Deposit/Withdrawal at Custodian system or (B) if the Company's Transfer Agent is not participating in the DTC Fast Automated Securities Transfer Program, issue and deliver (via reputable overnight courier) to such Purchaser, a certificate representing such Securities that is free from all restrictive and other legends, registered in the name of such Purchaser or its designee (the date by which such credit is so required

to be made to the balance account of such Purchaser's or such Purchaser's nominee with DTC or such certificate is required to be delivered to such Purchaser pursuant to the foregoing is referred to herein as the "*Required Delivery Date*"). The Company shall be responsible for any transfer agent fees or DTC fees with respect to any issuance of Securities or the removal of any legends with respect to any Securities in accordance herewith.

(e) <u>Breach</u>. The Company acknowledges that a breach by it of its obligations hereunder will cause irreparable harm to a Purchaser. Accordingly, the Company acknowledges that the remedy at law for a breach of its obligations under this Section 4.1 will be inadequate and agrees, in the event of a breach or threatened breach by the Company of the provisions of this Section 4.1, that a Purchaser shall be entitled, in addition to all other available remedies, to an order and/or injunction restraining any breach and requiring immediate issuance and transfer, without the necessity of showing economic loss and without any bond or other security being required.

(f) Additional Relief. If the Company shall fail for any reason or for no reason to issue to such holder unlegended certificates or to credit the Purchaser's DTC account with unrestricted shares within three (3) Trading Days following the satisfaction of the conditions for the removal of legend set forth above (the "Deadline Date"), then, in addition to all other remedies available to the holder, if on or after the Trading Day immediately following such three (3) Trading Day period, the holder purchases (in an open market transaction or otherwise) Securities to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by the holder of Securities that the holder anticipated receiving without legend from the Company (a "Buy-In"), then the Company shall, within three (3) Trading Days after the holder's request and in the holder's discretion, either (i) pay cash to the holder in an amount equal to the holder's total purchase price (including brokerage commissions, if any) for the Securities so purchased (the "Buy-In Price"), at which point the Company's obligation to deliver such certificate (and to issue such Securities) shall terminate, or (ii) promptly honor its obligation to deliver to the holder a certificate or certificates representing such Securities and pay cash to the holder in an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the Buy-In Price over the product of (A) the number of such Securities, times (B) the Closing Bid Price on the Deadline Date. "Closing Bid Price" means, for any security as of any date, the last closing price for such security on The NASDAQ Stock Market (any market tier) (the "Principal Market"), as reported by Bloomberg, or, if the Principal Market begins to operate on an extended hours basis and does not designate the closing bid price then the last bid price of such security prior to 4:00:00 p.m., Eastern Time, as reported by Bloomberg, or, if the Principal Market is not the principal securities exchange or trading market for such security, the last closing price of such security on the principal securities exchange or trading market where such security is listed or traded as reported by Bloomberg, or if the foregoing do not apply, the last closing price of such security in the over-the-counter market on the electronic bulletin board for such security as reported by Bloomberg, or, if no closing bid price is reported for such security by Bloomberg, the average of the bid prices of any market makers for such security as reported in the OTC Pink (also known as "Pink Sheets") by OTC Markets Group Inc. (or any similar organization or agency succeeding to its functions of reporting prices). If the Closing Bid Price cannot be calculated for a security on a particular date on any of the foregoing bases, the Closing Bid Price of such security on such date shall be the fair market value as mutually determined by the Company and the holder. If the Company and the holder are unable to agree upon the fair market value of such security, then such dispute shall be resolved pursuant to the procedure that follows. The Company shall submit the disputed determinations or arithmetic calculations of the Closing Bid Price via facsimile within two (2) Business Days after the Deadline Date (if the Company did not otherwise deliver unlegended certificates pursuant to this Section 4) to the Holder. If the Holder and the Company are unable to agree upon such determination or calculation of the Closing Bid Price within three (3) Business Days of such disputed determination or arithmetic calculation being submitted to the Holder, then the Company shall, within two (2) Business Days submit via facsimile the disputed determination of the Closing Bid Price to an independent, reputable investment bank selected by the Company and approved by the Holder. The Company shall cause at its expense the investment bank to perform the determinations or calculations and notify the Company and the Holder of the results no later than ten (10) Business Days from the time it receives the disputed determinations or calculations. Such investment bank's determination or calculation shall be binding upon all parties absent demonstrable error. All such determinations shall be appropriately adjusted for any stock dividend, stock split, stock combination or other similar transaction during the applicable calculation period.

(g) <u>Acknowledgement</u>. Each Purchaser hereunder acknowledges its primary responsibilities under the Securities Act and accordingly will not sell or otherwise transfer the Securities or any interest therein without complying with the requirements of the Securities Act. While the Registration Statement remains effective, each Purchaser hereunder may sell the Securities in accordance with the plan of distribution contained in the

Registration Statement and if it does so it will comply therewith and with the related prospectus delivery requirements unless an exemption therefrom is available or unless the Securities are sold pursuant to Rule 144. Each Purchaser, severally and not jointly with the other Purchasers, agrees that if it is notified by the Company in writing at any time that the Registration Statement registering the resale of the Underlying Shares is not effective or that the prospectus included in such Registration Statement no longer complies with the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, the Purchaser will refrain from selling such Underlying Shares until such time as the Purchaser is notified by the Company that such Registration Statement is effective or such prospectus is compliant with Section 10 of the Securities Act, unless such Purchaser is able to, and does, sell such Underlying Shares pursuant to an available exemption from the registration requirements of Section 5 of the Securities Act. Both the Company and its Transfer Agent, and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, may rely on this <u>Section 4.1(g)</u>.

4.2 <u>Furnishing of Information</u>. In order to enable the Purchasers to sell the Securities under Rule 144, for a period of one year from the Closing Date, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to timely file (or obtain extensions in respect thereof and file within the applicable grace period) all reports required to be filed by the Company after the date hereof pursuant to the Exchange Act. If the Company is not required to file reports pursuant to the Exchange Act during such period, it will prepare and furnish to the Purchasers and make publicly available in accordance with Rule 144(c) such information as is required for the Purchasers to sell the Securities under Rule 144.

4.3 <u>No Integration</u>. The Company shall not, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that no Affiliate of the Company shall, sell, offer for sale or solicit offers to buy or otherwise negotiate in respect of any security (as defined in Section 2 of the Securities Act) that will be integrated with the offer or sale of the shares of Preferred Stock in a manner that would require the registration under the Securities Act of the sale of the shares of Preferred Stock to the Purchasers, or that will be integrated with the offer or sale of the shares of Preferred Stock to the closing of such other transaction unless stockholder approval is obtained before the closing of such subsequent transaction.

4.4 <u>Securities Laws Disclosure; Publicity</u>. The Company shall issue a press release disclosing the material terms of the transactions contemplated hereby (the "*Press Release*") no later than 9:00 A.M., Eastern time, on the Trading Day immediately following Offering Termination Date. In addition, the Company shall file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Commission describing the terms of the Transaction Documents (and including as exhibits to such Current Report on Form 8-K this Agreement, the Articles of Amendment, and the Registration Rights Agreement) within the time prescribed by the Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not publicly disclose the name of any Purchaser or any Affiliate or investment adviser of any Purchaser, or include the name of any Purchaser or any Affiliate or investment adviser of such Purchaser, except (i) as required by federal securities law in connection with (A) any registration statement contemplated by the Registration Rights Agreement or (B) the filing of Transaction Documents (including signature pages thereto) with the Commission or (ii) to the extent such disclosure is otherwise required by law, request of the Staff of the Commission or Trading Market regulations. From and after the issuance of the Press Release, no Purchaser shall be in possession of any material, non-public information received from the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents, that is not disclosed in the Press Release unless a Purchaser shall have executed a written agreement regarding the confidentiality and use of such information.

4.5 <u>Confidentiality</u>. Each Purchaser, severally and not jointly with the other Purchasers, covenants that, until such time as the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are publicly disclosed by the Company as described in <u>Section 4.4</u>, (i) such Purchaser shall maintain the confidentiality of all disclosures made to it in connection with this transaction, including the existence and terms of this transaction and the information included in the Transaction Documents and Disclosure Schedules, and (ii) neither such Purchaser nor any Person acting on its behalf or pursuant to any understanding with it shall engage in any purchase or sale of securities of the Company (including Short Sales). Notwithstanding the preceding clause (ii), in the case of a Purchaser that is a multi-managed investment vehicle whereby separate portfolio managers manage separate portions of such Purchaser's assets and the portfolio managers have no direct knowledge of the investment decisions made by the portfolio managers managing

other portions of such Purchaser's assets, the covenant set forth above shall apply only with respect to the portion of assets managed by the portfolio manager that has knowledge about the financing transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

4.6 <u>Shareholder Rights Plan</u>. No claim will be made or enforced by the Company or, with the consent of the Company, any other Person, that any Purchaser is an "*Acquiring Person*" under any control share acquisition, business combination, poison pill (including any distribution under a rights agreement) or similar anti-takeover plan or arrangement in effect or hereafter adopted by the Company, or that any Purchaser could be deemed to trigger the provisions of any such plan or arrangement, in either case solely by virtue of receiving Securities under the Transaction Documents or under any other written agreement between the Company and the Purchasers.

4.7 <u>Non-Public Information</u>. Except with respect to the material terms and conditions of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, including this Agreement, the Company covenants and agrees that neither it, nor any other Person acting on its behalf, will provide any Purchaser or its agents or counsel with any information regarding the Company that the Company believes constitutes material non-public information without the express written consent of such Purchaser, unless prior thereto such Purchaser shall have executed a written agreement regarding the confidentiality and use of such information. The Company understands and confirms that each Purchaser shall be relying on the foregoing covenant in effecting transactions in securities of the Company.

4.8 <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Company shall use the net proceeds from the sale of the shares of Preferred Stock hereunder for working capital and general corporate purposes and shall not use such proceeds for: (a) the satisfaction of any portion of the Company's debt (which, for the avoidance of any doubt, does not include trade payables and other accrued expenses, which may be paid using such proceeds), (b) the redemption of any Common Stock or (c) the settlement of any outstanding litigation.

#### 4.9 Indemnification of Purchasers.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Section 4.9, the Company will indemnify and hold each Purchaser, such Purchaser's directors, officers, shareholders, members, partners, employees and agents (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title), each Person who controls such Purchaser (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the directors, officers, shareholders, agents, members, partners or employees (and any other Persons with a functionally equivalent role of a Person holding such titles notwithstanding a lack of such title or any other title) of such controlling persons (each, a "Purchaser Party"), harmless from any and all losses, liabilities, obligations, claims, contingencies, damages, costs and expenses, including all judgments, amounts paid in settlements, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of investigation that any such Purchaser Party may suffer or incur as a result of or relating to (a) any breach of any of the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made by the Company in this Agreement or in the other Transaction Documents or (b) any action instituted against a Purchaser in any capacity, or any other Purchaser Party, by any stockholder of the Company who is not an Affiliate of such Purchaser, with respect to any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents (unless such action is based upon a breach of such Purchaser's representations, warranties or covenants under any of the Transaction Documents or any agreements or understandings such Purchaser may have with any such stockholder or any violations by the Purchaser of any applicable laws or any conduct by such Purchaser which constitutes fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or malfeasance).

(b) Promptly after receipt by any Purchaser Party (the "*Indemnified Person*") of notice of any demand, claim or circumstances which would or might give rise to a claim or the commencement of any action, proceeding or investigation in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to this <u>Section 4.9</u>, such Indemnified Person shall promptly notify the Company in writing and the Company shall assume the defense thereof, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person, and shall assume the payment of all fees and expenses relating to such action, proceeding or investigation; *provided, however*, that the failure of any Indemnified Person so to notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder except to the extent that the Company is actually and materially prejudiced by such failure to notify. In any such proceeding, any Indemnified Person shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Person unless: (i) the Company and the Indemnified Person shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel; (ii) the Company shall have failed

promptly to assume the defense of such proceeding and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Person in such proceeding; or (iii) in the reasonable judgment of counsel to such Indemnified Person, representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them, in which case the Company shall be responsible for the reasonable fees and expenses of no more than one such separate counsel. The Company shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. Without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Person, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned, the Company shall not effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Person is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Person from all liability arising out of such proceeding.

4.10 <u>Principal Trading Market Listing</u>. If necessary, the Company shall prepare and file with the Principal Trading Market an additional shares listing application covering all of the Underlying Shares and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to take all steps necessary to cause all of the Underlying Shares to be approved for listing or quotation on the Principal Trading Market as promptly as possible thereafter.

4.11 Form D; Blue Sky. The Company agrees to timely file a Form D with respect to the shares of Preferred Stock as required under Regulation D and to provide a copy thereof to any Purchaser, promptly upon such Purchaser's written request. The Company shall take such action as the Company shall reasonably determine is necessary in order to qualify the shares of Preferred Stock for sale at the Closing to the Purchasers, or to obtain an exemption from such qualification, under applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws, and the Company shall provide evidence of such actions promptly upon the written request of any Purchaser.

# ARTICLE V CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CLOSING

5.1 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Purchasers to Purchase Securities</u>. The obligation of each Purchaser to acquire shares of Preferred Stock at the Closing is subject to the fulfillment, on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by such Purchaser (as to itself only):

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties of the Company contained herein shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for those representations and warranties which are qualified as to materiality, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects) as of the date when made and as of the Closing Date, as though made on and as of such date, except for such representations and warranties that speak as of a specific date.

(b) <u>Performance</u>. The Company shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with any and all covenants, agreements and conditions required by the Transaction Documents to be performed, satisfied or complied with by it at or prior to the Closing.

(c) <u>No Injunction</u>. No statute, rule, regulation, executive order, decree, ruling or injunction shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or endorsed by any court or governmental authority of competent jurisdiction that prohibits the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(d) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date of execution of this Agreement, no event or series of events shall have occurred that has had a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) <u>No Suspensions of Trading in Common Stock</u>. The Common Stock (i) shall be designated for listing or quotation on the Principal Trading Market and (ii) shall not have been suspended, as of the Closing Date, by the Commission or the Principal Trading Market from trading on the Principal Trading Market nor shall suspension by the Commission or the Principal Trading Market have been threatened, as of the Closing Date, either (A) in writing by the Commission or the Principal Trading Market or (B) by falling below any minimum listing maintenance requirements of the Principal Trading Market. The Company shall have filed the LAS Notification with the Principal Trading Market.

(f) <u>Company Deliverables</u>. The Company shall have delivered the Company Deliverables in accordance with <u>Section 2.2(a)</u>.

(g) Articles of Amendment. The Company shall have filed the Articles of Amendment with the Maryland Department.

5.2 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Company to sell Securities</u>. The Company's obligation to sell and issue the shares of Preferred Stock at the Closing to each Purchaser is subject to the fulfillment on or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by the Company:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties made by the Purchaser in <u>Section 3.2</u> hereof shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for those representations and warranties which are qualified as to materiality, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects) as of the date when made, and as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date, except for representations and warranties that speak as of a specific date.

(b) <u>Performance</u>. The Purchaser shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with any and all covenants, agreements and conditions required by the Transaction Documents to be performed, satisfied or complied with by such Purchaser at or prior to the Closing Date.

(c) <u>No Injunction</u>. No statute, rule, regulation, executive order, decree, ruling or injunction shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or endorsed by any court or governmental authority of competent jurisdiction that prohibits the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents.

(d) <u>Purchaser Deliverables</u>. The Purchaser shall have delivered its Purchaser Deliverables in accordance with <u>Section 2.2(b)</u>.

# ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

6.1 <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. The Company and the Purchasers shall each pay the fees and expenses of their respective advisers, counsel, accountants and other expense, if any, and all other expenses incurred by such party in connection with the negotiation, preparation, execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement. The Company shall pay all Transfer Agent fees, stamp taxes and other taxes and duties levied in connection with the sale and issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock to the Purchasers.

6.2 Entire Agreement. The Transaction Documents, together with the exhibits and schedules thereto, contain the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, discussions and representations, oral or written, with respect to such matters, which the parties acknowledge have been merged into such documents, exhibits and schedules. At or after the Closing, and without further consideration, the Company and the Purchasers will execute and deliver to the other such further documents as may be reasonably requested in order to give practical effect to the intention of the parties under the Transaction Documents.

6.3 <u>Notices</u>. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and effective on the earliest of (a) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile (provided the sender receives a machine-generated confirmation of successful transmission) at the facsimile number specified in this <u>Section 6.3</u> prior to 5:00 P.M., Eastern time, on a Trading Day, (b) the next Trading Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile at the facsimile number specified in this <u>Section 6.3</u> on a day that is not a Trading Day or later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern time, on any Trading Day, (c) the Trading Day following the date of mailing, if sent by U.S. nationally recognized overnight courier service with next day delivery specified, or (d) upon actual receipt by the party to whom such notice is required to be given, if such notice or communication is delivered via electronic mail or any other method not identified in the preceding clauses (a) – (c). The address for such notices and communications shall be as follows:

If to the Company:

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. 2529 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Suite 200 Virginia Beach, VA 23452 Telephone No.: (757) 627-9088 Facsimile No.: (757) 627-9081 Attention: Steven M. Belote E-mail: steven@whlr.us

With a copy to:

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. 1021 East Cary Street, Suite 1400 Richmond, VA 23219 Telephone No.: (804) 771-5790 Facsimile No.: (804) 771-5777 Attention: Bradley A. Haneberg E-mail: bahaneberg@kaufcan.com

If to a Purchaser: To the address set forth under such Purchaser's name on the signature page hereof;

or such other address as may be designated in writing hereafter, in the same manner, by such Person.

6.4 <u>Amendments; Waivers; No Additional Consideration</u>. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified, supplemented or amended except in a written instrument signed, in the case of an amendment, by the Company and Required Purchasers at the time of the amendment (which amendment shall be binding on all Purchasers) or, in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom enforcement of any such waiver provision is sought. No waiver of any default with respect to any provision, condition or requirement of this Agreement shall be deemed to be a continuing waiver in the future or a waiver of any subsequent default or a waiver of any other provision, condition or requirement hereof, nor shall any delay or omission of either party to exercise any right hereunder in any manner impair the exercise of any such right. No consideration shall be offered or paid to any Purchaser to amend or consent to a waiver or modification of any provision of this Agreement unless the same consideration is also offered to all Purchasers who then hold Securities.

6.5 <u>Construction</u>. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rules of strict construction will be applied against any party. This Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Agreement or any other Transaction Documents.

6.6 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement, or any rights or obligations hereunder, may not be assigned by the Company without the prior written consent of the Required Purchasers at that time, except in the event of a merger or in connection with another entity acquiring all or substantially all of the Company's assets. Any Purchaser may assign its rights hereunder in whole or in part to any Person to whom such Purchaser assigns or transfers any Securities in compliance with the Transaction Documents and applicable law, provided such transferee shall agree in writing to be bound, with respect to the transferred Securities, by the terms and conditions of this Agreement that apply to the "Purchasers."

6.7 <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other Person, except each Purchaser Party is an intended third party beneficiary of <u>Section 4.9</u>.

6.8 <u>Governing Law</u>. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each party agrees that all Proceedings concerning the interpretation, enforcement and defense of the transactions contemplated by this

Agreement and any other Transaction Documents (whether brought against a party hereto or its respective Affiliates, employees or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the Virginia Courts. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Virginia Courts for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein (including with respect to the enforcement of any of the Transaction Documents), and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any Proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such Virginia Court, or that such Proceeding has been commenced in an improper or inconvenient forum. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such Proceeding by mailing a copy thereof via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such party at the address in effect for notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by law. **EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.** 

6.9 <u>Survival</u>. Subject to applicable statute of limitations, the representations, warranties, agreements and covenants contained herein shall survive the Closing and the delivery of the Securities pursuant to the Closing.

6.10 Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to the other party, it being understood that the parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission, or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

6.11 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the validity and enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and the parties will attempt to agree upon a valid and enforceable provision that is a reasonable substitute therefor, and upon so agreeing, shall incorporate such substitute provision in this Agreement.

6.12 <u>Rescission and Withdrawal Right</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in (and without limiting any similar provisions of) the Transaction Documents, whenever any Purchaser exercises a right, election, demand or option under a Transaction Document and the Company does not timely perform its related obligation within the period therein provided, then such Purchaser may, in its sole discretion, rescind or withdraw any such notice, demand or election in whole or in part, without prejudice to its future actions and rights, upon written notice to the Company prior to the Company's performance of the related obligation.

6.13 <u>Replacement of Securities</u>. If any certificate or instrument evidencing any Securities is mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Company shall issue or cause to be issued in exchange and substitution for and upon cancellation thereof, or in lieu of and substitution therefor, a new certificate or instrument, but only upon receipt of evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Transfer Agent of such loss, theft or destruction and the execution by the holder thereof of a customary lost certificate affidavit of that fact and an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Transfer Agent for any losses in connection therewith or, if required by the Transfer Agent, a bond in such form and amount as is required by the Transfer Agent. The cost of any such bond shall be borne by Purchaser. The applicants for a new certificate or instrument under such circumstances shall also pay any reasonable third-party costs associated with the issuance of such replacement Securities. If a replacement certificate or instrument evidencing any Securities is requested due to a mutilation thereof, the Company may require delivery of such mutilated certificate or instrument as a condition precedent to any issuance of a replacement.

6.14 <u>Remedies</u>. In addition to being entitled to exercise all rights provided herein or granted by law, including recovery of damages, each of the Purchasers and the Company will be entitled to specific performance under the Transaction Documents. The parties agree that monetary damages may not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of any breach of obligations described in the foregoing sentence and hereby agree to waive in any action for specific performance of any such obligation (other than in connection with any action for a temporary restraining order) the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

6.15 Payment Set Aside. To the extent that the Company makes a payment or payments to any Purchaser pursuant to any Transaction Document or a Purchaser enforces or exercises its rights thereunder, and such payment or payments or the proceeds of such enforcement or exercise or any part thereof are subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside, recovered from, disgorged by or are required to be refunded, repaid or otherwise restored to the Company, a trustee, receiver or any other Person under any law (including, without limitation, any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause of action), then to the extent of any such restoration the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such enforcement or setoff had not occurred.

6.16 <u>Additional Closings</u>. Each Purchaser acknowledges that, in addition to the Closing, the Company may hold one or more other closings for the purchase and sale of Units in the Offering, whether before and/or after the Closing Date; *provided*, that the Final Closing Date must be on or prior to the Offering Termination Date.

6.17 Independent Nature of Purchasers' Obligations and Rights. The obligations of each Purchaser under any Transaction Document are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Purchaser, and no Purchaser shall be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other Purchaser under any Transaction Document. The decision of each Purchaser to purchase Securities pursuant to the Transaction Documents has been made by such Purchaser independently of any other Purchaser and independently of any information, materials, statements or opinions as to the business, affairs, operations, assets, properties, liabilities, results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company or any Subsidiary which may have been made or given by any other Purchaser or by any agent or employee of any other Purchaser, and no Purchaser and none of its agents or employees shall have any liability to any other Purchaser (or any other Person) relating to or arising from any such information, materials, statements or opinions. Nothing contained herein or in any other Transaction Document, and no action taken by any Purchaser pursuant hereto or thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Purchasers as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Purchasers are in any way acting in concert or as a group with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents. Each Purchaser acknowledges that no other Purchaser has acted as agent for such Purchaser in connection with making its investment hereunder and that no Purchaser will be acting as agent of such Purchaser in connection with monitoring its investment in the Securities or enforcing its rights under the Transaction Documents. Each Purchaser shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights, including without limitation the rights arising out of this Agreement or out of the other Transaction Documents, and it shall not be necessary for any other Purchaser to be joined as an additional party in any Proceeding for such purpose. It is expressly understood and agreed that each provision contained in this Agreement is between the Company and a Purchaser, solely, and not between the Company and the Purchasers collectively and not between and among the Purchasers.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Securities Purchase Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first indicated above.

## WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler

Jon S. Wheeler Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 50

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$50,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Ronald L. Cooper Revocable Trust
Name of Entity

 By:
 /s/ Ronald L. Cooper

 Name:
 Ronald L. Cooper

 Title:
 Trustee

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 300

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$300,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

ILJS 2010 Partnership Name of Entity

By: /s/ Lawrence L. Steingold

Name: Lawrence L. Steingold

Title: General Partner

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 25

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$25,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Alexander Mag	guire
Print Name	

Print Name

/s/ Alexander Maguire	
Signature of Purchaser	

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 30

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$300,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Louis Mavromatis
Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Louis Mavromatis	
Signature of Purchaser	

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 50

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$50,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Michael Stone DMD Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 25

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$25,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Louise Hildreth
Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Louise Hildreth

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 20

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$20,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Al	Zuhars
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Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Al Zuhars

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 200

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$200,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

William	A.	Hohns

Print Name

Print Name

/s/ William A. Hohns Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 50

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$50,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Kelly L. Law Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Kelly L. Law

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 700

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$700,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Zeke, LP

Name of Entity

By: /s/ Edward N. Antoian

Name: Edward N. Antoian

Title: General Partner

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 21

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$21,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

SLS Offshore Fund Ltd.

Name of Entity

By:	/s/ Scott Swid
Name:	Scott Swid
Title:	Director

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 679

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$679,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

SLS Investors, L.P.

Name of Entity

By: /s/ Scott Swid

Name: Scott Swid

Title: Managing Member of the General Partner

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 35

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$35,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Daniel	C.	F.	Par

Print Name

/s/ Daniel C.F.Parr

Signature of Purchaser

Sharon K. Parr Print Name

Sharon K. Parr

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 68

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$68,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Signature of Purchaser

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Pioneer Funds – Multi - Asset Real Return

Name of Entity

By: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., its advisor

By: /s/ Robert Gauvain

Name: Robert Gauvain

Title: Vice President

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 507

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$507,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print	Name
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Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Pioneer Multi-Asset Real Return Fund
c/o Brown Brothers Harriman
Name of Entity

By: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., its advisor

By: /s/ Robert Gauvain

Name:	Robert Gauvain

Title: Vice President

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 15

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$15,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Michael Lewis

Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Michael Lewis

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_Title:

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 25

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$25,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Brian M. Kelly

Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Brian M. Kelly Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_Title:

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 500

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$500,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print	Name
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Signature of Purchaser

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

EJF Income Fund, L.P.

Name of Entity

By: EJF Income GP, LLC Its: General Partner

By EJF Capital, LLC

Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson

Name: Neal J. Wilson

Title: Chief Operating Officer

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 1030

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$1,030,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Signature of Purchaser

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Dividend Income Fund, a series of of	
Delaware Equity Funds V	
Name of Entity	

By:	/s/ Babak Zenouzi
Name:	Babak Zenouzi
Title:	Senior Vice President, Chief Investment
	Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income
	Solutions

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 85

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$85,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Signature of Purchaser

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Enhanced Global Dividend and Income Fund Name of Entity

By: <u>/s/ Babak Zenouzi</u>

 
 Name:
 Babak Zenouzi

 Title:
 Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income Solutions

Number of Shares of Preferred Stock to be acquired: 85

Aggregate Purchase Price (Subscription Amount): \$85,000

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Signature of Purchaser

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Investments Dividend and Income Fund, Inc. Name of Entity

By: /s/ Babak Zenouzi

 Name:
 Babak Zenouzi

 Title:
 Senior Vice President, Chief Investment

Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income Solutions

### **REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

This Registration Rights Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of June 10, 2013, by and among Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the several purchasers signatory hereto (each, a "<u>Purchaser</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Purchasers</u>").

This Agreement is made pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of the date hereof between the Company and each Purchaser (the "Purchase Agreement").

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and each of the Purchasers agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein that are defined in the Purchase Agreement shall have the meanings given such terms in the Purchase Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Advice" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(c).

"Allowable Suspension Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(c).

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banking institutions in the Commonwealth of Virginia are open for the general transaction of business.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Stock" means the common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, and any securities into which such common stock may hereinafter be reclassified.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Conversion" means the conversion of the Preferred Stock into Common Stock pursuant to the Articles of Amendment.

"Effective Date" means the date that the Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2(a) is first declared effective by the Commission.

"Effectiveness Deadline" means, with respect to the Initial Registration Statement or the New Registration Statement, the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the Final Closing Date (or, in the event the Commission reviews and has written comments to the Initial Registration Statement or the New Registration Statement, the one hundred twentieth (120<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the Final Closing Date); provided, however, that if the Company is notified by the Commission that the Initial Registration Statement or the New Registration Statement will not be reviewed or is no longer subject to further review and comments, the Effectiveness Deadline as to such Registration Statement shall be the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Trading Day following the date on which the Company is so notified if such date precedes the dates otherwise required above; provided, further, that if the Effectiveness Deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day that the Commission is closed for business, the Effectiveness Deadline shall be extended to the next Business Day on which the Commission is open for business.

"Effectiveness Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b).

"Event" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c).

"Event Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"<u>Filing Deadline</u>" means, with respect to the Initial Registration Statement required to be filed pursuant to <u>Section 2(a)</u>, the later of (i) the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the Final Closing Date or (ii) the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) calendar day following the Conversion; provided, however, that if the Filing Deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day that the Commission is closed for business, the Filing Deadline shall be extended to the next Business Day on which the Commission is open for business.

"FINRA" has meaning set forth in Section 3(i).

"Holder" or "Holders" means the holder or holders, as the case may be, from time to time of Registrable Securities.

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(c).

"Indemnifying Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(c).

"Initial Registration Statement" means the initial Registration Statement filed pursuant to Section 2(a) of this Agreement.

"Liquidated Damages" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c).

"Losses" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(a).

"New Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

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

"Purchase Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Purchaser" or "Purchasers" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"<u>Registrable Securities</u>" means all of the Underlying Shares (as defined in Recital A of the Purchase Agreement) and any securities issued or issuable upon any stock split, dividend or other distribution, recapitalization or similar event with respect to the foregoing; provided, that the Holder has completed and delivered to the Company a Selling Stockholder Questionnaire; and, provided further, that with respect to a particular Holder, such Holder's Underlying Shares shall cease to be Registrable Securities upon the earliest to occur of the following: (A) a sale pursuant to a Registration Statement or Rule 144 under the Securities Act (in which case, only such securities sold by the Holder shall cease to be a Registrable Securities); or (B) becoming eligible for resale by the Holder under Rule 144 without the requirement for the Company to be in compliance with the current public information required under Rule 144 and without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions as determined by Company Counsel, pursuant to a written opinion letter to such effect that is addressed and delivered to, and reasonably acceptable to, the Transfer Agent.

"<u>Registration Statements</u>" means any one or more registration statements of the Company filed under the Securities Act that covers the resale of any of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Initial Registration Statement, the New Registration Statement and any Remainder Registration Statement), amendments and supplements to such registration statements, including post-effective amendments, and all exhibits and all material incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such registration statements.

"Remainder Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"<u>Rule 144</u>" means Rule 144 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"<u>Rule 415</u>" means Rule 415 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"<u>Rule 424</u>" means Rule 424 promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such Rule.

"SEC Guidance" means (i) any publicly-available written guidance, comments, requirements or requests of the Commission staff and (ii) the Securities Act.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Selling Stockholder Questionnaire" means a questionnaire in the form attached as <u>Annex B</u> hereto, or such other form of questionnaire as may reasonably be adopted by the Company from time to time.

#### 2. Registration.

(a) On or prior to the Filing Deadline, the Company shall prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement covering the resale of all of the Registrable Securities not already covered by an existing and effective Registration Statement for an offering to be made on a continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 or, if Rule 415 is not available for offers and sales of the Registrable Securities, by such other means of distribution of Registrable Securities as the Company may reasonably determine (the "Initial Registration Statement"). The Initial Registration Statement shall be on Form S-11 or such other form available to the Company to register for resale the Registrable Securities as a secondary offering, subject to the provisions of Section 2(e), and shall contain (except if otherwise required pursuant to written comments received from the Commission upon a review of such Registration Statement) the "Plan of Distribution" section substantially in the form attached hereto as Annex A (which may be modified to respond to comments, if any, provided by the Commission). Notwithstanding the registration obligations set forth in this Section 2, in the event the Commission informs the Company that all of the Registrable Securities cannot, as a result of the application of Rule 415, be registered for resale as a secondary offering on a single registration statement, the Company agrees to promptly (i) inform each of the Holders thereof and use its commercially reasonable efforts to file amendments to the Initial Registration Statement as required by the Commission and/or (ii) withdraw the Initial Registration Statement and file a new registration statement (a "New Registration Statement"), in either case covering the maximum number of Registrable Securities permitted to be registered by the Commission, on such form available to the Company to register for resale the Registrable Securities as a secondary offering; provided, however, that prior to filing such amendment or New Registration Statement, the Company shall be obligated to use its commercially reasonable efforts to advocate with the Commission for the registration of all of the Registrable Securities in accordance with the SEC Guidance, including without limitation, Securities Act Rules Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation 612.09. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if any SEC Guidance sets forth a limitation of the number of Registrable Securities or other shares of Common Stock, if any, permitted to be registered on a particular Registration Statement as a secondary offering (and notwithstanding that the Company used diligent efforts to advocate with the Commission for the registration of all or a greater number of Registrable Securities), the number of Registrable Securities or other shares of Common Stock to be registered on such Registration Statement will be reduced as follows: first, the Company shall reduce or eliminate the shares of Common Stock that are not Registrable Securities hereunder; and second, the Company shall reduce the Registrable Securities to be included by all Holders on a pro rata basis based on the total number of unregistered Registrable Securities held by such Holders (with each Holder deciding, in its sole discretion, the manner in which its Registrable Securities subject to reduction shall be reduced), subject to a determination by the Commission that certain Holders must be reduced before other Holders based on the number of Registrable Securities held by such Holders. In the event the Company amends the Initial Registration Statement or files a New Registration Statement, as the case may be, under clauses (i) or (ii) above, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to file with the Commission, as promptly as allowed by Commission or

SEC Guidance provided to the Company or to registrants of securities in general, one or more registration statements on such form available to the Company to register for resale those Registrable Securities that were not registered for resale on the Initial Registration Statement, as amended, or the New Registration Statement (each, a "<u>Remainder Registration Statement</u>").

(b) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause each Registration Statement to be declared effective by the Commission as soon as practicable and, with respect to the Initial Registration Statement or a New Registration Statement, as applicable, no later than the Effectiveness Deadline (including filing with the Commission a request for acceleration of effectiveness in accordance with Rule 461 promulgated under the Securities Act), and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep each Registration Statement continuously effective under the Securities Act until the earlier of (i) such time as all of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement have been publicly sold by the Holders or (ii) the date that all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement may be sold by non-affiliates without volume or manner-of-sale restrictions under Rule 144, without the requirement for the Company to be in compliance with the current public information requirements under Rule 144 as determined by Company Counsel pursuant to a written opinion letter to such effect, addressed and delivered to, and reasonably acceptable to, the Transfer Agent (the "Effectiveness Period"). The Company shall notify the Holders via fax transmission or electronic mail of the effectiveness of a Registration Statement prior to 9:00 A.M. Eastern time on the first Trading Day after the Effective Date. The Company shall, by 9:30 A.M. Eastern time on the first Trading Day after the Effective Date, file a final Prospectus with the Commission, as required by Rule 424(b).

(c) If: (i) the Initial Registration Statement is not filed with the Commission on or prior to the Filing Deadline, (ii) the Initial Registration Statement or the New Registration Statement, as applicable, is not declared effective by the Commission (or otherwise does not become effective) for any reason on or prior to the Effectiveness Deadline, (iii) after its Effective Date, (A) such Registration Statement ceases for any reason (including, without limitation, by reason of a stop order, or the Company's failure to update the Registration Statement) to remain continuously effective as to all Registrable Securities included in such Registration Statement or (B) the Holders are not permitted to utilize the Prospectus therein to resell such Registrable Securities (in each case of (A) and (B), other than during an Allowable Suspension Period), or (iv) after the date that is six months following the Closing Date, and only in the event a Registration Statement is not effective or available to sell all Registrable Securities, the Company fails to file with the Commission any required reports under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act such that it is not in compliance with Rule 144(c)(1) as a result of which the Holders who are not affiliates are unable to sell Registrable Securities without restriction under Rule 144 (any such failure or breach in clauses (i) through (iv) above being referred to as an "Event," and the date on which such Event occurs being referred to as an "Event Date"), then in addition to any other rights the Holders may have hereunder or under applicable law, the Company shall pay to each Holder, as partial liquidated damages and not as a penalty ("Liquidated Damages"), (1) on each such Event Date, an amount in cash equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any unregistered Registrable Securities held by such Holder on the Event Date, and (2) on each monthly anniversary of each such Event Date (if the applicable Event shall not have been cured by such date) until the applicable Event is cured, an amount in cash equal to one percent (1.0%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for any unregistered Registrable Securities held by such Holder on the Event Date. The parties agree that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Purchase Agreement, (1) no Liquidated Damages shall be payable (x) if, as of the relevant Event Date, the Registrable Securities may be sold by non-affiliates without volume or manner of sale restrictions under Rule 144 and the Company is in compliance with the current public information requirements under Rule 144, as determined by Company Counsel pursuant to a written opinion letter to such effect, addressed and delivered to, and reasonably acceptable to the Transfer Agent, or (y) with respect to any period after the expiration of the Effectiveness Period (it being understood that this clause shall not relieve the Company of any Liquidated Damages accruing prior to the expiration of the Effectiveness Period), (2) in no event shall the aggregate amount of Liquidated Damages payable to a Holder exceed, in the aggregate, six percent (6.0%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by such Holder pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, and (3) in no event shall the Company be liable in any thirty (30) day period for Liquidated Damages under this Agreement in excess of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the aggregate purchase price paid by the Holders pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. If the Company fails to pay any Liquidated Damages pursuant to this Section 2(c) in full within five Business Days after the date payable, the Company will pay interest thereon at a rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month (or such lesser maximum amount that is permitted to be paid by applicable law) to the

Holder, accruing daily from the date such Liquidated Damages are due until such amounts, plus all such interest thereon, are paid in full. The Liquidated Damages pursuant to the terms hereof shall apply on a daily pro-rata basis for any portion of a month prior to the cure of an Event, except in the case of the first Event Date. The Company shall not be liable for Liquidated Damages under this Agreement as to any Registrable Securities which are not permitted by the Commission to be included in a Registration Statement due solely to SEC Guidance from the time that it is determined that such Registrable Securities are not permitted to be registered until such time as the provisions of this Agreement as to a Remainder Registration Statement required to be filed hereunder are triggered, in which case the provisions of this <u>Section 2(c)</u> shall once again apply, if applicable. In such case, the Liquidated Damages shall be calculated to only apply to the percentage of Registrable Securities which are permitted in accordance with SEC Guidance to be included in such Registration Statement. With respect to any Purchaser that fails to timely provide the Company with information requested by the Company and necessary to complete the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act, the Effectiveness Deadline for a Registration Statement shall be extended without default or Liquidated Damages hereunder in the event that the Company's failure to obtain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement on a timely basis results from the failure of such Purchaser to timely provide the Company with such information (for purposes of clarification, the Effectiveness Deadline would be extended only with respect to Registrable Securities held by such Purchaser and not with respect to Registrable Securities held by other Purchasers that have not failed to timely provide the Company with such information).

(d) Each Holder agrees to furnish to the Company a completed Selling Stockholder Questionnaire not more than 10 Trading Days following the date of this Agreement. At least 10 Trading Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of a Registration Statement for any registration under this Agreement, the Company will notify each Holder of the information the Company requires from that Holder other than the information contained in the Selling Stockholder Questionnaire, if any, which shall be completed and delivered to the Company promptly upon request and, in any event, within three Trading Days prior to the applicable anticipated filing date. Each Holder further agrees that it shall not be entitled to be named as a selling security holder in the Registration Statement or use the Prospectus for offers and resales of Registrable Securities at any time, unless such Holder has returned to the Company a completed and signed Selling Stockholder Questionnaire and a response to any requests for further information as described in the previous sentence. If a Holder of Registrable Securities returns a Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or a request for further information, in either case, after its respective deadline, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to take such actions as are required to name such Holder as a selling security holder in the Registration Statement or any pre-effective or post-effective amendment thereto and to include (to the extent not theretofore included) in the Registration Statement the Registrable Securities identified in such late Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or request for further information in the Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or request for further information as described and to include (to the extent not theretofore included) in the Registration Statement the Registrable Securities identified in such late Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or request for further information. Each Holder acknowledges and agrees that the information in the Selling Stockholder

(e) Each Holder acknowledges that Form S-3 is not available for the registration of the resale of Registrable Securities hereunder as of the date of this Agreement. As such, the Company shall (i) register the resale of the Registrable Securities on another appropriate form and (ii) undertake to register the Registrable Securities on Form S-3 promptly after such form is available; provided that the Company shall maintain the effectiveness of the Registration Statement then in effect until such time as a Registration Statement on Form S-3 covering the Registrable Securities has been declared effective by the Commission.

3. Registration Procedures. In connection with the Company's registration obligations hereunder:

(a) The Company shall, not less than three Trading Days prior to the filing of each Registration Statement and not less than one Trading Day prior to the filing of any related Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports), (i) furnish to the Holder copies of such Registration Statement, Prospectus or amendment or supplement thereto, as proposed to be filed, which documents will be subject to the review of such Holder (it being acknowledged and agreed that if a Holder does not object to or comment on the aforementioned documents within such three Trading Day or one Trading Day period, as the case may be, then the Holder shall be deemed to have consented to and approved the use of such documents) and (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its officers and directors, counsel and independent registered public accountants to respond to such inquiries as shall be necessary, in the reasonable opinion of respective counsel to each Holder, to conduct a reasonable review.

(b) (i) The Company shall prepare and file with the Commission such amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements, to each Registration Statement and the Prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective as to the applicable Registrable Securities for its Effectiveness Period; (ii) the Company shall cause the related Prospectus to be amended or supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement (subject to the terms of this Agreement), and, as so supplemented or amended, to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; (iii) the Company shall respond as promptly as reasonably practicable to any comments received from the Commission with respect to each Registration Statement or any amendment thereto and, as promptly as reasonably practicable, provide the Holders true and complete copies of all correspondence from and to the Commission relating to such Registration Statement that pertains to the Holders as "Selling Stockholders" but not any comments that would result in the disclosure to the Holders of material and non-public information concerning the Company; and (iv) the Company shall comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act with respect to the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement until such time as all of such Registrable Securities shall have been disposed of (subject to the terms of this Agreement) in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the Holders thereof as set forth in such Registration Statement as so amended or in such Prospectus as so supplemented; provided, however, that each Purchaser shall be responsible for the delivery of the Prospectus to the Persons to whom such Purchaser sells any of the Registrable Securities (including in accordance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act), and each Purchaser agrees to dispose of Registrable Securities in compliance with the "Plan of Distribution" described in the Registration Statement and otherwise in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws. In the case of amendments and supplements to a Registration Statement which are required to be filed pursuant to this Agreement (including pursuant to this Section 3(b) by reason of the Company filing a report on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q or Form 8-K or any analogous report under the Exchange Act), the Company shall have incorporated such report by reference into such Registration Statement, if applicable, or shall file such amendments or supplements with the Commission on the same day on which the Exchange Act report which created the requirement for the Company to amend or supplement such Registration Statement was filed.

(c) The Company shall notify the Holders (which notice shall, pursuant to clauses (iii) through (v) hereof, be accompanied by an instruction to suspend the use of the Prospectus until the requisite changes have been made) as promptly as reasonably practicable (and, in the case of (i)(A) below, not less than one Trading Day prior to such filing): (i)(A) when a Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or posteffective amendment to a Registration Statement is proposed to be filed; (B) when the Commission notifies the Company whether there will be a "review" of such Registration Statement and whenever the Commission comments in writing on any Registration Statement (in which case the Company shall provide to each of the Holders true and complete copies of all comments that pertain to the Holders as a "Selling Stockholder" or to the "Plan of Distribution" and all written responses thereto, but not information that the Company believes would constitute material and non-public information); and (C) with respect to each Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment, when the same has become effective; (ii) of any request by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority for amendments or supplements to a Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information that pertains to the Holders as "Selling Stockholders" or the "Plan of Distribution"; (iii) of the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement covering any or all of the Registrable Securities or the initiation of any Proceedings for that purpose; (iv) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation or threatening of any Proceeding for such purpose; and (v) of the occurrence of any event or passage of time that makes the financial statements included in a Registration Statement ineligible for inclusion therein or any statement made in such Registration Statement or Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires any revisions to such Registration Statement, Prospectus or other documents so that, in the case of such Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus, form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

(d) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to avoid the issuance of, or, if issued, obtain the withdrawal of (i) any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement, or (ii) any suspension of the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, as soon as practicable.

(e) The Company shall, if requested by a Holder, furnish to such Holder, without charge, at least one conformed copy of each Registration Statement and each amendment thereto and all exhibits to the extent requested by such Person (including those previously furnished or incorporated by reference) promptly after the filing of such documents with the Commission; provided, that the Company shall have no obligation to provide any document pursuant to this clause that is available on the Commission's EDGAR system.

(f) The Company shall, prior to any resale of Registrable Securities by a Holder, use its commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify or cooperate with the selling Holders in connection with the registration or qualification (or exemption from the registration or qualification) of such Registrable Securities for the resale by the Holder under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions within the United States as any Holder reasonably requests in writing, to keep each registration or qualification (or exemption therefrom) effective during the Effectiveness Period and to do any and all other acts or things reasonably necessary to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities covered by each Registration Statement; provided, that the Company shall not be required to qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified, subject the Company to any material tax in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject or file a general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction.

(g) If requested by a Holder, the Company shall cooperate with such Holder to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Securities to be delivered to a transferee pursuant to the Registration Statement, which certificates shall be free, to the extent permitted by the Purchase Agreement and under applicable law, of all restrictive legends, and to enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as any such Holder may reasonably request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, certificates for Registrable Securities free from all restrictive legends may instead be transmitted by the Transfer Agent to a Holder by crediting the account of such Holder's prime broker with DTC as directed by such Holder.

(h) The Company shall, following the occurrence of any event contemplated by <u>Section 3(c)</u>, as promptly as reasonably practicable (taking into account the Company's good faith assessment of any adverse consequences to the Company and its stockholders of the premature disclosure of such event), prepare and file a supplement or amendment, including a post-effective amendment, to the affected Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, and file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered, no Registration Statement nor any Prospectus will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus, form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

(i) The Company may require each selling Holder to furnish to the Company a certified statement as to (i) the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Holder and any Affiliate thereof, (ii) any Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("<u>FINRA</u>") affiliations, (iii) any natural persons who have the power to vote or dispose of any shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Holder and any Affiliate thereof, and (iv) any other information as may be requested by the Commission, FINRA or any state securities commission. During any periods that the Company is unable to meet its obligations hereunder with respect to the registration of Registrable Securities because any Holder fails to furnish such information within three (3) Trading Days of the Company's request, any Liquidated Damages that are accruing at such time as to such Holder only shall be tolled and any Event that may otherwise occur solely because of such delay shall be suspended as to such Holder only, until such information is delivered to the Company.

(j) The Company shall cooperate with any registered broker-dealer through which a Holder proposes to make sales of its Registrable Securities in effecting such broker-dealer's filing with FINRA pursuant to FINRA Rule 5110, as reasonably requested by any such Holder, and the Company shall pay the filing fee required for the first such filing within two (2) Business Days of the request therefor (so long as the broker-dealer is receiving no more than a customary brokerage commission in connection with such sales).

(k) The Company agrees to deliver promptly to each Holder, without charge, as many copies of each Prospectus (including each form of prospectus) and each amendment or supplement thereto as such Holder may reasonably request.

(1) The Company shall make available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than the Availability Date (as defined below), an earnings statement covering a period of at least twelve (12) months, beginning after the effective date of each Registration Statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act, including Rule 158 promulgated thereunder (for the purpose of this <u>Section 3(m)</u>, "<u>Availability Date</u>" means the 45th day following the end of the fourth fiscal quarter that includes the effective date of such Registration Statement, except that, if such fourth fiscal quarter is the last quarter of the Company's fiscal year, "<u>Availability Date</u>" means the 90th day after the end of such fourth fiscal quarter).

4. <u>Registration Expenses</u>. All fees and expenses incident to the Company's performance of or compliance with its obligations under this Agreement (excluding any underwriting discounts and selling commissions and all legal fees and expenses of legal counsel for any Holder) shall be borne by the Company whether or not any Registrable Securities are sold pursuant to a Registration Statement. The fees and expenses referred to in the foregoing sentence shall include, without limitation, (i) all registration and filing fees (including, without limitation, fees and expenses (A) with respect to filings required to be made with any Trading Market on which the Common Stock is then listed or quoted for trading, and (B) with respect to compliance with applicable state securities or blue sky laws (including, without limitation, fees and disbursements of Company Counsel in connection with blue sky qualifications or exemptions of the Registrable Securities), (ii) printing expenses (including, without limitation, expenses of printing certificates for Registrable Securities), (iii) messenger, telephone and delivery expenses, (iv) fees and disbursements of Company Counsel, (v) Securities Act liability insurance, if the Company so desires such insurance, and (vi) fees and expenses of all other Persons retained by the Company in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties) and the expense of any annual audit. In no event shall the Company be responsible for any underwriting, broker or similar fees or commissions of any Holder or, except to the extent provided for in the Transaction Documents, any legal fees or other costs of the Holders.

### 5. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification by the Company. The Company shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each Holder, its officers, directors, agents, partners, members, managers, stockholders, Affiliates and employees, each Person who controls any such Holder (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) and the officers, directors, partners, members, managers, stockholders, agents and employees of each such controlling Person, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs (including, without limitation, reasonable costs of preparation and investigation and reasonable attorneys) fees) and expenses (collectively, "Losses"), as incurred, that arise out of or are based upon (i) any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement, any Prospectus or any form of prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus, or arising out of or relating to any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus or form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading, or (ii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act, Exchange Act or any state securities law or any rule or regulation thereunder, in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent, but only to the extent, that (A) such untrue statements, alleged untrue statements, omissions or alleged omissions are based solely upon information regarding such Holder furnished in writing to the Company by such Holder expressly for use therein, or to the extent that such information relates to such Holder or such Holder's proposed method of distribution of Registrable Securities and was reviewed and approved in writing by such Holder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, such Prospectus or such form of prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto (it being understood that each Holder has approved Annex A hereto for this purpose) or (B) in the case of an occurrence of an event of the type specified in Section 3(c)(iii)-(v), the Holder uses an outdated or defective Prospectus after the Company has notified such Holder in writing that the Prospectus is outdated or

defective and prior to the receipt by such Holder of the Advice contemplated in <u>Section 6(c)</u> below or (C) any such Losses arise out of the Holder's (or any other indemnified Person's) failure to send or give a copy of the Prospectus or supplement (as then amended or supplemented), if required, pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act (or any successor rule) to the Persons asserting an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission at or prior to the written confirmation of the sale of Registrable Securities to such Person if such statement or omission was corrected in such Prospectus or supplement. The Company shall notify the Holders promptly of the institution of any Proceeding arising from or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement of which the Company is aware. Such indemnity shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of an Indemnified Party (as defined in <u>Section 5(c)</u>) and shall survive the transfer of the Registrable Securities by the Holders.

(b) Indemnification by Holders. Each Holder shall, severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, officers, agents, stockholders, Affiliates and employees, each Person who controls the Company (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act and Section 20 of the Exchange Act), and the directors, officers, stockholders, agents or employees of such controlling Persons, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against all Losses, as incurred, that arise out of or are based upon any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement, any Prospectus, or any form of prospectus, or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus, or arising out of or relating to any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of any Prospectus, or any form of prospectus or supplement thereto, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading (i) to the extent that such untrue statements, alleged untrue statements, omissions or alleged omissions are based solely upon information regarding such Holder furnished in writing to the Company by such Holder expressly for use therein or (ii) to the extent that such information relates to such Holder or such Holder's proposed method of distribution of Registrable Securities and was reviewed and approved in writing by such Holder expressly for use in a Registration Statement, such Prospectus or such form of prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto (it being understood that the Holder has approved <u>Annex A</u> hereto for this purpose) or (iii) in the case of an occurrence of an event of the type specified in <u>Section 3(c)(iii)-(v)</u>, to the extent the Holder uses an outdated or defective Prospectus after the Company has notified such Holder in writing that the Prospectus is outdated or defective and prior to the receipt by such Holder of the Advice contemplated in Section 6(c). In no event shall the liability of any selling Holder hereunder be greater in amount than the dollar amount of the net proceeds received by such Holder upon the sale of the Registrable Securities giving rise to such indemnification obligation.

(c) <u>Conduct of Indemnification Proceedings</u>. If any Proceeding shall be brought or asserted against any Person entitled to indemnity hereunder (an "<u>Indemnified Party</u>"), such Indemnified Party shall promptly notify the Person from whom indemnity is sought (the "<u>Indemnifying Party</u>") in writing, and the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to assume the defense thereof, including the employment of counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party and the payment of all reasonable fees and expenses incurred in connection with defense thereof; provided, that the failure of any Indemnified Party to give such notice shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations or liabilities under this <u>Section 5</u>, except (and only) to the extent that such failure shall have materially and adversely prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

An Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel in any such Proceeding and to participate in the defense thereof, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such Indemnified Party or Parties unless: (1) the Indemnifying Party has agreed in writing to pay such fees and expenses; (2) the Indemnifying Party shall have failed promptly to assume the defense of such Proceeding and to employ counsel reasonably satisfactory to such Indemnified Party in any such Proceeding; or (3) the named parties to any such Proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both such Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party, and such Indemnified Party shall have been advised by counsel that a conflict of interest exists if the same counsel were to represent such Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party (in which case, if such Indemnified Party notifies the Indemnifying Party in writing that it elects to employ separate counsel at the expense of the Indemnifying Party); provided, that the Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm of attorneys at any time for all Indemnified Parties. The Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any settlement of any such Proceeding effected without its written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned. No Indemnifying Party shall,

without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, effect any settlement of any pending Proceeding in respect of which any Indemnified Party is a party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such Proceeding.

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, all fees and expenses of the Indemnified Party (including reasonable fees and expenses to the extent incurred in connection with investigating or preparing to defend such Proceeding in a manner not inconsistent with this <u>Section 5</u>) shall be paid to the Indemnified Party, as incurred, within 20 Trading Days of written notice thereof to the Indemnifying Party; provided, that the Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party for that portion of such fees and expenses applicable to such actions for which such Indemnified Party is finally judicially determined to not be entitled to indemnification hereunder).

(d) <u>Contribution</u>. If a claim for indemnification under <u>Section 5(a)</u> or <u>5(b)</u> is unavailable to an Indemnified Party or insufficient to hold an Indemnified Party harmless for any Losses, then each Indemnifying Party, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Losses, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Indemnifying Party and Indemnified Party in connection with the actions, statements or omissions that resulted in such Losses as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of such Indemnifying Party and Indemnified Party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any action in question, including any untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission of a material fact, has been taken or made by, or relates to information supplied by, such Indemnifying Party or Indemnified Party, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such action, statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of any Losses shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, any reasonable attorneys' or other reasonable fees or expenses incurred by such party in connection with any Proceeding to the extent such party would have been indemnified for such fees or expenses if the indemnification provided for in this <u>Section 5</u> was available to such party in accordance with its terms.

The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this <u>Section 5(d)</u> were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. Notwithstanding the provisions of this <u>Section 5(d)</u>, (i) no Holder shall be required to contribute, in the aggregate, any amount in excess of the amount by which the net proceeds actually received by such Holder from the sale of the Registrable Securities subject to the Proceeding exceeds the amount of any damages that such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission and (ii) no contribution will be made under circumstances where the maker of such contribution would not have been required to indemnify the Indemnified Party under the fault standards set forth in this <u>Section 5</u>. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in this <u>Section 5</u> are in addition to any liability that the Indemnifying Parties may have to the Indemnified Parties and are not in diminution or limitation of the indemnification provisions under the Purchase Agreement.

#### 6. Miscellaneous.

(a) <u>Remedies</u>. In the event of a breach by the Company or by a Holder of any of their obligations under this Agreement, each Holder or the Company, as the case may be, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law and under this Agreement, including recovery of damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Agreement. The Company and each Holder agree that monetary damages would not provide adequate compensation for any losses incurred by reason of a breach by it of any of the provisions of this Agreement and hereby further agrees that, in the event of any action for specific performance in respect of such breach, it shall waive the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate.

(b) <u>Compliance</u>. Each Holder covenants and agrees that it will comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act as applicable to it (unless an exemption therefrom is available) in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to the Registration Statement and shall sell the Registrable Securities only in accordance with a method of distribution described in the Registration Statement.



(c) <u>Discontinued Disposition</u>. By its acquisition of Registrable Securities, each Holder agrees that, upon receipt of a notice from the Company of the occurrence of any event of the kind described in <u>Section 3(c)(iii)-(v)</u>, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Securities under a Registration Statement until it is advised in writing (the "<u>Advice</u>") by the Company that the use of the applicable Prospectus (as it may have been supplemented or amended) may be resumed. The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that the use of the Prospectus may be resumed as promptly as is practicable. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Company shall be entitled to exercise its right under this <u>Section 6(c)</u> to suspend the availability of a Registration Statement and Prospectus, subject to the payment of partial Liquidated Damages otherwise required pursuant to <u>Section 2(c)</u>, for a period not to exceed 20 consecutive calendar days or 45 calendar days (which need not be consecutive days) in any 12 month period (each suspension period complying with this provision, an "<u>Allowable Suspension Period</u>").

(d) <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, or waived unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Company and Holders holding no less than 66.66% of the then outstanding Registrable Securities; provided, that any party may give a waiver as to itself; and, provided further, that the provisions of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any provisions hereunder may be waived without the consent of a Holder only in a manner which applies to all Holder in the same fashion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to depart from the provisions hereof with respect to a matter that relates exclusively to the rights of certain Holders and that does not directly or indirectly affect the rights of other Holders may be given by Holders of all of the Registrable Securities to which such waiver or consent relates; provided, however, that the provisions of this sentence may not be amended, modified, or supplemented except in accordance with the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence.

(e) <u>Notices</u>. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be delivered as set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

(f) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and permitted assigns of each of the parties and shall inure to the benefit of each Holder. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. The Company may not assign its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Holders holding no less than 66.66% of the then outstanding Registrable Securities, except in the event of a merger or in connection with another entity acquiring all or substantially all of the Company's assets. Each Holder may assign its respective rights hereunder with respect to its Registrable Securities in the manner and to the Persons as permitted under the Purchase Agreement; provided, in each case that (i) the Holder agrees in writing with the transferee or assignee to assign such rights and related obligations under this Agreement, and for the transferee or assignee to assume such obligations, and a copy of such agreement is furnished to the Company within a reasonable time after such assignment, furnished with written notice of the name and address of such transferee or assignee and the securities with respect to which such registration rights are being transferred or assignee in writing with the Company received the written notice contemplated by clause (ii) of this sentence, the transferee or assignee agrees in writing with the Company to be bound by all of the provisions contained herein and (iv) the transferee is an "accredited investor," as that term is defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D.

(g) Execution and Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each party and delivered to the other party, it being understood that both parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature were the original thereof.

(h) <u>Governing Law</u>. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Purchase Agreement.

(i) <u>Cumulative Remedies</u>. The remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

(j) <u>Additional Closings</u>. Each Purchaser acknowledges that, in addition to the Closing, the Company may hold one or more other closings for the purchase and sale of Units in the Offering, whether before and/or after the Closing Date; provided, that the Final Closing Date must be on or prior to the Offering Termination Date. In the event the Company has held or will hold one or more such additional closings, the shares of Common Stock issued or issuable to purchasers in connection with such closing(s), and the shares of Common Stock issuel to purchasers in connection with such closing(s), shall be considered "Registrable Securities" for purposes of <u>Section 2</u> of this Agreement.

(k) <u>Severability</u>. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated, and the parties hereto shall use their good faith reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term, provision, covenant or restriction. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the parties that they would have executed the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void or unenforceable.

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

(m) Independent Nature of Purchasers' Obligations and Rights. The obligations of each Purchaser under this Agreement are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Purchaser hereunder, and no Purchaser shall be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other Purchaser hereunder. The decision of each Purchaser to purchase the Securities pursuant to the Transaction Documents has been made independently of any other Purchaser. Nothing contained herein or in any other agreement or document delivered at any closing, and no action taken by any Purchaser pursuant hereto or thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Purchasers as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Purchasers are in any way acting in concert with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Each Purchaser acknowledges that no other Purchaser in connection with monitoring its investment in the Securities or enforcing its rights under the Transaction Documents. Each Purchaser shall be entitled to protect and enforce its rights, including, without limitation, the rights arising out of this Agreement, and it shall not be necessary for any other Purchaser to be joined as an additional party in any Proceeding for such purpose. The Company acknowledges that each of the Purchasers has been provided with the same Registration Rights Agreement for the purpose of closing a transaction with multiple Purchasers and not because it was required or requested to do so by any Purchaser.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Registration Rights Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first indicated above.

# WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Jon S. Wheeler

Jon S. Wheeler Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Ronald L. Cooper Revocable Trust Name of Entity

 By:
 /s/ Ronald L. Cooper

 Name:
 Ronald L. Cooper

 Title:
 Trustee

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

ILJS 2010 Partnership

Name of Entity

By: /s/ Lawrence L. Steingold

Name: Lawrence L. Steingold

Title: General Partner

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Alexander Maguire Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Alexander Maguire Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Louis Mavromatis Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Louis Mavromatis Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Michael Stone DMD Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Michael Stone DMD Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Louise Hildreth Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Louise Hildreth

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Al Zuhars

Print Name

/s/ Al Zuhars

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

William A. Hohns Print Name

Print Name

/s/ William A. Hohns Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Kelly L. Law Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Kelly L. Law

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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Print Name

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If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Zeke, LP

Name of Entity

By: /s/ Edward N. Antoian

Name: Edward N. Antoian

Title: General Partner

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

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Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

<u>SLS Offshore Fund Ltd.</u> Name of Entity

By:	/s/ Scott Swid
Name:	Scott Swid
Title:	Director

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

SLS Investors, L.P.

Name of Entity

By: <u>/s/ Scott Swid</u>

Name: Scott Swid

Title: Managing Member of the General Partner

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Daniel C. F. Parr Print Name Sharon K. Parr Print Name

/s/ Daniel C.F.Parr

Sharon K. Parr

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

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If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

<u>Pioneer Funds – Multi - Asset Real Return</u> Name of Entity

By: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., its advisor

By: /s/ Robert Gauvain

 Name:
 Robert Gauvain

 Title:
 Vice President

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Pioneer Multi-Asset Real Return Fund c/o Brown Brothers Harriman Name of Entity

By: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc., its advisor

By: /s/ Robert Gauvain

Name: Robert Gauvain

Title: Vice President

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Michael Lewis Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Michael Lewis

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Brian M. Kelly Print Name

Print Name

/s/ Brian M. Kelly

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Name of Entity

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

EJF Income Fund, L.P. Name of Entity

By: EJF Income GP, LLC Its: General Partner

By EJF Capital, LLC Its: Sole Member

By: /s/ Neal J. Wilson

Name: Neal J. Wilson

Title: Chief Operating Officer

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Dividend Income Fund, a series of of Delaware Equity Funds V Name of Entity

By: /s/ Babak Zenouzi

Name: Babak Zenouzi

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income Solutions

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

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Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Enhanced Global Dividend and Income Fund Name of Entity

By: <u>/s/ Babak Zenouzi</u>

Solutions

 
 Name:
 Babak Zenouzi

 Title:
 Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income

If Purchaser is an INDIVIDUAL, or if purchased as JOINT TENANTS, as TENANTS IN COMMON or as COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Print Name

Print Name

Signature of Purchaser

Signature of Purchaser

If Purchaser is a CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP or TRUST:

Delaware Investments Dividend and Income Fund, Inc. Name of Entity

By: <u>/s/ Babak Zenouzi</u>

 

 Name:
 Babak Zenouzi

 Title:
 Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer/Real Estate Securities and Income Solutions