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FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

8062
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

13-3893191
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Primary Offering:				
Common Stock, \$.01 par value				
Convertible Debt Securities				
Total Primary Offering	\$400,000,000	100%	\$400,000,000	\$50,680.00
Secondary Offering:				
Common stock being sold by selling stockholders	23,134,738	\$23.54(2)	\$544,591,732.50	\$68,999.77
Total Primary and Secondary Offerings			\$944,591,732.50	\$119,679.77(3)

(1) In addition to the securities set forth in the table, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, the amount of securities to be registered includes an indeterminate number of securities issuable upon conversion of the convertible debt securities, as this amount may be adjusted as a result of stock splits, stock dividends and antidilution provisions.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457.

(3) Previously paid on July 27, 2004.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.



\$400,000,000

Common Stock

Convertible Debt Securities
Offered by Community Health Systems, Inc.

23,134,738 Shares of Common Stock
Offered by Selling Stockholders

Through this prospectus, we may from time to time offer shares of our common stock and/or our convertible debt securities having a total initial offering price not exceeding \$400,000,000. Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-V, L.P. and Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VI, L.P., identified in this prospectus as the Forstmann Little partnerships or the selling stockholders, also may from time to time offer an aggregate of 23,134,738 shares of our common stock under this prospectus.

The securities may be offered directly, through agents on our behalf or on behalf of the selling stockholders, or through underwriters or dealers. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CYH."

The price and other terms of the securities that we or the selling stockholders will offer will be determined at the time of their offering and will be described to the extent required in a supplement to this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock by the selling stockholders covered by this prospectus. **We urge you to read carefully this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, which will describe the specific terms of the securities offered, before you make your investment decision.**

Investing in our securities involves risks, see "Risk Factors" beginning on page 1.

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

Prospectus dated _____, 2004.

RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below before investing in our securities. The risks described in this section are the ones we consider to be material to your decision whether to invest in our securities. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially harmed and you could lose all or part of your investment. Unless we indicate otherwise, references in this prospectus to "Community Health Systems," "the Company," "we," "us," and "our" are to Community Health Systems, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Risks Related to the Company

If competition decreases our ability to acquire additional hospitals on favorable terms, we may be unable to execute our acquisition strategy.

An important part of our business strategy is to acquire two to four hospitals each year in non-urban markets. However, not-for-profit hospital systems and other for-profit hospital companies generally attempt to acquire the same type of hospitals as we do. Some of these other purchasers have greater financial resources than we do. Our principal competitors for acquisitions include Health Management Associates, Inc., Province Healthcare Company and Lifepoint Hospitals, Inc. On some occasions, we also compete with Universal Health Services, Inc. and Triad Hospitals Inc. In addition, some hospitals are sold through an auction process, which may result in higher purchase prices than we believe are reasonable. Therefore, we may not be able to acquire additional hospitals on terms favorable to us.

If we fail to improve the operations of future acquired hospitals, we may be unable to achieve our growth strategy.

Most of the hospitals we have acquired or will acquire had or may have significantly lower operating margins than we do and/or operating losses prior to the time we acquired them. In the past, we have occasionally experienced temporary delays in improving the operating margins or effectively integrating the operations of these acquired hospitals. In the future, if we are unable to improve the operating margins of acquired hospitals, operate them profitably, or effectively integrate their operations, we may be unable to achieve our growth strategy.

If we acquire hospitals with unknown or contingent liabilities, we could become liable for material obligations.

Hospitals that we acquire may have unknown or contingent liabilities, including liabilities for failure to comply with healthcare laws and regulations. Although we seek indemnification from prospective sellers covering these matters, we may nevertheless have material liabilities for past activities of acquired hospitals.

State efforts to regulate the sale of hospitals operated by not-for-profit entities could prevent us from acquiring additional hospitals and executing our business strategy.

Many states, including some where we have hospitals and others where we may in the future acquire hospitals, have adopted legislation regarding the sale or other disposition of hospitals operated by not-for-profit entities. In other states that do not have specific legislation, the attorneys general have demonstrated an interest in these transactions under their general obligations to protect charitable assets from waste. These legislative and administrative efforts focus primarily on the appropriate valuation of the assets divested and the use of the proceeds of the sale by the non-profit seller. While these review and, in some instances, approval processes can add additional time to the closing of a hospital acquisition, we have not had any significant difficulties or delays in

completing acquisitions. However, future actions on the state level could seriously delay or even prevent our ability to acquire hospitals.

State efforts to regulate the construction, acquisition or expansion of hospitals could prevent us from acquiring additional hospitals, renovating our facilities or expanding the breadth of services we offer.

Some states require prior approval for the construction or acquisition of healthcare facilities and for the expansion of healthcare facilities and services. In giving approval, these states consider the need for additional or expanded healthcare facilities or services. In some states in which we operate, we are required to obtain certificates of need, known as CONs, for capital expenditures exceeding a prescribed amount, changes in bed capacity or services, and some other matters. Other states may adopt similar legislation. We may not be able to obtain the required CONs or other prior approvals for additional or expanded facilities in the future. For example, in October 2003, our hospital in Jackson, Tennessee, which we acquired earlier that year, lost a competitor's long standing challenge of the CON originally granted in 1998 to provide interventional cardiology and open heart surgery services. The challenge concluded with the voiding of the previously issued CON and a discontinuation of those services. The voiding of that CON did not have a material adverse impact on our operations. In addition, at the time we acquire a hospital, we may agree to replace or expand the facility we are acquiring. If we are not able to obtain required prior approvals, we would not be able to acquire additional hospitals and expand the breadth of services we offer.

Our significant indebtedness could limit our operational and capital flexibility.

As of June 30, 2004, we had total long-term debt of approximately \$1.354 billion or approximately 48.4% of our total capitalization.

Our acquisition program requires substantial capital resources. In addition, the operations of our existing hospitals require ongoing capital expenditures. We may need to incur additional indebtedness to fund these acquisitions and expenditures. However, we may be unable to obtain sufficient financing on terms satisfactory to us.

The degree to which we are leveraged could have other important consequences to holders of our common stock and our convertible debts securities, including the following:

- we must dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, which in turn reduces the funds available for our operations;
- a portion of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest, which makes us vulnerable to increases in interest rates; and
- some of our indebtedness contains numerous financial and other restrictive covenants, including restrictions on paying dividends, incurring additional indebtedness, and selling assets.

Under our credit agreement and the indenture governing our outstanding 4.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008, a change of control of us may result in the debt under these agreements becoming due and payable. Any new convertible debt securities issued pursuant to this prospectus may have similar change of control provisions. See "— If we experience a change of control, it would accelerate repayment obligations under our indebtedness."

If we are unable to effectively compete for patients, local residents could use other hospitals.

The hospital industry is highly competitive. In addition to the competition we face for acquisitions and physicians, we must also compete with other hospitals and healthcare providers for patients. The competition among hospitals and other healthcare providers for patients has intensified in recent years. Our hospitals are located in non-urban service areas. In over 85% of our markets, we are the sole provider of general healthcare services. In most of our other markets, the primary competitor is a not-for-profit hospital. These not-for-profit hospitals generally differ in each jurisdiction. However, our hospitals face competition from hospitals outside of their primary service area, including hospitals in urban areas that provide more complex services. These facilities generally are located in excess of 25 miles from our facilities. Patients in our primary service areas may travel to these other hospitals for a variety of reasons. These reasons include physician referrals or the need for services we do not offer. Patients who seek services from these other hospitals may subsequently shift their preferences to those hospitals for the services we provide.

Some of our hospitals operate in primary service areas where they compete with one other hospital. One of our hospitals competes with more than one other hospital in its primary service area. Some of these competing hospitals use equipment and services more specialized than those available at our hospitals. In addition, some competing hospitals are owned by tax-supported governmental agencies or not-for-profit entities supported by endowments and charitable contributions. These hospitals can make capital expenditures without paying sales, property and income taxes. We also face competition from other specialized care providers, including outpatient surgery, orthopedic, oncology, and diagnostic centers.

We expect that these competitive trends will continue. Our inability to compete effectively with other hospitals and other healthcare providers could cause local residents to use other hospitals.

The failure to obtain our medical supplies at favorable prices could cause our operating results to decline.

In 1997, we entered into an affiliation agreement with Broadlane, a group purchasing organization, or GPO, of which we are a minority owner. GPOs attempt to obtain favorable pricing on medical supplies with manufacturers and vendors who sometimes negotiate exclusive supply arrangements in exchange for the discounts they give. Recently, some vendors who are not GPO members have challenged these exclusive supply arrangements. In addition, the U.S. Senate has held hearings with respect to GPOs and these exclusive supply arrangements. To the extent these exclusive supply arrangements are challenged or deemed unenforceable, we could incur higher costs for our medical supplies obtained through Broadlane. These higher costs could cause our operating results to decline.

If the fair value of our reporting units declines, a material non-cash charge to earnings from impairment of our goodwill could result.

The Forstmann Little partnerships acquired our predecessor company in 1996 principally for cash. We recorded a significant portion of the purchase price as goodwill. We have also recorded as goodwill a portion of the purchase price for many of our subsequent hospital acquisitions. At June 30, 2004, we had approximately \$1.159 billion of goodwill recorded on our books. We expect to recover the carrying value of this goodwill through our future cash flows. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate, based on the fair value of our reporting units, whether the carrying value of our goodwill is impaired. If the carrying value of our goodwill is impaired, we may incur a material non-cash charge to earnings.

If we experience a change of control, it would accelerate repayment obligations under our indebtedness.

As of June 30, 2004, we had approximately \$1.034 billion outstanding under our credit agreement. Our credit agreement provides that an event of default will occur under various circumstances including if any person or group, other than Forstmann Little & Co. and its affiliates, beneficially owns more than 20% of our outstanding common stock and that person or group beneficially owns more than the percentage beneficially owned by Forstmann Little & Co. and its affiliates. If the selling stockholders sold all or substantially all of the shares of our common stock owned by them to a single person or group, then an event of default could occur under our credit agreement. If an event of default occurs, our indebtedness under the credit agreement would become due and payable at the option of the lenders. In addition, if we experience a change of control under the indenture governing our existing 4.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008, of which \$287.5 million was outstanding as of June 30, 2004, a holder of those convertible subordinated notes will have the right, subject to some conditions and restrictions, to require us to repurchase, at the Company's option, with cash or common stock, some or all of those convertible subordinated notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. Any new convertible debt securities issued pursuant to this prospectus may have similar change of control provisions.

We cannot give any assurances that we will have sufficient funds available for any required repayments or repurchases under the credit agreement, the convertible subordinated notes or any new convertible debt securities issued pursuant to this prospectus if we experience a change of control. In addition, under the covenants governing our credit agreement, we are not permitted to repurchase our existing 4.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008 for cash upon a change of control as that term is defined in those convertible subordinated notes. A similar prohibition may exist to the extent any convertible debt securities issued pursuant to this prospectus contain provisions for repurchase upon a change of control.

If provisions in our corporate documents and Delaware law delay or prevent a change of control of our company or a change of the composition of our board, then we may be unable to consummate a transaction that our stockholders consider favorable or you may not be able to replace or remove our directors or our management.

Our certificate of incorporation and by-laws may discourage, delay, or prevent a merger or acquisition involving us that our stockholders may consider favorable by:

- authorizing the issuance of preferred stock, the terms of which may be determined at the sole discretion of the board of directors;
- providing for a classified board of directors, with staggered three-year terms, including our current three class staggered board, which would require at least two annual stockholder meetings to replace a majority of members of the board; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at meetings.

In addition, any provisions that make it difficult for stockholders to replace the board of directors may also have the effect of preventing or frustrating attempts to replace or remove the executive officers or other management members appointed by the existing board of directors.

Delaware law may also discourage, delay or prevent someone from acquiring or merging with us. See "Description of Capital Stock."

Risks Related to the Industry

If federal or state healthcare programs or managed care companies reduce the payments we receive as reimbursement for services we provide, our net operating revenues may decline.

In 2003, 43.8% of our net operating revenues came from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. In recent years, federal and state governments made significant changes in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, including the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. Some of these changes have decreased the amount of money we receive for our services relating to these programs.

In recent years, Congress and some state legislatures have introduced an increasing number of other proposals to make major changes in the healthcare system. Future federal and state legislation may further reduce the payments we receive for our services.

In addition, insurance and managed care companies and other third parties from whom we receive payment for our services increasingly are attempting to control healthcare costs by requiring that hospitals discount payments for their services in exchange for exclusive or preferred participation in their benefit plans. We believe that this trend may continue and may reduce the payments we receive for our services.

If we fail to comply with extensive laws and government regulations, including fraud and abuse laws, we could suffer penalties or be required to make significant changes to our operations.

The healthcare industry is required to comply with many laws and regulations at the federal, state, and local government levels. These laws and regulations require that hospitals meet various requirements, including those relating to the adequacy of medical care, equipment, personnel, operating policies and procedures, maintenance of adequate records, compliance with building codes, environmental protection and privacy. These laws include the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and a section of the Social Security Act, known as the "anti-kickback" statute. If we fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including fraud and abuse laws, we could suffer civil or criminal penalties, including the loss of our licenses to operate and our ability to participate in the Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal and state healthcare programs.

In addition, there are heightened coordinated civil and criminal enforcement efforts by both federal and state government agencies relating to the healthcare industry, including the hospital segment. The ongoing investigations relate to various referral, cost reporting, and billing practices, laboratory and home healthcare services, and physician ownership and joint ventures involving hospitals.

In the future, different interpretations or enforcement of these laws and regulations could subject our current practices to allegations of impropriety or illegality or could require us to make changes in our facilities, equipment, personnel, services, capital expenditure programs, and operating expenses.

A shortage of qualified nurses could limit our ability to grow and deliver hospital healthcare services in a cost-effective manner.

Hospitals are currently experiencing a shortage of nursing professionals, a trend which we expect to continue for some time. If the supply of qualified nurses declines in the markets in which our hospitals operate, it may result in increased labor expenses and lower operating margins at those hospitals. In 2003, for example, our contract labor expense as a percentage of net operating revenue increased 0.5% primarily as a result of the additional use of nursing-related contract labor.

In addition, in some markets like California, there are requirements to maintain specified nurse-staffing levels. To the extent we cannot meet those levels, the healthcare services that we provide in these markets may be reduced.

If we become subject to significant legal actions, we could be subject to substantial uninsured liabilities or increased insurance costs.

In recent years, physicians, hospitals, and other healthcare providers have become subject to an increasing number of legal actions alleging malpractice, product liability, or related legal theories. Many of these actions involve large claims and significant defense costs. To protect us from the cost of these claims, we generally maintain professional malpractice liability insurance and general liability insurance coverage in amounts and with deductibles that we believe to be appropriate for our operations. However, our insurance coverage may not cover all claims against us or may not continue to be available at a reasonable cost for us to maintain adequate levels of insurance. The cost of malpractice and other liability insurance increased in 2002 by 0.7% and in 2003 by 0.4% of net operating revenue; although in the six months ended June 30, 2004 this cost remained approximately the same as a percentage of net operating revenue. If these costs rise rapidly, our profitability could decline. For a further discussion of our insurance coverage, see our discussion of Professional Liability Insurance Claims in the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2003 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2004 and June 30, 2004.

Risks Related to the Offering

If our stock price fluctuates, you could lose a significant part of your investment.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. We do not know if an active trading market will continue to exist for our common stock or how the common stock will trade in the future. The market price of our common stock has fluctuated significantly in the past and may fluctuate significantly in the future, and these fluctuations may be unrelated to our performance. You may not be able to resell your shares at or above the price in which you invested in our common stock due to fluctuations in the market price of our common stock or due to changes in our operating performance or prospects. In addition, the stock market in general has experienced extreme volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance or prospects of particular companies.

The sale of substantial amounts of common stock by existing stockholders could cause the price of our common stock to decline.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of common stock into the public market following any sales under this prospectus, or the perception that such sales could occur, could cause our stock price to decline. As of June 30, 2004, approximately 24,250,662 shares of our common stock are "restricted securities" as that term is defined in Rule 144. This amount includes 23,134,738 shares of common stock held by the Forstmann Little partnerships. Any restricted securities may be sold under Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933, depending on their holding period and subject to significant restrictions in the case of shares held by persons deemed to be our affiliates. Because the Forstmann Little partnerships' interest in our company is less than 25% in the aggregate of our outstanding common stock, the resale restrictions under our stockholders' agreements with some of our employees, directors and other stockholders has terminated. The market price of our stock could drop significantly if the holders of restricted shares sell them or are perceived by the market as intending to sell them.

Because the Forstmann Little partnerships and our management own a substantial interest in us, they will have significant influence in determining the outcome of all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval.

As of June 30, 2004, the Forstmann Little partnerships and our management together beneficially own approximately 27% of our outstanding common stock, or 25% on a fully diluted basis. Accordingly, so long as the Forstmann Little partnerships and our management own a substantial interest in us, they will collectively have significant influence in:

- electing our entire board of directors;
- controlling our management and policies;
- determining the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to our stockholders for approval, including mergers, consolidations and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets;
- preventing or causing a change of control; and
- amending our certificate of incorporation and by-laws.

The interests of the Forstmann Little partnerships and our management may conflict with the interests of the other holders of our common stock.

The Forstmann Little partnerships have a contractual right to cause us to nominate two directors until they no longer own any shares of our common stock.

The convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus may rank below our current and future senior debt, and we may be unable to repay our obligations under the convertible debt securities.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus will be unsecured and will be subordinated in right of payment to all of our current and future senior debt. If these convertible debt securities are subordinate to our senior debt and we experience:

- a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization;
- an acceleration of these convertible debt securities due to an event of default under the indenture; or
- other specified events;

we will be permitted to make payments on these convertible debt securities only after we have satisfied all of our senior debt obligations currently outstanding or which we may incur in the future. Therefore, we may not have sufficient assets remaining to pay amounts due on any or all of these convertible debt securities.

The indenture for these convertible debt securities will not limit our ability to incur additional senior debt. We may have difficulty paying what we owe under these convertible debt securities if we incur additional senior debt. As of June 30, 2004, our total senior debt was approximately \$1.086 billion. See "Description of Convertible Debt Securities—Subordination."

Because of our holding company structure, the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus will be effectively subordinated to the obligations of our subsidiaries.

Because we are a holding company and our assets consist primarily of our equity interests in our operating subsidiaries, our obligations on the convertible debt securities that may be issued

under this prospectus will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries or any subsidiaries we may in the future acquire or establish. None of our subsidiaries will guarantee or otherwise become obligated with respect to these convertible debt securities. In a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors, will generally have priority as to the assets of our subsidiaries over our claims and claims of the holders of our indebtedness, including these convertible debt securities. As of June 30, 2004, we and our subsidiaries had approximately \$1.446 billion of consolidated indebtedness and other liabilities that may effectively rank senior to any convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus.

We are a holding company and will depend on our operating subsidiaries for cash to make payments on the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus.

All of our revenues are generated by our subsidiaries. As a result, we are dependent upon dividends, incidental expense reimbursement and intercompany transfer of funds from our subsidiaries to meet our payment obligation on the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus. Our credit agreement generally prohibits the transfer of funds from our subsidiaries to us.

We may not have sufficient funds to repay the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus at maturity or if we experience a change of control.

At maturity, the entire outstanding principal amount of the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus will become due and payable. If we experience a change of control under the indenture governing these convertible debt securities, a holder of convertible debt securities may have the right, subject to some conditions and restrictions, to require us to repurchase, with cash or common stock, some or all of these convertible debt securities at a specified purchase price plus accrued interest. At maturity or upon a change of control, we may not have sufficient funds or may be unable to arrange for additional financing to pay any principal amount then due. The applicable prospectus supplement relating to any convertible debt securities issued under the indenture may give us the right to elect, if we meet specified conditions, to pay the repurchase price upon a change of control with shares of common stock. Any change of control under these convertible debt securities would also be an event of default under our bank credit agreement. An event of default under our credit agreement may result in our indebtedness under the credit agreement becoming due and payable at the option of the lenders under the credit agreement. Events related to ownership of us that would be an event of default under our bank credit agreement may be broader than the definition of change of control under these convertible debt securities. If the maturity date or any change of control occurs at a time when our other arrangements prohibit us from repaying these convertible debt securities, we could try to obtain the consent of the lenders under those arrangements, or we could attempt to refinance the borrowings that contain the restrictions. In addition, under the covenants governing our credit agreement, we are not permitted to repurchase our existing 4.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008 for cash upon a change of control as that term is defined in those convertible subordinated notes. Any future borrowing arrangements or agreements relating to senior debt to which we become a party may contain restrictions on, or prohibitions against, our repayments of these convertible debt securities. If we do not obtain the necessary consents or refinance these borrowings, we will be unable to repay these convertible debt securities. In that case, our failure to repay these convertible debt securities due upon maturity or upon a change of control could constitute an event of default under the indenture. Any default, in turn, may cause a default under the terms of our senior debt. As a result, in those circumstances, any subordination provisions governing these convertible securities would, absent a waiver, prohibit any repayment of these convertible debt securities until we pay the senior debt in full.

A liquid trading market for the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus that may be issued under this prospectus may not develop.

There has not been an established trading market for the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus. We do not intend to apply for listing of these convertible debt securities on any securities exchange or for quotation through the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System. The liquidity of any market for these convertible debt securities will depend on the number of holders of these convertible debt securities, our performance, the market for similar securities, the interest of securities dealers in making a market in these convertible debt securities and other factors. A liquid trading market may not develop for these convertible debt securities.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

We are the largest non-urban provider of general hospital healthcare services in the United States in terms of number of facilities. As of August 1, 2004, we owned, leased or operated 74 hospitals, geographically diversified across 22 states, with an aggregate of 8,137 licensed beds. In over 85% of our markets, we are the sole provider of general hospital healthcare services. In all but one of our other markets, we are one of two providers of these services.

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1996. Our principal subsidiary was incorporated in Delaware in 1985. Our principal executive offices are located at 155 Franklin Road, Suite 400, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. Our telephone number at that address is (615) 373-9600. Our World Wide Web site address is www.chs.net.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On July 1, 2004, we acquired Galesburg Cottage Hospital, a 170-bed acute general hospital that is located in Galesburg, Illinois. Consideration for this hospital totaled approximately \$31 million of which approximately \$25 million was paid in cash and \$6 million was assumed in liabilities. The seller was a local not-for-profit corporation.

On August 1, 2004, we acquired Phoenixville Hospital, a 143-bed acute general hospital that is located in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. Consideration for this hospital totaled approximately \$106 million, of which approximately \$100 million was paid in cash and \$6 million was assumed in liabilities. The seller is the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the matters discussed in this prospectus include forward-looking statements. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions or that include words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," "thinks," and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results and performance to be materially different from any future results or performance expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include the following:

- general economic and business conditions, both nationally and in the regions in which we operate;
- demographic changes;
- existing governmental regulations and changes in, or the failure to comply with, governmental regulations;
- legislative proposals for healthcare reform;
- the impact of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, which includes specific reimbursement changes for small urban and non-urban hospitals;
- our ability, where appropriate, to enter into managed care provider arrangements and the terms of these arrangements;
- changes in inpatient or outpatient Medicare and Medicaid payment levels;
- uncertainty with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 regulations;
- increase in wages as a result of inflation or competition for highly technical positions and rising supply cost due to market pressure from pharmaceutical companies and new product releases;
- liability and other claims asserted against us, including self-insured malpractice claims;
- competition;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, including physicians, nurses and other healthcare workers;
- trends toward treatment of patients in less acute or specialty healthcare settings, including ambulatory surgery centers or specialty hospitals;
- changes in medical or other technology;
- changes in generally accepted accounting principles;
- the availability and terms of capital to fund additional acquisitions or replacement facilities;
- our ability to successfully acquire and integrate additional hospitals; and
- the other factors described in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus.

Although we believe that these statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our goals will be achieved. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this prospectus. We assume no obligation to update or revise them or provide reasons why actual results may differ.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND DEFICIENCY IN THE COVERAGE OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and the deficiency in the coverage of earnings to fixed charges for each of the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2004.

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31,					Six Months Ended June 30,	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1)	\$ —(2)	1.18	1.85	3.22	3.42	3.51	3.69

(1) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges is calculated by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, "earnings" means income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes, minority interest and extraordinary items plus fixed charges (other than capitalized interest). "Fixed charges" means total interest whether capitalized or expensed (including the portion of rent expense representative of interest costs) on outstanding debt plus debt related fees and amortization of deferred financing costs.

(2) Earnings before fixed charges were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$12,579,000 for the year ended December 31, 1999.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless indicated otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale by us of our securities for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, repayment or refinancing of borrowings, working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and the repurchase of our common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from any sales by the selling stockholders of their shares of common stock.

Additional information on the use of proceeds from the sale by us of securities offered by this prospectus may be set forth in any applicable prospectus supplement relating to an offering under this prospectus.

Overview

This prospectus describes the securities we and the selling stockholders may offer from time to time under this prospectus. The remainder of this section provides some background information about the manner in which the securities may be held. The two sections following this section of the prospectus describe the terms of the convertible debt securities and common stock that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus.

Prospectus Supplements

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we and the selling securityholders may offer. If required, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of a particular offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to or change information contained in this prospectus. If so, the prospectus supplement should be read as superseding this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Additional Information."

If required, the applicable prospectus supplement will be attached to the front of this prospectus and will describe the terms of any securities offered, the initial offering price to the public in that offering, the purchase price and net proceeds, if any, that we expect to receive in that offering, as well as the other specific terms related to that offering. For more details on the terms of the securities, you should read the exhibits filed with our registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, and documents that may be incorporated by reference into this registration statement.

Legal Ownership of Securities

Holders of Securities

Book-Entry Holders. We will issue debt securities under this prospectus in book-entry form only, unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may, but are not obligated to, issue shares of common stock under this prospectus in book-entry form. **Accordingly, the description that follows will generally apply only to the convertible debt securities and not the common stock that may be offered and sold under this prospectus.**

If securities are issued in book-entry form, this means the securities will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a financial institution that holds them as depositary on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system. These participating institutions, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

We will only recognize the person in whose name a security is registered as the holder of that security. Consequently, for securities issued in global form, we will recognize only the depositary as the holder of the securities, and all payments on the securities will be made to the depositary. The depositary passes along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn pass the payments along to their customers, who are the beneficial owners. The depositary and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers. They are not obligated to do so under the terms of the securities.

As a result, investors will not own securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depositary's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the securities

are issued in global form, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the securities. For more information about securities issued in global form, see "—Global Securities" below.

Street Name Holders. Alternatively, we may initially issue securities under this prospectus in non-global form. We may also terminate a global security at any time after it is issued. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their securities in their own names or in "street name." Securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution that the investor chooses. In that event, the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those securities through an account he or she maintains at that institution.

For securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the securities are registered as the holders of those securities and all payments on those securities will be made to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold securities in street name will be indirect holders, not holders, of those securities.

Legal Holders. We, and any third parties employed by us or acting on your behalf, including trustees, depositories and transfer agents, generally are obligated only to the legal holders of the securities. In a number of respects, we do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a security or has no choice because we are issuing the securities only in global form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the legal holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that legal holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, if we want to obtain the approval of the holders to amend an indenture, to relieve ourselves of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of the indenture or for any other purpose, we would seek the approval only from the legal holders, and not the indirect holders, of the securities. Whether and how the legal holders contact the indirect holders is determined by the legal holders.

When we refer to you, we mean those who invest in the securities being offered by this prospectus, whether they are the legal holders or only indirect holders of those securities. When we refer to your securities, we mean the securities in which you hold a direct or indirect interest.

Special Considerations for Indirect Holders. If you hold securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a legal holder, if that is permitted in the future;
- how it would exercise rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the securities are in book-entry form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

Global Securities

What is a Global Security? A global security represents one or any other number of individual securities. Generally, all securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms. We may, however, issue a global security that represents multiple securities that have different terms and are issued at different times. We call this kind of global security a master global security.

Each security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution that we select or its nominee. The financial institution that is selected for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, known as DTC, will be the depository for all securities issued in book-entry form. Beneficial interests in global securities will be shown on, and transfers of global securities will be reflected through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depository or its nominee, unless special termination situations arise or as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement. We describe those situations below under "—Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated." As a result of these arrangements, the depository, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depository or with another institution that does. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

Special Considerations for Global Securities. As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not recognize this type of investor as a holder of securities and instead will deal only with the depository that holds the global security.

If securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the securities to be registered in his or her name, and cannot obtain physical certificates for his or her interest in the securities, except in the special situations we describe below;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the securities, as we describe under "—Holders of Securities" above;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and to other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;
- an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;
- the depository's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security. Neither we nor any third parties employed by us or acting on your behalf, including trustees and transfer agents, have any responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for

its records of ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee do not supervise the depository in any way;

- DTC requires that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and
- financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the security. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated. In a few special situations described below, a global security will be terminated and interests in it will be exchanged for certificates in non-global form representing the securities it represented. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold the securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in a global security transferred on termination to their own names so that they will be holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors above under "Legal Ownership of Securities—Holders of Securities."

The special situations for termination of a global security are as follows:

- if the depository notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depository for that global security, and we do not appoint another institution to act as depository within a specified time period; or
- if we elect to terminate that global security.

A prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply to that particular series of securities covered by that prospectus supplement. If a global security is terminated, the depository has the sole responsibility for determining the institutions in whose names the securities represented by the global security will be registered and, therefore, who will be the holders of those securities.

DESCRIPTION OF CONVERTIBLE DEBT SECURITIES

Under this prospectus, we may issue convertible debt securities from time to time in one or more distinct series. This section summarizes the material terms of these convertible debt securities that are common to all series. Most of the financial and other terms of any series of convertible debt securities that we offer will be described in the prospectus supplement applicable to that series of convertible debt securities.

We will issue the convertible debt securities under a document called the "indenture." The indenture will be a contract between us and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee. A copy of the form of indenture has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See "Additional Information." The indenture and the convertible debt securities will be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Because this section is a summary, it does not describe every aspect of the convertible debt securities and the indenture that may be important to you. The indenture may be amended or supplemented from time to time as permitted under the indenture. In this section, we use capitalized words to signify defined terms that have been given special meaning in the indenture. We describe the meaning of only the more important terms. You should read the indenture itself for a full description of the terms of the convertible debt securities. Whenever we refer to particular defined terms, those defined terms are incorporated by reference here. In this section, references to "Community Health Systems, Inc.," "we," "our" or "us" refer solely to Community Health Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors under the indenture and not to any of its subsidiaries.

General

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the convertible debt securities will be general unsecured obligations of our company and will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to all our existing and future senior debt, as defined below. The convertible debt securities will be convertible into shares of our common stock.

The convertible debt securities will also be effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities (including trade payables and capital lease obligations) of any of our subsidiaries. This may affect your ability to receive payments on our convertible debt securities. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Offering—Because of our holding company structure, the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus will be effectively subordinated to the obligations of our subsidiaries."

You should read the applicable prospectus supplement for the terms of any series of convertible debt securities offered by that prospectus supplement, including:

- the title of the series of convertible debt securities;
- the conversion price or conversion rate or calculation method for the conversion price or conversion rate, conversion period or how such period will be determined and other terms and conditions for conversion of the series of convertible debt securities into our common stock;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the series of convertible debt securities;
- whether the series of convertible debt securities will be issued as registered securities, bearer securities or both, and any restrictions on the exchange of one form of series of convertible debt securities for another and on the offer, sale and delivery of the series of convertible debt securities in either form;
- the date or dates on which the principal amount of the series of convertible debt securities will mature;

- if the series of convertible debt securities bear interest, the rate or rates at which the series of convertible debt securities bear interest and the date or dates from which interest will accrue;
- if the series of convertible debt securities bear interest, the dates on which interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payments;
- the place or places where the payment of principal, any premium and interest will be made, if other than or in addition to the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, where the series of convertible debt securities may be surrendered for transfer or exchange and where notices or demands to or upon us may be served;
- any optional redemption provisions, which would allow us to redeem the series of convertible debt securities in whole or in part;
- any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem, repay or purchase the series of convertible debt securities, including upon a change of control of us;
- the denominations in which any registered convertible debt securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and the denominations in which any bearer securities will be issuable, if other than the denomination of \$5,000;
- if other than the entire principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the series of convertible debt securities which will be payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity of that series of convertible debt securities;
- if other than United States dollars, the currency in which the series of convertible debt securities will be paid or denominated;
- the inapplicability of any event of default or covenant set forth in the indenture relating to the series of convertible debt securities, or the applicability of any other events of defaults or covenants in addition to the events of default or covenants set forth in the indenture relating to the series of convertible debt securities;
- if a person other than Wachovia Bank, National Association is to act as trustee for the series of convertible debt securities, the name and location of the corporate trust office of that trustee;
- if other than as set forth in the indenture, provisions for the satisfaction and discharge of that indenture with respect to the series of convertible debt securities;
- the date as of which any bearer convertible debt securities and any global convertible debt security will be dated if other than the date of original issuance of the first convertible debt security of a particular series to be issued;
- whether the series of convertible debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of a global security or securities and, in that case, any depository and global exchange agent for the global security or securities, whether the global form shall be permanent or temporary and, if applicable, the exchange date;
- if series of convertible debt securities are to be issuable initially in the form of a temporary global security, the circumstances under which the temporary global security can be exchanged for definitive convertible debt securities and whether the definitive convertible debt securities will be registered securities, bearer securities or will be in global form and provisions relating to the payment of interest in respect of any portion of a global security payable in respect of an interest payment date prior to the exchange date;
- a discussion of federal income tax, accounting and other special considerations, procedures and limitations with respect to the series of convertible debt securities;

- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts to non-U.S. holders in respect of any tax assessment or government charge, and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the series of convertible debt securities rather than pay such additional amounts; and
- any other terms of the series of convertible debt securities that are consistent with the provisions of the indenture.

For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to the payment of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on any series of convertible debt securities will include additional amounts if required by the terms of any series of convertible debt securities.

The indenture will not limit the amount of convertible debt securities that we are authorized to issue from time to time. We may issue convertible debt securities with terms different from those of convertible debt securities that may already have been issued. Without the consent of the holders thereof, we may reopen a previous issue of a series of convertible debt securities and issue additional convertible debt securities of that series without limit unless the reopening was restricted when that series was created.

There is no requirement that we issue convertible debt securities in the future under the indenture, and we may use other indentures or documentation containing materially different provisions in connection with future issues of other convertible debt securities.

We may issue any series of convertible debt securities as original issue discount securities, including any zero-coupon convertible debt securities that are issued and sold at a discount from their stated principal amount. Original issue discount securities provide that, upon acceleration of their maturity, an amount less than their principal amount will become due and payable. We will describe the U.S. federal income tax consequences and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities in any prospectus supplement relating to them.

In addition, special United States federal income tax considerations or other restrictions or other terms applicable to any series of convertible debt securities offered exclusively to foreigners may also be set forth in the prospectus supplement, if applicable.

Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement relating to any series of convertible debt securities:

- we will not be limited or restricted in the conduct of our business or operations, restricted from paying dividends, pledging our assets, incurring debt or issuing or repurchasing our securities; and
- we will not be subject to any financial covenants.

Conversion

The prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions of conversion applicable to that series of convertible debt securities, including:

- the conversion price or conversion ratio, or the calculation method for that price or ratio;
- the conversion period, or how that period will be determined;
- if conversion will be mandatory or at the option of the holder or us;
- provisions for adjustment of the conversion price or conversion ratio;
- provisions affecting conversion in the event of redemption; and
- provisions affecting conversion in the event of a merger, consolidation or sale of assets.

The terms of any series of convertible debt securities may permit us under some circumstances without the consent of every holder to decrease the conversion price and increase the conversion ratio.

Additional Mechanics

Form, Exchange and Transfer

Each series of convertible debt securities will be issued:

- as registered securities; or
- as bearer securities with interest coupons attached, unless otherwise stated in the prospectus supplement; however, the convertible debt securities will not be bearer securities unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement; or
- in global form, see "Description of The Securities We May Issue—Global Securities"; or
- in denominations that are integral multiples of \$1,000, in the case of registered securities, and in integral multiples of \$5,000, in the case of bearer securities, unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement.

You may have your registered convertible debt securities divided into registered securities of smaller denominations or combined into registered securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. This is called an "exchange."

You may exchange or transfer registered securities of a series of convertible debt securities at the office of Wachovia Bank, National Association, the trustee. The trustee maintains the list of registered holders and acts as our agent for registering convertible debt securities in the names of holders and transferring convertible debt securities. However, we may appoint another trustee to act as our agent or we may act as our own agent. If provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, you may exchange your bearer securities for registered securities of the same series so long as the total principal amount is not changed. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, bearer securities will not be issued in exchange for registered securities.

You will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange convertible debt securities, but you may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the exchange or transfer. The transfer or exchange will only be made if the transfer agent is satisfied with your proof of ownership.

If we designate additional transfer agents, they will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may cancel the designation of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

If any series of convertible debt securities are redeemable and we redeem less than all of the convertible debt securities of a particular series, we may refuse any transfer or exchange of convertible debt securities for the period beginning 15 days before the day we mail or publish the notice of redemption, in the case of bearer securities, and ending on the day of that mailing or publication in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. At our option, we may mail or publish such notice of redemption through an electronic medium. We may also refuse to register transfers or exchanges of convertible debt securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any convertible debt security being partially redeemed.

Paying and Paying Agents

If you are a holder of registered convertible debt securities, we will pay interest to you if you are a direct holder in the list of registered holders at the close of business on a particular day in

advance of each due date for interest, even if you no longer own the security on the interest due date. That particular time and day, usually about two weeks in advance of the interest due date, is called the "regular record date" and will be stated in the prospectus supplement. Holders buying and selling convertible debt securities must work out between them how to compensate for the fact that we will pay all the interest for an interest period to the one who is the registered holder on the regular record date. The most common manner is to adjust the sales price of the convertible debt securities to prorate interest fairly between buyer and seller. This prorated interest amount is called "accrued interest."

With respect to registered convertible debt securities, we will pay interest, principal and any other money due at the corporate trust office of Wachovia Bank, National Association, the trustee, in The City of New York. You must make arrangements to have your payments picked up at or wired from that office. We may also choose to pay interest by mailing checks or making wire transfers.

"Street name" and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how they will receive payments.

If bearer convertible debt securities are issued, unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will maintain an office or agency outside the United States for the payment of all amounts due on the bearer securities. If any series of convertible debt securities are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States, we will maintain an office or agency for those convertible debt securities in any city located outside the United States required by the stock exchange. The initial locations of these offices and agencies will be specified in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, payment of interest on any bearer convertible debt securities on or before maturity will be made only against surrender of coupons for the interest installments as they mature. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, no payment with respect to any bearer convertible debt security will be made at any office or agency for us in the United States or by check mailed to any address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained with a bank located in the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments of principal, premium and interest, if any, on bearer convertible debt securities payable in United States dollars will be made at the office of our paying agent in The City of New York if, but only if, payment of the full amount in United States dollars at all offices or agencies outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions.

Regardless of who acts as the paying agent, all money paid by us to a paying agent that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after the amount is due to registered holders will be repaid to us. After that two-year period, you may look only to us for payment and not to the trustee, any other paying agent or anyone else.

We may also arrange for additional payment offices, and may cancel or change these offices, including our use of the trustee's corporate trust office. We may also choose to act as our own paying agent. We must notify you of changes in identities of the paying agents for any particular series of convertible debt securities.

Notices

With respect to any series of registered convertible debt securities, we and the trustee will send notices only to registered holders, using their addresses as listed in the list of registered holders. With respect to bearer convertible debt securities, we and the trustee will give notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in The City of New York or in any other cities that may be specified in a prospectus supplement. At our option, we may send or publish notices through an electronic medium as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Events of Default

You will have special rights if an event of default occurs in respect of the convertible debt securities of your series and is not cured, as described later in this subsection.

What is an Event of Default? Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the term "event of default" in respect of the convertible debt securities of your series means any of the following:

- we do not pay the principal or any premium on a convertible debt security of your series on its due date whether at maturity, upon redemption or upon acceleration;
- we do not pay interest on a convertible debt security of your series within 30 days of its due date;
- we do not deposit any sinking fund payment in respect of convertible debt securities of your series on its due date;
- we do not deliver shares of common stock upon conversion as required by the terms of your series of convertible debt securities;
- we remain in breach of a covenant in respect of convertible debt securities of your series for 60 days after we receive a written notice of default stating we are in breach and requiring that we remedy the breach. The notice must be sent by either the trustee or holders of 25% of the principal amount of convertible debt securities of your series;
- we file for bankruptcy or other specified events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur; or
- any other event of default in respect of convertible debt securities of your series described in the applicable prospectus supplement occurs.

The events of default described above may be modified as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. An event of default for a particular series of convertible debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default for any other series of convertible debt securities issued under an indenture. Each series will have separate rights upon an event of default. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of convertible debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal or interest, if it considers the withholding of notice to be in the interests of the holders.

Remedies if an Event of Default Occurs. If an event of default has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of 25% in principal amount of the convertible debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal amount of all the convertible debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity.

If an event of default occurs because of specified events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization related to us, the principal amount of all the convertible debt securities of that series will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder. There are special notice and timing rules which apply to the acceleration of any series of convertible debt securities that is subordinated which are designed to protect the interests of holders of senior debt described under "—Subordination" below. A declaration of acceleration of maturity may be cancelled by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the convertible debt securities of the affected series if (1) all existing events of default, other than the nonpayment of principal, any premium or interest on the convertible debt securities of that series which have become due solely because of the acceleration, have been cured or waived and (2) the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Except during the continuance of an event of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of the holders unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable protection from expenses and liability. This protection is called an "indemnity." If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding convertible debt securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in some circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of such right, remedy or event of default.

Before you are allowed to bypass the trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the convertible debt securities, the following must occur:

- you must give the trustee written notice that an event of default has occurred and remains uncured;
- the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of all outstanding convertible debt securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer reasonable indemnity to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;
- the trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity; and
- the holders of a majority in principal amount of the convertible debt securities must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice during the 60-day period.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your convertible debt securities on or after the due date.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of the convertible debt securities of the affected series may waive any past defaults other than the payment of principal, premium or interest or in respect of a covenant or other provision that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder.

"Street name" and other indirect holders should consult their banks or brokers for information on how to give notice or direction or to make a request of the trustee and to make or cancel a declaration of acceleration.

Each year, we will furnish to the trustee under each indenture a written statement of some of our officers certifying that, to their knowledge, we are in compliance with the indenture and the convertible debt securities issued under that indenture, or otherwise specifying any default.

Repurchase at Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control

If applicable, the prospectus supplement will explain the terms and conditions upon which you will have the right, at your option, to require us to repurchase all of your convertible debt securities of that series not previously called for redemption pursuant to a change of control offer. A series of convertible debt securities may provide at our option, instead of paying the change of control offer price in cash, that we may pay the change of control offer price in shares of our common stock valued as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

These provisions would not necessarily provide you with protection if we are involved in a highly leveraged or other transaction that may adversely affect you.

Our ability to repurchase convertible debt securities upon the occurrence of a change of control may be subject to important limitations. Some of the events that may constitute a change of control could result in an event of default under our senior debt. Moreover, a change of control could cause an event of default under, or be prohibited or limited by, the terms of our senior debt. As a result, unless we were to obtain a waiver, a repurchase of any series of convertible debt securities for cash could be prohibited under any subordination provisions applicable to that series until the senior debt is paid in full. Although we may have the right to repurchase the convertible debt securities with our common stock, subject to certain conditions, we cannot assure you that we would have the financial resources, or would be able to arrange financing, to pay the repurchase price in cash for all the convertible debt securities that might be delivered by holders of convertible debt securities seeking to exercise any repurchase right. If we were to fail to repurchase the convertible debt securities when required following a change of control, an event of default under the indenture could occur, whether or not such repurchase is permitted by the subordination provisions of the indenture. Any default may, in turn, cause a default under our senior debt. See "—Subordination" and "Risk Factors" for a discussion of these restrictions and limitations.

Covenants

Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, the convertible debt securities will not have the benefit of any covenants that limit or restrict our business or operations, the pledging of our assets or the incurrence by us of indebtedness. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any material covenants of a series of convertible debt securities.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

Under the terms of the indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another entity. We are also permitted to sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise convey all or substantially all of our assets to another entity. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all the following conditions are met:

- either we will be the surviving corporation or, if we merge out of existence or sell assets, the entity into which we merge or to which we sell assets must agree to be legally responsible for the debt securities and be a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;
- immediately after the merger or transfer of assets, no default on the applicable series of convertible debt securities can exist. A default for this purpose includes any event that would be an event of default if the requirements for giving a default notice or of having the default exist for a specific period of time were disregarded;
- we must deliver specified certificates and documents to the trustee; and
- we must satisfy any other requirements specified in the prospectus supplement.

Modification or Waiver

There are three types of changes we can make to the indentures and any series of convertible debt securities.

Changes Requiring Your Approval. First, there are changes that cannot be made to the indenture relating to your series of convertible debt securities without your specific approval. Except

as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the following is a list of those types of changes:

- reducing the principal, any premium, or changing the stated final maturity;
- reducing the rate of, or changing the time for, payment of interest;
- increasing the conversion price or decreasing the conversion rate from that provided in the prospectus supplement relating to that series;
- making the principal or interest payable in a currency other than United States dollars or changing the place of payment (except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement);
- modifying the right of any holder to receive or sue for payment of principal or interest that would be due and payable at the maturity;
- modifying any subordination provisions in a manner that is adverse as a whole to holders of the series of convertible debt securities;
- reducing the principal amount of the outstanding convertible debt securities of the series whose holders must consent to supplement the indenture or to waive any of its provisions; or
- taking other specified actions as provided in the prospectus supplement.

Changes Requiring a Majority Vote. The second type of change to the indenture relating to your convertible debt securities is the kind that requires a vote in favor by holders of outstanding debt securities owning a majority of the principal amount of the particular series affected or such other percentage as set forth in the prospectus supplement related to that series. Separate votes will be needed for each series even if they are affected in the same way. Most changes fall into this category, except as described under "—Changes Requiring Your Approval" above and for clarifying changes and other changes that would not adversely affect holders of the outstanding convertible debt securities in any material respect as described under "—Changes Not Requiring Approval" below. The same vote would be required for us to obtain a waiver of all or part of specified covenants relating to your series of convertible debt securities, or a waiver of a past default. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or any other aspect of the indenture or the outstanding convertible debt securities of your series listed in the first category described previously under "—Changes Requiring Your Approval" unless we obtain your individual consent to the waiver.

Changes Not Requiring Approval. The third type of change does not require any vote by holders of outstanding convertible debt securities of that series. From time to time, we and the trustee may, without the consent of holders of the convertible debt securities of any series, amend the indenture or the convertible debt securities of one or more series, or supplement the indenture, for specified purposes, including to:

- reflect that a successor has succeeded us and has assumed our covenants and obligations under the series of convertible debt securities and the indenture;
- add further covenants for the benefit of the holders of series of convertible debt securities;
- add any additional event of default;
- pledge property to the trustee as security for the series of convertible debt securities;
- add guarantees with respect to the series of convertible debt securities;
- change the trustee or provide for an additional trustee for that series of convertible debt securities;

- modify the indenture in order to continue its qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 or as may be necessary or desirable in accordance with amendments of that act;
- increase the conversion rate or decrease the conversion price from that provided in the prospectus supplement relating to that series;
- issue and establish the form and terms and conditions of other series of convertible debt securities as provided in the indenture; or
- cure any ambiguity or inconsistency in the indenture or in the series of convertible debt securities or make any other provisions necessary or desirable, as long as the interests of the holders of that series of convertible debt securities are not adversely affected in any material respect.

Satisfaction and Discharge

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to your series of convertible debt securities, and we will be deemed to have satisfied and discharged the indenture with respect to your series of convertible debt securities, when the following conditions have been satisfied:

- all convertible debt securities of that series not previously delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable or will become due and payable at their stated maturity or on a redemption date within one year;
- we deposit with the trustee, in trust, funds sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the convertible debt securities of that series that had not been previously delivered for cancellation, for the principal and interest to the date of the deposit, in the case of a series of convertible debt securities that have become due and payable, or to the stated maturity or the redemption date, if earlier, in the case of a series of convertible debt securities that had not become due and payable;
- we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under the indenture in respect of that series of a convertible debt securities; and
- we have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and opinion of counsel, each stating that all these conditions have been complied with.

We will remain obligated to provide for registration of transfer and exchange and to provide notices of redemption.

Defeasance

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, no series of convertible debt securities will be subject to defeasance. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any provisions for defeasance applicable to a series of convertible debt securities.

Ranking

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, your series of convertible debt securities will not be secured by any of our property or assets. Accordingly, your ownership of a series of convertible debt securities means you are one of our unsecured creditors and your series of convertible debt securities rank behind our secured creditors to the extent of the collateral securing their claims. The convertible debt securities of any series may be subordinated to some of our existing and future debt and other liabilities. See "—Subordination" for additional information on how any subordination limits your ability to receive payment or pursue other rights if we default or

have certain other financial difficulties. In addition, the convertible debt securities of each series will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness of our subsidiaries. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Offering—Because of our holding company structure, the convertible debt securities that may be issued under this prospectus will be effectively subordinated to the obligations of our subsidiaries."

Subordination

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, the following provisions will apply to each series of convertible debt securities.

The payment of principal, any premium and interest on each series of convertible debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of our senior debt. This means that in specified circumstances where we may not be making payments on all of our debt obligations as they become due, the holders of all of our senior debt will be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts that are due or will become due on the senior debt before you and the other holders of subordinated debt securities will be entitled to receive any payment or distribution on your series of convertible debt securities, other than a payment or distribution in the form of subordinated securities. These circumstances include the following:

- we make a payment or distribute assets to creditors upon any liquidation, dissolution, winding up or reorganization of us, or as part of an assignment or marshalling of our assets for the benefit of our creditors;
- we file for bankruptcy or other specified events in bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceedings occur; or
- the maturity of any subordinated convertible debt securities is accelerated. For example, the entire principal amount of a series of convertible debt securities may be declared to be due and immediately payable or may be automatically accelerated due to an event of default as described under "—Events of Default."

In addition, we are generally not permitted to make payments of principal, any premium or interest on any series of convertible debt securities if we default in our obligation to make payments on our senior debt and do not cure that default. We are also prohibited from making payments on subordinated convertible debt securities if an event of default, other than a payment default, that permits the holders of senior debt to accelerate the maturity of the senior debt occurs and we and the trustee have received a notice of that event of default. However, unless the senior debt has been accelerated because of that event of default, this payment blockage notice cannot last more than 179 days.

These subordination provisions mean that if we are insolvent, a holder of senior debt is likely to ultimately receive out of our assets more than a holder of the same amount of our subordinated convertible debt securities, and a creditor of ours that is owed a specific amount but who owns neither our senior debt nor our convertible debt securities may ultimately receive less than a holder of the same amount of senior debt and more than a holder of convertible debt securities.

Except as otherwise provided under the applicable prospectus supplement, the terms of a series of convertible debt securities will not limit the amount of senior debt we are permitted to have and we may in the future incur additional senior debt.

"Senior debt" generally means the principal, any premium and unpaid interest on:

- our indebtedness, whether outstanding on the date of the indenture or created after that date, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed, unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding it is provided

that the indebtedness is not senior or prior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities. Senior debt includes the indebtedness under our credit agreement; and

- renewals, extensions, modifications and refunding of any indebtedness that is described above.

The applicable prospectus supplement or the information incorporated by reference will set forth the approximate amount of senior debt outstanding as of a recent date.

Concerning the Trustee

If the trustee becomes a creditor of Community Health Systems, Inc., the indenture limits its right to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, for permission to continue or resign.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of each series of outstanding convertible debt securities will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The indenture provides that in case an event of default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to that provision, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any holder of convertible debt securities, unless such holder shall have offered to the trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

Wachovia Bank, National Association is the trustee under the indenture governing our existing 4.25% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2008, documentation agent for our \$200 million incremental term loan facility under our bank credit agreement and a lender under our revolving credit facility under our bank credit agreement. Wachovia Bank, National Association or its affiliates have in the past provided, and may continue to provide other services to us in the ordinary course of their business.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Overview

Our authorized capital stock consists of 300,000,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share, and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value per share.

As of June 30, 2004, there were 99,050,212 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

The Forstmann Little partnerships and our management together beneficially own approximately 27% of the outstanding common stock, or 25% on a fully diluted basis. Accordingly, so long as the Forstmann Little partnerships and our management own a substantial interest in us, they will collectively have significant influence in:

- electing our entire board of directors;
- controlling our management and policies;
- determining the outcome of any corporate transaction or other matter submitted to the stockholders for approval, including mergers, consolidations and the sale of all or substantially all of our assets;
- preventing or causing a change of control; and
- amending our certificate of incorporation and by-laws.

The interests of the Forstmann Little Partnerships and management may conflict with the interests of the other holders of our common stock.

The Forstmann Little partnerships have a contractual right to cause us to nominate two directors until such time as they no longer own any of our shares of common stock.

The following summary contains material information relating to provisions of our common stock, preferred stock, certificate of incorporation and by-laws, is not intended to be complete and is qualified by reference to the provisions of applicable law and to our certificate of incorporation and by-laws which are publicly available through the SEC's public reference room and/or Internet website. See "Additional Information."

Common Stock

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared by the board of directors out of legally available funds. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably our net assets available for distribution after the payment of all of our liabilities and the payment of any required amounts to the holders of any outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The outstanding shares of common stock, including the shares to be sold by the selling shareholders under this prospectus, are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The shares of common stock to be issued and sold by us under this prospectus will be, when issued and paid for, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that may be designated and issued in the future.

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, without further stockholder approval, to establish from time to time one or more classes or series of preferred stock covering up to an aggregate of 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, and to issue such shares of preferred stock. Each class or series of preferred stock will cover such number of shares and will have such preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as is determined by the board of directors, which may include, among others, dividend rights, liquidation preferences, voting rights, conversion rights, preemptive rights, and redemption rights.

The purpose of authorizing the board of directors to establish preferred stock is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholders vote on the creation of a particular class or series of preferred stock. The rights of the holders of common stock will be subject to the rights of holders of any preferred stock issued in the future. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of discouraging, delaying or preventing an acquisition of our company at a price which many stockholders find attractive. These provisions could also make it more difficult for our stockholders to effect certain corporate actions, including the election of directors. We have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Limitation on liability and indemnification matters

Our certificate of incorporation limits the liability of our directors to us and our stockholders to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Specifically, our directors will not be personally liable for money damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which concerns unlawful payments of dividends, stock purchases, or redemptions; and
- for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Our certificate of incorporation and by-laws also contain provisions indemnifying our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. The indemnification permitted under Delaware law is not exclusive of any other rights to which such persons may be entitled.

In addition, we maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance to provide our directors and officers with insurance coverage for losses arising from claims based on breaches of duty, negligence, error and other wrongful acts.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers. These agreements contain provisions that may require us, among other things, to indemnify these directors and executive officers against certain liabilities that may arise because of their status or service as directors or executive officers, advance their expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified and obtain directors' and officers' liability insurance.

At present there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any director or officer, as to which indemnification is required or permitted. We are not aware of any threatened litigation or proceeding which may result in a claim for such indemnification.

Anti-takeover effects of our certificate of incorporation and by-laws and provisions of Delaware law

A number of provisions in our certificate of incorporation, by-laws and Delaware law may make it more difficult to acquire control of us. These provisions could deprive the stockholders of opportunities to realize a premium on the shares of common stock owned by them. In addition, these provisions may adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock. These provisions are intended to:

- enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of the board and in the policies formulated by the board;
- discourage certain types of transactions which may involve an actual or threatened change of control of our company;
- discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights; and
- encourage persons seeking to acquire control of our company to consult first with the board of directors to negotiate the terms of any proposed business combination or offer.

Staggered board. Our certificate of incorporation and by-laws provide that the number of our directors shall be fixed from time to time by a resolution of a majority of our board of directors. Our certificate of incorporation and by-laws also provide that the board of directors is divided into three classes. The members of each class of directors serve for staggered three-year terms. In accordance with the Delaware General Corporation Law, directors serving on classified boards of directors may only be removed from office for cause. The classification of the board has the effect of requiring at least two annual stockholder meetings, instead of one, to replace a majority of the members of the board. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding series of preferred stock, vacancies on the board of directors may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors, by the sole remaining director, or by the stockholders if the vacancy was caused by removal of the director by the stockholders. This provision could prevent a stockholder from obtaining majority representation on the board by enlarging the board of directors and filling the new directorships with its own nominees.

Advance notice procedures for stockholder proposals and director nominations. Our by-laws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before an annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice thereof in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice generally must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 45 or more than 75 days prior to the first anniversary of the date on which we first mailed our proxy materials for the preceding year's annual meeting of stockholders. However, if the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days prior to or delayed by more than 30 days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, to be timely, notice by the stockholder must be delivered not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made. The by-laws also specify certain requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These provisions may preclude stockholders from bringing matters before an annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for directors at an annual meeting of stockholders.

Stockholder action by written consent. Our by-laws provide that stockholders may take action by written consent.

Preferred stock. The ability of our board to establish the rights and issue substantial amounts of preferred stock without the need for stockholder approval, while providing desirable flexibility in

connection with possible acquisitions, financings, and other corporate transactions, may, among other things, discourage, delay, defer, or prevent a change of control of the company.

Authorized but unissued shares of common stock. The authorized but unissued shares of common stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval. These additional shares may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, corporate acquisitions, and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued shares of common stock could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

We have opted out of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Our certificate of incorporation provides that we have opted out of the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. Because we have opted out in the manner permitted under Delaware law, the restrictions of this provision will not apply to us.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to common stock beneficially owned by the selling stockholders.

Name	Shares Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering (a)		Number of Shares Offered	Shares Beneficially Owned After Offering (c)	
	Number	Percent (b)		Number	Percent
Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-V, L.P. (d)	13,495,294	13.6%	13,495,294	0	0%
Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VI, L.P. (d)	9,639,444	9.8%	9,639,444	0	0%

- (a) For purposes of this table, a person or group of persons is deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of any shares of common stock when such person or persons has the right to acquire them within 60 days after the date of this prospectus. For purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of common stock held by each person or group of persons named above, any shares which such person or persons have the right to acquire within 60 days after the date of this prospectus is deemed to be outstanding but is not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
- (b) Percentage ownership calculations are based on 99,050,212 shares of common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2004.
- (c) Assumes that all of the shares of common stock offered by the selling stockholders are sold.
- (d) Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-V, L.P., or Equity-V, a Delaware limited partnership, and Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VI, L.P., or MBO-VI, a Delaware limited partnership, acquired their shares of common stock in the 1996 acquisition of our predecessor company. The general partner and one of the limited partners of Equity-V is FLC XXX Partnership, L.P., a New York limited partnership of which Theodore J. Forstmann, Sandra J. Horbach, Thomas H. Lister and Winston W. Hutchins are currently general partners. The general partner of MBO-VI is FLC XXIX Partnership, L.P., a New York limited partnership of which Theodore J. Forstmann, Sandra J. Horbach, Thomas H. Lister, Winston W. Hutchins, Jamie C. Nicholls, Gordon A. Holmes and T. Geoffrey McKay are currently general partners. Each of these individuals, other than Mr. Lister, with respect to MBO-VI, and Ms. Nicholls, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McKay, with respect to Equity-V and MBO-VI, for the reasons described below, may be deemed the beneficial owners of shares owned by MBO-VI and Equity-V. Mr. Lister, with respect to MBO-VI, and Ms. Nicholls, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McKay, with respect to Equity-V and MBO-VI, do not have any voting or investment power with respect to, or any economic interest in, the shares owned by MBO-VI or Equity-V. Under the terms of the partnership agreements of FLC XXIX Partnership and FLC XXX Partnership, a general partner who was not a general partner at the time an investment was made by Equity-V or MBO-VI, as the case may be, will not have voting or investment power with respect to, or any economic interest in, the shares of the Company owned by MBO-VI or Equity-V which were acquired prior to the date that he/she became a general partner. Mr. Lister was not a general partner of FLC XXIX Partnership and did not make a direct or indirect investment in the capital of

MBO-VI prior to that partnership's investment in the shares of the Company. Ms. Nicholls, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McKay were not general partners of FLC XXIX Partnership or FLC XXX Partnership and did not make a direct or indirect investment in the capital of MBO-VI or Equity-V prior to those partnerships' investment in the shares of the Company. Accordingly, Mr. Lister, with respect to MBO-VI, and Ms. Nicholls, Mr. Holmes and Mr. McKay, with respect to Equity-V and MBO-VI, are not deemed to be the beneficial owners of these shares. Theodore J. Forstmann, Sandra J. Horbach, Thomas H. Lister, and Winston W. Hutchins are the natural persons that have voting and investment control with respect to shares held by Equity-V. Theodore J. Forstmann, Sandra J. Horbach and Winston W. Hutchins are the natural persons that have voting and investment control with respect to shares held by MBO-VI. Theodore J. Forstmann, Sandra J. Horbach and Thomas H. Lister are directors of Community Health Systems. Theodore J. Forstmann and J. Anthony Forstmann are brothers. Dale F. Frey is a member of the Forstmann Little Advisory Board and, as such, has economic interests in Equity-V and MBO-VI. J. Anthony Forstmann is a special limited partner in one of the Forstmann Little partnerships. Dale F. Frey and J. Anthony Forstmann are directors of Community Health Systems. None of the other limited partners in each of MBO-VI and Equity-V is otherwise affiliated with Community Health Systems. The address of Equity-V and MBO-VI is c/o Forstmann Little & Co., 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Community Health Systems, Inc.

We may sell the securities offered by us in this prospectus to one or more underwriters or dealers for public offering, through agents, directly to purchasers or through auctions performed using the Internet or a bidding or ordering system or through a combination of any such methods of sale. The name of any such underwriter, dealer or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities, the amounts underwritten and the nature of its obligation to take the securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such sales may include purchases by a broker/dealer as principal and resale by the broker/dealer for its own account, block transactions in which a broker/dealer may sell the securities as agent but may position and resell all or a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction, sales through the writing of options and sales "at-the-market" to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market on an exchange or otherwise.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

If we engage in at-the-market sales pursuant to a distribution agreement, we will issue and sell shares of our common stock to or through one or more underwriters or agents which may act on an agency basis or on a principal basis. During the term of any such distribution agreement, we may sell shares on a daily basis in exchange transactions or otherwise as we agree with the underwriters or agents. The distribution agreement will provide that any shares of our common stock sold will be sold at prices related to the then prevailing market prices for our securities. Pursuant to the terms of any distribution agreement, we also may agree to sell, and the relevant underwriters or dealers may agree to solicit offers to purchase, blocks of our common stock. Any underwriter participating in an at-the-market offering will be named in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The terms of each such distribution agreement will be set forth in more detail in a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

The name of any such underwriter, dealer or agent involved in the offer and sale of the securities, the amounts underwritten and the nature of its obligation to take the securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. We reserve the right to sell securities directly to investors on our own behalf in those jurisdictions where authorized to do so.

If we use underwriters to sell securities, we will enter into an underwriting agreement with them at the time of the sale to them. In connection with the sale of the securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive commissions from purchasers of the securities for whom they may act as agent. Any underwriting compensation paid by us to underwriters or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers, will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement to the extent required by applicable law. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters or commissions (which may be changed from time to time) from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase securities as a principal, and may then resell securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain specified institutions to purchase offered securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. Such contracts will be subject to any conditions set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement and the prospectus supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts. The underwriters and other persons soliciting such contracts will have no responsibility for the validity or performance of any such contracts.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled, under agreements entered into with us, to indemnification against and contribution towards certain civil liabilities, including any liabilities under the Securities Act.

We may from time to time offer securities directly to the public, with or without the involvement of agents, underwriters or dealers, using the internet or another electronic bidding or ordering system for the pricing and allocation of such securities. Such a system may allow bidders to directly participate, through electronic access to an auction site, by submitting conditional offers to buy that are subject to acceptance by us, and which may directly affect the price or other terms at which such securities are sold.

Such a bidding or ordering system may present to each bidder, on a real-time basis, relevant information to assist the bidder in making a bid, based on the bids submitted, and whether a bidder's individual bids would be accepted, prorated or rejected. Other pricing methods may also be used. Upon completion of such an auction process securities will be allocated based on prices of bid, terms of bid or other factors.

The specific rules of such an auction would be distributed to potential bidders in an applicable prospectus supplement. If an offering is made using such a bidding or ordering system, you should review the auction rules, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, for a more detailed description of such offering procedures.

The convertible debt securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. Our common stock is presently listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Any convertible debt securities issued under this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters or agents to or through whom those securities are sold for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but the underwriters or agents will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of any trading market for any securities offered by this prospectus.

During such time as we may be engaged in a distribution of the securities covered by this prospectus, we are required to comply with Regulation M promulgated under the Exchange Act. With certain exceptions, Regulation M precludes us, any affiliated purchasers, and any broker-dealer or other person who participates in such distribution from bidding for or purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of the distribution until the entire distribution is complete. Regulation M also restricts bids or purchases made in order to stabilize the price of a security in connection with the distribution of that security. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of our common stock.

The Forstmann Little Partnerships

We are registering up to 23,134,738 shares of common stock covered by this prospectus on behalf of the selling stockholders. As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholders" includes

donees, pledges, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares of common stock received after the date of this prospectus from a selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, distribution or other non-sale related transfer.

The selling stockholders may sell the common stock being offered by them by this prospectus in one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- to underwriters for resale to the public or to institutional investors;
- directly to institutional investors; or
- through agents to the public or to institutional investors.

The selling stockholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. The selling stockholders may sell the common stock offered by them on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. If underwriters are used in the sale, the common stock offered by them will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold at various times in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices. A distribution of the common stock by the selling stockholders may also be effected through the issuance by the selling stockholders or others of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

In addition, the selling stockholders may sell some or all of the shares of common stock offered by them by this prospectus through:

- a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or
- privately negotiated transactions.

The selling stockholders may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, the selling stockholders may:

- enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from the selling stockholders to close out its short positions;
- sell common stock short itself and redeliver such shares to close out its short positions;
- enter into options or other types of transactions that require the selling stockholders to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this prospectus; or
- loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

The selling stockholders may negotiate and pay broker-dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may allow other broker-dealers to participate in resales. The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers involved in the sale or resale of the common stock may qualify as "underwriters" within the meaning of

Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. In addition, the broker-dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions may qualify as underwriters' compensation under the Securities Act. If the selling stockholders qualify as "underwriters," they will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of Section 5(b)(2) of the Securities Act. We have informed the selling stockholders of their obligation to comply with the provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules under the Exchange Act relating to stock manipulation, particularly Regulation M.

In addition to selling its common stock under this prospectus, the selling stockholders may:

- agree to indemnify any broker-dealer or agent against certain liabilities related to the selling of the common stock, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act;
- transfer its common stock in other ways not involving market makers or established trading markets, including directly by gift, distribution, or other transfer;
- sell its common stock under Rule 144 of the Securities Act rather than under this prospectus, if the transaction meets the requirements of Rule 144; or
- sell its common stock by any other legally available means.

To the extent required, the shares to be sold, the names of the selling stockholders, the respective purchase prices and public offering prices, the names of any agent, dealer or underwriter, the specific terms of any underwriting or other agreement and any applicable commissions, discounts or concessions with respect to a particular offering will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement or, if appropriate such as in the case of an at-the-market offering, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. In addition, upon our being notified by a selling stockholder that a donee, pledgee, transferee or other successor-in-interest intends to sell more than 500 shares, we will file a supplement to this prospectus.

We have agreed to pay all expenses relating to the registration of the shares of the selling stockholder covered by this prospectus under the Securities Act, including all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and expenses of our counsel and accountants, and fees and expenses of counsel to the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders will pay the underwriting discounts and commissions, if any, relating to the sale of the shares. We have also agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders, persons affiliated with them, and any participating underwriters against specific liabilities to which they may become subject in connection with the offering and sale of the shares contemplated by this prospectus.

General

To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the price of the securities. These may include over-allotment, stabilization, syndicate, short covering transactions and penalty bids. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate short covering transactions involve purchases of securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim selling concessions from dealers when the securities originally sold by the dealers are purchased in covering transactions to cover syndicate short positions. These transactions may cause the price of the securities sold in an offering to be higher than it would otherwise be. These transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time.

The amount of expenses expected to be incurred by us in connection with any issuance of securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Certain of the underwriters, dealers or agents and their associates may engage in transactions with, and perform services for, us and certain of our affiliates or the selling stockholders and in the ordinary course of our business.

The broker-dealers, if any, and others acting in connection with sales under this prospectus might be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Any commission they receive and any profit upon the resale of the securities might be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the validity of any securities covered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, New York, New York. Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP has in the past provided, and may continue to provide, legal services to Forstmann Little & Co. and its affiliates.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related consolidated financial statement schedule incorporated in this prospectus by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2003, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports (the report on our consolidated financial statements expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to us changing our method of accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets by adopting certain provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective January 1, 2002), which are incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC relating to the shares of common stock covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of Community Health Systems, please be aware that the reference is only a summary and that you should refer to the exhibits that are part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the registration statement and the exhibits at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's Internet website.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. All information incorporated by reference is a part of this document, unless and until that information is updated or superceded by the information contained in this document or any information subsequently incorporated by reference. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below (File No. 001-15925) that have previously been filed with the SEC:

1. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, as amended by the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed on April 2, 2004;
2. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004;
3. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004;
4. The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on June 5, 2000.

We are also incorporating by reference all other documents that we file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on or (i) after the date of the filing of the registration statement containing this prospectus and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement and (ii) after the date of this prospectus and prior to the closing of any offering made under this prospectus. Those documents will become a part of this prospectus from the date that the documents are filed with the SEC. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof that are not deemed "filed" with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Items 9 or 12 of Form 8-K.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

Investor Relations
Community Health Systems, Inc.
155 Franklin Road, Suite 400
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027-4600
(615) 373-9600

This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to purchase, the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction to or from any person to whom or from whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation of an offer in such jurisdiction. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any distribution of securities pursuant to this prospectus shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or in our affairs since the date of this prospectus.

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this prospectus. This prospectus is dated _____, 2004. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than such date.

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ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following table sets forth all fees and expenses payable by the registrant in conjunction with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby. All of such expenses, except the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee, are estimated.

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$	126,700
Legal fees and expenses		250,000
Trustee's fees and expenses		26,000
Accounting fees and expenses		100,000
Printing expenses		80,000
Miscellaneous expenses		17,300
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Total	\$	600,000
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ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Restated By-Laws provide that the directors and officers of the Registrant shall be indemnified by the Registrant to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware law, as it now exists or may in the future be amended, against all expenses and liabilities reasonably incurred in connection with service for or on behalf of the Registrant, except with respect to any matter that such director or officer has been adjudicated not to have acted in good faith or in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the Registrant.

The Registrant has entered into agreements to indemnify its directors and officers in addition to the indemnification provided for in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Restated By-Laws. These agreements, among other things, indemnify directors and officers of the Registrant to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law for certain expenses (including attorneys' fees), liabilities, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by such person arising out of or in connection with such person's service as a director or officer of the Registrant or an affiliate of the Registrant.

Policies of insurance are maintained by the Registrant under which its directors and officers are insured, within the limits and subject to the limitations of the policies, against certain expenses in connection with the defense of, and certain liabilities which might be imposed as a result of, actions, suits or proceedings to which they are parties by reason of being or having been such directors or officers.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

(a) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this registration statement.

No.	Description
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger between the Registrant, FLCH Acquisition Corp. and Community Health Systems, Inc. (now known as CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.), dated June 9, 1996 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-37190)).
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ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

- (a) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (b) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not

exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

- (c) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.
 - (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
 - (4) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (5) The Registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X are not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.
 - (6) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that:
 - (a) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
 - (b) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Amendment No. 1 to the registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Brentwood, State of Tennessee, on the 10th day of August, 2004.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ WAYNE T. SMITH

Wayne T. Smith
 Chairman of the Board,
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ WAYNE T. SMITH	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	August 10, 2004
Wayne T. Smith		
*	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Director (principal financial officer)	August 10, 2004
W. Larry Cash		
*	Vice President and Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)	August 10, 2004
T. Mark Buford		
*		
John A. Clerico	Director	August 10, 2004
	Director	August , 2004
J. Anthony Forstmann		
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Theodore J. Forstmann	Director	August 10, 2004

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Dale F. Frey

Director

August 10, 2004

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John A. Fry

Director

August 10, 2004

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Sandra J. Horbach

Director

August 10, 2004

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Harvey Klein, M.D.

Director

August 10, 2004

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Thomas H. Lister

Director

August 10, 2004

H. Mitchell Watson, Jr.

Director

August , 2004

*By: /s/ WAYNE T. SMITH

Wayne T. Smith
as Attorney-in-fact

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COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC.,

Issuer

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Trustee

INDENTURE

Dated as of _____,

Convertible Debt Securities

CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE*

Reconciliation and tie showing the location in the Indenture of the provisions inserted pursuant to Sections 310 to 318(a), inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

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INDENTURE dated as of _____, between COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation duly incorporated and existing under the laws of Delaware and having its principal executive office at 155 Franklin Road, Suite 400, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027 (hereinafter called "the Company"), and WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Trustee (hereinafter called the "Trustee").

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

The Company deems it necessary to issue from time to time for its lawful purposes securities (hereinafter called the "Securities") evidencing its indebtedness convertible into shares of Common Stock of the Company and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of the Securities, unlimited as to principal amount, to have such titles, to bear such rates of interest, to mature at such time or times and to have such other provisions as shall be fixed as hereinafter provided.

All things necessary to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done, and the Company proposes to do all things necessary to make the Securities, when executed by the Company and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee hereunder and duly issued by the Company, the valid obligations of the Company as hereinafter provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities or series thereof, as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Section 101. *Definitions.*

For all purposes of this Indenture and all Securities issued hereunder, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) the terms defined in this Article have the meanings assigned to them in this Article and include the plural as well as the singular;

(2) all other terms used herein which are defined in the Trust Indenture Act, either directly or by reference therein, have the meanings assigned to them therein;

(3) all accounting terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, and the term “generally accepted accounting principles” with respect to any computation required or permitted hereunder shall mean such accounting principles as are generally accepted in the United States at the date or time of such computation; and

(4) the words “*herein*”, “*hereof*” and “*hereunder*” and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision.

Certain terms, used principally in Article Three and Article Six, are defined in those Articles.

“*Act*”, when used with respect to any Holder, has the meaning specified in Section 104.

“*Affiliate*” means, with respect to a specified Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, “control”, when used with respect to any specified Person, means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“*Authenticating Agent*” means any Person authorized to authenticate and deliver Securities on behalf of the Trustee for the Securities of any series pursuant to Section 614.

“*Authorized Newspaper*” means a newspaper customarily published at least once a day for at least five days in each calendar week and of general circulation in New York City, in London and, to the extent the Securities are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange shall so require, in Luxembourg or, if it shall be impracticable in the opinion of the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series to make such publication, in another capital city in Western Europe. Such publication (which may be in different newspapers) is expected to be made in the Eastern edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, in the London edition of the *Financial Times* and, if applicable, in the *Luxemburger Wort*.

“*Bearer Security*” means any Security established pursuant to Section 201 which is payable to bearer.

“*Board of Directors*” means, when used with reference to the Company, either the board of directors or any duly authorized committee of that board or any director or directors and/or officer or officers to whom that board or committee shall have duly delegated its authority, of the Company.

“*Board Resolution*” means, when used with reference to the Company, (1) a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, as the case may be, to have been duly adopted by its Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, or (2) a certificate signed by the director or directors or officer or officers to whom the Board of Directors of the Company shall have duly delegated its authority, and delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of any series.

“*Business Day*” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in The City of New York or in the city in which the Corporate Trust Office is located; provided, however, that, with respect to Securities not denominated in Dollars, the day is also not a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close in the Principal Financial Center of the country issuing the Foreign Currency or currency unit or, if the Foreign Currency or currency unit is euro, the day is also a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET) System is open; provided, further, that, with respect to LIBOR Securities, the day is also a London Business Day.

“*Capital Stock*” means, with respect to any Person, shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participation or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

“*Certificate of a Firm of Independent Public Accountants*” means a certificate signed by any firm of independent public accountants of recognized standing selected by the Company. The term “independent” when used with respect to any specified firm of public accountants means such a firm which (1) is in fact independent, (2) does not have any direct financial interest or any material indirect financial interest in the Company or in any other obligor upon the Securities of any series or in any affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor, and (3) is not connected with the Company or such other obligor or any affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor, as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions, but such firm may be the regular auditors employed by the Company. Whenever it is herein provided that any Certificate of a Firm of Independent Public Accountants shall be furnished to the Trustee for Securities of any series, such Certificate shall state that the signer has read this definition and that the signer is independent within the meaning hereof.

“*Code*” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder.

“*Clearstream Banking*” means Clearstream Banking S.A. or its successor.

“*Commission*” means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act, or if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties on such date.

“*Common Stock*” means any stock of any class of the Company which has no preference in respect of dividends or of amounts payable in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company and which is not subject to redemption by the Company. Subject to the provisions in any particular series of securities, shares issuable on conversion or repurchase of securities shall include only shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company of the type authorized at the date of this instrument as originally executed or shares of any class or classes of common stock resulting from any reclassification or reclassifications thereof; provided, however, that if at any time there shall be more than one such resulting class, the shares so issuable on conversion of securities shall include shares of all such classes, and the shares of each such class then so issuable shall be substantially in the proportion which the total number of shares of such class resulting from all such reclassifications bears to the total number of shares of all such classes resulting from all such reclassifications.

“*Company*” means the Person named as the “Company” in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor corporation shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter “Company” shall mean such successor corporation.

“*Company Request*” and “*Company Order*” mean a written request or order signed in the name of the Company, as the case may be by (1) the Chairman of the Board, a Vice Chairman of the Board, the President or a Vice President and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, as the case may be, or (2) by any two Persons designated in a Company Order previously delivered to the Trustee for Securities of any series by any two of the foregoing officers and delivered to the Trustee for Securities of any series.

“*Component Currency*” has the meaning specified in Section 311(e).

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“*Conversion Agent*” means Wachovia Bank, National Association, or any Person authorized by the Company to convert Securities in accordance with the terms of that series of Securities.

“*Conversion Event*” means the unavailability of any Foreign Currency or currency unit due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond the Company’s control.

“*Corporate Trust Office*” means the office of the Trustee for Securities of any series at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered, which office of Wachovia Bank, National Association, at the date of the execution of this Indenture, is located at 2525 West End Avenue, Suite 1200, Nashville, TN 37203, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration, or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company).

“*corporation*” includes corporations, limited liability companies, associations, companies and business trusts.

“*coupon*” means any interest coupon appertaining to a Bearer Security.

“*Currency Determination Agent*” means, with respect to Securities of any series, unless otherwise specified in the Securities of any series, a New York Clearing House bank designated pursuant to Section 301 or Section 312.

“*Defaulted Interest*” has the meaning specified in Section 307.

“*Depository*” means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable or issued in the form of a Global Security, the Person designated as Depository by the Company pursuant to Section 301 until a successor Depository shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter “*Depository*” shall mean or include each Person who is then a Depository hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, “*Depository*” as used with respect to the Securities of any such series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Securities of that series.

“*Determination Notice*” has the meaning specified in Section 1108(b).

“*Dollars*” and the sign “\$” mean the currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

“*Election Date*” has the meaning specified in Section 311(e).

“*Euroclear*” means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. or its successor.

“*Event of Default*” has the meaning specified in Section 501.

“*Exchange Act*” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as in force at the date as of which this Indenture was executed; *provided, however*, that in the event the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended after such date, “*Exchange Act*” means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as so amended.

“*Exchange Date*” has the meaning specified in Section 304.

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“*Foreign Currency*” means a currency issued and actively maintained as a country’s recognized unit of domestic exchange by the government of any country other than the United States or by any recognized confederation or association of such governments, and such term shall include, without limitation, the euro.

“*Global Exchange Agent*” has the meaning specified in Section 304.

“*Global Securities*” means Securities in global form.

“*Government Obligations*” means securities which are (i) direct obligations of the government which issued the currency in which the Securities of a particular series are payable (except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d), in which case with respect to Securities for which an election has occurred pursuant to Section 311(b), or a Conversion Event has occurred as provided in Section 311(d), such obligations shall be issued in the currency or currency unit in which such Securities are payable as a result of such election or Conversion Event) or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by or acting as an agency or instrumentality of the government which issued the currency in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d), in which case with respect to Securities for which an election has occurred pursuant to Section 311(b), or a Conversion Event has occurred as provided in Section 311(d)), such obligations shall be issued in the currency or currency unit in which such Securities are payable as a result of such election or Conversion Event), the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed by such government, which, in either case, are full faith and credit obligations of such government payable in such currency and are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

“*Holder*” means, when used with respect to any Security, in the case of a Registered Security, the Person in whose name a Security is registered in the Security Register, and in the case of a Bearer Security, the bearer thereof and, when used with respect to any coupon, means any bearer thereof.

“*Identifying Numbers*” has the meaning specified in Section 204.

“*Incur*” means issue, create, assume, guarantee, incur or otherwise become liable for; and the terms “*Incurred*” and “*Incurrence*” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“*Indenture*” means this instrument as it may from time to time be supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and shall include the terms of a particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 301.

“*interest*” means, when used with respect to an OID Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, interest payable after Maturity.

“*Interest Payment Date*” means, when used with respect to any Security, the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.

“*Issue Date*” means the date on which the Securities of a particular series are originally issued under this Indenture.

“*Judgment Date*” has the meaning specified in Section 516.

“*LIBOR*” means, with respect to any series of Securities, the rate specified as LIBOR for such Securities in accordance with Section 301.

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“*LIBOR Currency*” means the currency specified pursuant to Section 301 as to which LIBOR will be calculated or, if no currency is specified pursuant to Section 301, Dollars.

“*LIBOR Security*” means any Security which bears interest at a floating rate calculated with reference to LIBOR.

“*London Business Day*” means, with respect to any LIBOR Security, a day on which commercial banks are open for business, including dealings in the LIBOR Currency, in London.

“*Luxembourg Stock Exchange*” means, unless specified with respect to any particular series of Securities, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

“*Market Exchange Rate*” means, with respect to any Foreign Currency or currency unit on any date, unless otherwise specified in accordance with Section 301, the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers in such Foreign Currency or currency unit as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for such Foreign Currency or currency unit.

“*Maturity*” means, when used with respect to any Security, the date on which the principal (or, if the context so requires, in the case of an OID Security, a lesser amount) of that Security becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, request for redemption, repayment at the option of the holder, pursuant to any sinking fund or otherwise.

“*Notice of Default*” has the meaning specified in Section 501(3).

“*Officers’ Certificate*” means, when used with reference to the Company, a certificate signed by the Chairman of the Board, a Vice Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or a Vice President (any reference herein to a Vice President of the Company, as the case may be, shall be deemed to include any Vice President of the Company, as the case may be, whether or not designated by a number or a word or words added before or after the title “Vice President”), and by the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, the Controller, an Assistant Controller, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company, as the case may be, and delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of any series.

“*Opinion of Counsel*” means, for purposes of Section 1108, a written opinion of independent legal counsel and, for all other purposes hereof, means a written opinion of counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company.

“*OID Security*” means a Security which provides for an amount (excluding any amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest thereon) less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502.

“*Outstanding*” means, when used with respect to Securities, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

(1) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee for such Securities or delivered to such Trustee for cancellation;

(2) Securities or portions thereof for whose payment or redemption money in the necessary amount and in the required currency or currency unit has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee for such Securities or any Paying Agent (other than the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Company or any

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other obligor upon the Securities (if the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities; *provided, however*, that, if such Securities or portions thereof are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture, or provision therefor satisfactory to such Trustee has been made; and

(3) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 306 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented proof satisfactory to the Trustee for such Securities that any such Securities are held by a bona fide holder in due course;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or are present at a meeting of Holders for quorum purposes, (a) Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee for such Securities shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which a responsible officer of such Trustee actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of such Trustee the pledgee’s right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor, (b) the principal amount of an OID Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration pursuant to Section 502 and (c) the principal amount of a Security denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be determined in accordance with Section 115.

“*Paying Agent*” means Wachovia Bank, National Association, or any other Person authorized by the Company to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Securities of any series on behalf of the Company.

“*Person*” means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, joint venture, tribunal, trust, government or political subdivision or agency or instrumentality thereof, or any other entity or organization.

“*Place of Payment*” means, when used with respect to the Securities of any particular series, the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Securities of that series are payable, as contemplated by Section 301 and 1002.

“*Predecessor Security*” means, with respect to any particular Security, every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security, and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 306 in exchange for or in lieu of a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or a Security to which a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen coupon appertains shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Security or the Security to which the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen coupon appertains, as the case may be.

“*Principal Financial Center*” means, unless otherwise specified in accordance with Section 301:

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(1) the capital city of the country issuing the Foreign Currency or currency unit, except that with respect to Dollars, Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, Deutsche marks, Dutch guilders, South African rand and Swiss francs, the “Principal Financial Center” will be The City of New York, Sydney and Melbourne, Toronto, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Johannesburg and Zurich, respectively; or

(2) the capital city of the country to which the LIBOR Currency relates, except that with respect to Dollars, Canadian dollars, Deutsche marks, Dutch guilders, Portuguese escudos, South African rand and Swiss francs, the “Principal Financial Center” will be The City of New York, Toronto, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, London, Johannesburg and Zurich, respectively.

“*Property*” means any asset, revenue or any other property, including Capital Stock, whether tangible or intangible, real or personal, including, without limitation, any right to receive income.

“*Redemption Date*” means, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed in whole or in part, the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture.

“*Redemption Price*” means, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to the terms of this Indenture or in any Security issued hereunder.

“*Registered Security*” means any Security established pursuant to Section 301 which is registered in the Security Register.

“*Regular Record Date*” means, with respect to the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date on the Registered Securities of any series, the date, if any, specified for that purpose as contemplated by Section 301 whether or not a Business Day.

“*Responsible Officer*” means, when used with respect to the Trustee for any series of Securities, (i) any vice president, assistant vice president, treasurer, assistant treasurer or any trust officer of the Trustee who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of the trust created by this Indenture or (ii) any other officer of the Corporate Trust Department of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who is charged with the administration of this Indenture.

“*Securities*” means securities evidencing indebtedness of the Company authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

“*Security Register*” and “*Security Registrar*” have the respective meanings specified in Section 305.

“*Senior Indebtedness*” means the principal of, and premium, if any, and unpaid interest on (i) indebtedness of the Company whether outstanding on the date of this Indenture or thereafter created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, for money borrowed, including, without limitation, the Company’s Credit Agreement, dated as of July 16, 2002, among the Company, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, as administrative agent and the lenders parties thereto, as amended, unless in the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding, it is provided that such indebtedness is not senior or prior in right of payment to the Securities, including the indebtedness guaranteed by the Company, and (ii) renewals, extensions, modifications and refunding of

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such indebtedness. Senior Indebtedness shall not include Indebtedness of the Company to any of its Subsidiaries.

“*series*” of Securities means all Securities denoted as part of the same series authorized by or pursuant to a particular Board Resolution.

“*Special Record Date*” means, with respect to the payment of any Defaulted Interest on the Registered Securities of any series, a date fixed by the Trustee for such series pursuant to Section 307.

“*Stated Maturity*” means, when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, the date specified in such Security or a coupon representing such installment of interest as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

“*Subsidiary*” means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of capital stock or other interests (including partnership interests) entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (i) such Person, (ii) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or (iii) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

“*Substitute Date*” has the meaning specified in Section 516.

“*Trust Indenture Act*” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended by the Trust Indenture Reform Act of 1990, as in force at the date as of which this Indenture was executed; *provided, however*, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act is amended after such date, “Trust Indenture Act” means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 as so amended.

“*Trustee*” means the Person named as the “Trustee” in the first paragraph of this instrument and, subject to the provisions of Article Six hereof, shall also include its successors and assigns as Trustee hereunder. If there shall be at one time more than one Trustee hereunder, “Trustee” shall mean each such Trustee and shall apply to each such Trustee only with respect to those series of Securities with respect to which it is serving as Trustee.

“*United States*” means, unless otherwise specified with respect to Securities of any series, the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions (which include, at the date of this Indenture, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the

Northern Mariana Islands) and other areas subject to its jurisdiction.

“United States Alien” has the meaning specified in Section 1009.

“Yield to Maturity” means, when used with respect to any OID Security, the yield to maturity, if any, set forth on the face thereof.

Section 102. *Compliance Certificates and Opinions.*

Upon any application or request by the Company to the Trustee for any series of Securities to take any action under any provision of this Indenture or any supplement hereto, the Company shall furnish to such Trustee an Officers’ Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except

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that in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate (other than certificates provided pursuant to Section 1005) or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (1) a statement that each individual signing such certificate or opinion has read such condition or covenant and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of each such individual, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such condition or covenant has been complied with; and
- (4) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such individual, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 103. *Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee.*

In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an officer of the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon an Opinion of Counsel, or a certificate or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the opinion, certificate or representations with respect to matters upon which his certificate or opinion is based are erroneous.

Any such Opinion of Counsel or certificate or representations may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

Section 104. *Acts of Holders.*

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agent duly appointed in writing. If Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or

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taken by Holders of such series may, alternatively, be embodied in and evidenced by the record of Holders of Securities of such series voting in favor thereof, either in person or by proxies duly appointed in writing, at any meeting of Holders of Securities of such series duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article Thirteen, or a combination of such instruments and any such record. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments or record or both are delivered to the Trustee for the appropriate series of Securities and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Such instrument or instruments and any such record (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the “Act” of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments or so voting at any such meeting. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or of the holding by any Person of a Security, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 601) conclusive in favor of the Trustee for the appropriate series of Securities and the Company and any agent of such Trustee or the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section. The record of any meeting of Holders of Securities shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 1306.

The Company may at its discretion set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of Holders of Registered Securities entitled to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent authorized or permitted under this Indenture, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. If not set by the Company prior to the first solicitation of Holders of Registered Securities of a particular series made by any Person in respect of any such action, or, in the case of any such vote, prior to such vote, the record date for any such action or vote shall be 30 days prior to the first solicitation of such vote or consent. Upon the fixing of such a record date, those persons who were Holders of Registered Securities at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those persons, shall be entitled with respect to such Registered Securities to take such action by vote or consent or to revoke any vote or consent previously given, whether or not such persons continue to be Holders after such record date.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by an officer of a corporation or association or a member of a partnership, or an official of a public or governmental body, on behalf of such corporation, association, partnership or public or governmental body or by a fiduciary, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his authority.

(c) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Trustee for the appropriate series of Securities deems reasonably sufficient.

(d) The principal amount and serial numbers of Registered Securities held by any Person, and the date of holding the same, shall be proved by the Security Register.

(e) The principal amount and serial numbers of Bearer Securities held by any Person, and the date of holding the same, may be proved by the production of such Bearer Securities or by a certificate executed, as depository, by any trust company, bank, banker or other depository, wherever situated, if such certificate shall be deemed by the Trustee for such Securities to be satisfactory, showing that at the date therein mentioned such Person had on deposit with such depository, or exhibited to it, the Bearer Securities therein described; or such facts may be proved by the certificate or affidavit of the Person holding such Bearer Securities, if such certificate or affidavit is deemed by such Trustee to be satisfactory. The Trustee for such Securities and the Company may assume that such ownership of any Bearer Security continues until (1) another certificate or affidavit bearing a later date issued in respect of the same Bearer Security is produced, (2) such Bearer Security is produced to such Trustee by some other

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Person, (3) such Bearer Security is surrendered in exchange for a Registered Security, or (4) such Bearer Security is no longer Outstanding. The principal amount and serial numbers of Bearer Securities held by any Person, and the date of holding the same, may also be proved in any other manner which the Company and the Trustee for such Securities deem sufficient.

(f) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee for such Securities, the Security Registrar, any Conversion Agent, any Paying Agent or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

Section 105. Notices, Etc., to Trustee and the Company.

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with,

(1) the Trustee for a series of Securities by any Holder or by the Company shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to or with such Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, Attention: Corporate Trust Administration, Re: Community Health Systems, Inc., or if sent by facsimile transmission, to a facsimile number provided by the Trustee, with a copy mailed, first class postage prepaid to the Trustee addressed to it as provided above, or

(2) the Company by such Trustee or by any Holder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (except as provided in paragraph (3) of Section 501) if furnished in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, addressed in the case of the Company to it, to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer, at the address of its principal office specified in the first paragraph of this instrument or at any other address previously furnished in writing to such Trustee by the Company, or if sent by facsimile transmission, to a facsimile number provided to the Trustee by the Company, with a copy mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the Company addressed to it as provided above.

Section 106. Notice to Holders; Waiver.

Where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event, (1) such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) to Holders of Registered Securities if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, to each Holder affected by such event, at his or her address as it appears in the Security Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice; and (2) such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) to Holders of Bearer Securities if published in (a) an Authorized Newspaper on a Business Day or (b) an electronic medium easily accessible by the Holders as may be specified by the Company to such Holders, such publication to be not earlier than the earliest date, and not later than the latest date, prescribed herein for the giving of such notice. Any such notice by publication shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once, on the date of the first publication.

In any case where notice to Holders of Registered Securities is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed, to any particular Holder of a Registered Security shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders of Registered Securities or the sufficiency of any notice to Holders of Bearer Securities given as provided herein. Any notice

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mailed in the manner prescribed by this Indenture shall be conclusively deemed to have been given whether or not received by any particular Holder. In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice to Holders of Registered Securities by mail, then such notification as shall be made with the reasonable approval of the Trustee for such Securities shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

In case by reason of the suspension of any Authorized Newspaper or Authorized Newspapers or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to publish any notice to Holders of Bearer Securities as provided above, then such notification to Holders of Bearer Securities as shall be made with the reasonable approval of the Trustee for such Securities shall constitute sufficient notice to such Holders for every purpose hereunder. Neither the failure to give notice by publication to Holders of Bearer Securities as provided above, nor any defect in any notice so published, shall affect the sufficiency of any notice to Holders of Registered Securities given as provided herein.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee for such Securities, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Section 107. Conflict with Trust Indenture Act.

If any provision hereof limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by any of Sections 310 through 317, inclusive, of the Trust Indenture Act through the operation of Section 318(c) thereof, such imposed duties shall control. If any provision of this Indenture modifies or excludes any provision of the Trust Indenture Act that may be so modified or excluded, the provision shall be deemed to apply to this Indenture as so modified or excluded, as the case may be.

Section 108. Effect of Headings and Table of Contents.

The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 109. Successors and Assigns.

All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the Company shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 110. *Separability Clause.*

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities or coupons shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 111. *Benefits of Indenture.*

Nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities or in any coupons appertaining thereto, expressed or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto, any Conversion Agent, any Paying Agent, any Security Registrar, an Authenticating Agent and their successors hereunder and the Holders of Securities or coupons, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

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Section 112. *Governing Law.*

This Indenture and the Securities shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Section 113. *Non-Business Day.*

Unless otherwise stated with respect to Securities of any series, in any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity of a Security of any particular series shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment with respect to Securities of that series, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of the Securities or coupons) payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, with respect to such Security need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date or Redemption Date, or at the Stated Maturity, provided that no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Stated Maturity, as the case may be.

Section 114. *Immunity of Incorporators, Stockholders, Directors and Officers.*

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any), or the interest, if any, on any Security or coupon of any series, or for any claim based thereon, or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement of this Indenture, against any incorporator, stockholder, director, officer or employee, as such, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation, either directly or indirectly through the Company or any successor corporation, whether by virtue of any constitution, statute or rule of law or by the enforcement of any assessment of penalty or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that this Indenture and all the Securities and coupons of each series are solely corporate obligations, and that no personal liability whatever shall attach to, or is incurred by, any incorporator, stockholder, director, officer or employee, past, present or future, of the Company or of any successor corporation, either directly or indirectly through the Company or any successor corporation, because of the incurring of the indebtedness hereby authorized or under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities or coupons of any series, or to be implied herefrom or therefrom; and that all such personal liability is hereby expressly released and waived as a condition of, and as part of the consideration for, the execution of this Indenture and the issuance of the Securities and coupons of each series.

Section 115. *Certain Matters Relating to Currencies.*

Subject to Section 311, each reference to any currency or currency unit in any Security, or in the Board Resolution or supplemental indenture relating thereto, shall mean only the referenced currency or currency unit and no other currency or currency unit.

The Trustee shall segregate moneys, funds and accounts held by the Trustee in one currency or currency unit from any moneys, funds or accounts held in any other currencies or currency units, notwithstanding any provision herein which would otherwise permit the Trustee to commingle such amounts.

Whenever any action or Act is to be taken hereunder by the Holders of Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit, then for purposes of determining the principal amount of Securities held by such Holders, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit shall be deemed to be that amount of Dollars that could be obtained for such principal amount on the basis of a spot rate of exchange specified to the Trustee for such series in an

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Officers' Certificate for such Foreign Currency or currency unit into Dollars as of the date the taking of such action or Act by the Holders of the requisite percentage in principal amount of the Securities is evidenced to such Trustee.

Section 116. *Language of Notices, Etc.*

Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver required or permitted under this Indenture shall be in the English language, and any published notice may also be in an official language of the country of publication.

ARTICLE 2

SECURITY FORMS

Section 201. *Forms of Securities.*

The Registered Securities, if any, of each series and the Bearer Securities, if any, of each series and related coupons shall be in such form or forms (including global form) as shall be established by or pursuant to a Board Resolution of the Company, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Company may reasonably deem appropriate and as may be required to comply with any law, with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto, with any rules of any securities exchange, automated quotation system or clearing agency or to conform to usage, as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers executing such Securities or coupons, as evidenced by their execution of such Securities or coupons. If temporary Securities of any series are issued in global form as permitted by Section 304, the form thereof shall be established as provided in the preceding sentence.

Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, Bearer Securities shall have interest coupons attached.

The definitive Securities and coupons, if any, shall be printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods on a steel engraved border or steel engraved borders or may be produced in any other manner, all as determined by the officers executing such Securities or coupons, as evidenced by their execution thereof.

Section 202. *Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication.*

Subject to Section 614, the Certificate of Authentication on all Securities shall be in substantially the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Trustee

By _____
Authorized Signatory

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Section 203. *Securities in Global Form.*

If any Security of a series is issuable in global form, such Security may provide that it shall represent the aggregate amount of Outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and may also provide that the aggregate amount of Outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be increased or reduced to reflect exchanges. Any endorsement of a Security in global form to reflect the amount, or any increase or decrease in the amount, of Outstanding Securities represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee and in such manner as shall be specified in such Security. Any instructions by the Company with respect to a Security in global form, after its initial issuance, shall be in writing but need not comply with Section 102.

Global Securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form.

Any Security issued in global form shall bear the following legend:

THIS NOTE IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN CERTIFICATED FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (THE "DEPOSITARY") TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS NOTE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY NOTE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF _____ OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO _____ OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, _____, HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

Section 204. *CUSIP Numbers.*

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

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ARTICLE 3

THE SECURITIES

Section 301. *Title; Payment and Terms.*

The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered and Outstanding under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount of Securities from time to time authorized by or pursuant to Board Resolutions of the Company.

The Securities may be issued in one or more series, each of which shall be issued pursuant to Board Resolutions of the Company. There shall be established in one or more Board Resolutions or pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions of the Company and, subject to Section 303, set forth in, or determined in the manner provided in, an Officer's Certificate of the Company, or established in one or more supplemental indentures hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series all or any of the following, as applicable (each of which, if so provided, may be determined from time to time by the Company with respect to unissued Securities of that series and set forth in the Securities of that series when issued from time to time):

(1) the title of the Securities of that series (which shall distinguish the Securities of that series from all other series of Securities);

(2) the conversion price or conversion rate or calculation method for the conversion price or conversion rate, and other provisions relating to conversion, including, without limitation, conversion period, how the conversion period will be determined, treatment in case of consolidation, merger or sale of assets, provisions for rights issued in respect of Common Stock, responsibility of the Trustee for the conversion provisions, provisions for exercise of conversion privilege, provisions for payment of cash in lieu of fractional shares, provisions for adjustment of the conversion rate, provisions for conversion of securities called for redemption, and other terms and conditions for conversion of the convertible debt securities of that series into Common Stock;

(3) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of that series pursuant to Section 304, 305, 306, 906 or 1107) and whether that series may be reopened for additional Securities of that series; in the event that such series of Securities may be reopened from time to time for issuance of additional Securities of such series, the terms thereof shall indicate whether any such additional Securities shall have the same terms as the prior Securities of such series or whether the Company may establish additional or different terms with respect to such additional Securities;

(4) whether Securities of that series are to be issuable as Registered Securities, Bearer Securities or both and any restrictions on the exchange of one form of Securities for another and on the offer, sale and delivery of the Securities in either form;

(5) the date or dates (or manner of determining the same) on which the principal of the Securities of that series is payable (which, if so provided in such Board Resolutions, may be determined by the Company from time to time and set forth in the Securities of the series issued from time to time);

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(6) the rate or rates (or the manner of calculation thereof) at which the Securities of that series shall bear interest (if any), the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which such interest shall be payable (or manner of determining the same) and the Regular Record Date for the interest payable on any Registered Securities on any Interest Payment Date and the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on a temporary Global Security on an Interest Payment Date will be paid if other than in the manner provided in Section 307;

(7) the place or places where, subject to the provisions of Section 1002, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Securities of that series shall be payable, any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, any Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange, and notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served;

(8) the period or periods within which (or manner of determining the same), the price or prices at which (or manner of determining the same), the currency or currency unit in which, and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of that series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, and any remarketing arrangements with respect to the Securities of that series;

(9) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, repay or purchase Securities of that series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions, upon a change of control or at the option of a Holder thereof, and the period or periods within which (or manner of determining the same), the price or prices at which (or manner of determining the same), the currency or currency unit in which, and the terms and conditions upon which, Securities of that series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(10) if the currency in which the Securities of that series shall be issuable is Dollars, the denominations in which any Registered Securities of that series shall be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and the denominations in which any Bearer Securities of that series shall be issuable, if other than the denomination of \$5,000;

(11) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of that series which shall be payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 502;

(12) if other than Dollars, the currency or currency unit in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the Securities of that series shall be made or in which the Securities of that series shall be denominated and the particular provisions applicable thereto in accordance with, in addition to or in lieu of the provisions of Section 311;

(13) the inapplicability of any Event of Default or covenant set forth in Article 10 hereof to the Securities of that series, or the applicability of any other Events of Defaults or covenants in addition to the Events of Default or covenants set forth herein to Securities of that series;

(14) if a Person other than Wachovia Bank, National Association is to act as Trustee for the Securities of that series, the name and location of the Corporate Trust Office of such Trustee;

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(15) if other than as set forth in Article Four, provisions for the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Securities of that series;

(16) the date as of which any Bearer Securities of that series and any Global Security representing Outstanding Securities of that series shall be dated if other than the date of original issuance of the first Security of that series to be issued;

(17) the application, if any, of Section 1009 to the Securities of that series;

(18) whether the Securities of the series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of a Global Security or Securities and, in such case, the Depositary and Global Exchange Agent, if any, for such Global Security or Securities, whether such global form shall be permanent or temporary and, if applicable, the Exchange Date;

(19) if Securities of the series are to be issuable initially in the form of a temporary Global Security, the circumstances under which the temporary Global Security can be exchanged for definitive Securities and whether the definitive Securities will be Registered Securities and/or Bearer Securities and will be in global form and whether interest in respect of any portion of such Global Security payable in respect of an Interest Payment Date prior to the Exchange Date shall be paid to any clearing organization with respect to a portion of such Global Security held for its account and, in such event, the terms and conditions (including any certification requirements) upon which any such interest payment received by a clearing organization will be credited to the Persons entitled to interest payable on such Interest Payment Date if other than as provided in this Article Three;

(20) the forms of the Securities of that series; and

(21) any other terms of that series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act).

Unless otherwise provided in the Board Resolutions establishing a particular series of Securities, the Securities shall be subordinated in right of payment to Senior Indebtedness as provided in Article Fourteen.

All Securities of any particular series and the coupons appertaining to any Bearer Securities of such series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, rate of interest, Stated Maturity and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue, and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolutions and set forth in such Officer's Certificate relating thereto or provided in or pursuant to any supplemental indenture hereto. The terms of such Securities, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to time if so provided in or established pursuant to the authority granted in Board Resolutions. All Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened for issuance of additional Securities of such series.

Prior to the delivery of a Security of any series in any such form to the Trustee for the Securities of such series for authentication, the Company shall deliver to such Trustee the following:

(1) The Board Resolution of the Company by or pursuant to which such form of Security have been approved and, if applicable, the supplemental indenture by or pursuant to which such form of Security has been approved;

(2) An Officers' Certificate of the Company dated the date such Certificate is delivered to such Trustee satisfying the requirements of Sections 102 and 103, and stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to the authentication and delivery of Securities in such forms have been complied with; and

(3) An Opinion of Counsel satisfying the requirements of Sections 102 and 103 substantially to the effect that Securities in such forms, together with any coupons appertaining thereto, when (a) completed by appropriate insertions and executed and delivered by the Company to such Trustee for authentication in accordance with this Indenture, (b) authenticated and delivered by such Trustee in accordance with this Indenture, and (c) issued by the Company in the manner and subject to the conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, subject to the effects of applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, insolvency and other similar laws generally affecting creditors' rights, to general equitable principles, to an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and to such other qualifications as such counsel shall conclude do not materially affect the rights of Holders of such Securities.

Section 302. *Denominations and Currencies.*

Unless otherwise provided with respect to any series of Securities as contemplated by Section 301, any Registered Securities of a series other than Registered Securities issued in global form (which may be of any denomination) shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and any Bearer Securities of a series other than Bearer Securities issued in global form (which may be of any denomination) shall be issuable in the denomination of \$5,000, or the equivalent amounts thereof in the case of Registered Securities and Bearer Securities denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit.

Section 303. *Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.*

The Securities and any related coupons shall be executed on behalf of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, a Vice Chairman of the Board, or its President, Chief Executive Officer or one of its Vice Presidents. The Securities shall be so executed under the corporate seal of the Company reproduced thereon and attested to by its Secretary or any one of its Assistant Secretaries. The signature of any of these officers on the Securities may be manual or facsimile.

Securities and coupons bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of individuals who were at any time the proper officers of the Company shall bind the Company, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Securities or did not hold such offices at the date of such Securities.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any series together with any coupons appertaining thereto, executed by the Company to the Trustee for the Securities of such series for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities, and such Trustee, in accordance with the Company Order, shall authenticate and deliver such Securities; *provided, however*, that, during the "restricted period" (as defined in Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7) of the United States Treasury Regulations), no Bearer Security shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States; and *provided, further*, that a Bearer Security may be delivered outside the United States in connection with its original issuance only if the Person entitled to receive such Bearer Security shall have furnished to the Trustee for the Securities of such series a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture. If any Security shall be represented by a permanent Global Security, then, for

purposes of this Section and Section 304, the notation of a beneficial owner's interest therein upon original issuance of such Security or upon exchange of a portion of a temporary Global Security shall be deemed to be delivery in connection with the original issuance of such beneficial owner's interest in such permanent Global Security. Except as permitted by Section 306 or 307, the Trustee for the Securities of a series shall not authenticate and deliver any Bearer Security unless all appurtenant coupons for interest then matured other than matured coupons in default have been detached and cancelled. If all the Securities of any one series are not to be issued at one time and if a Board Resolution relating to such Securities shall so permit, such Company Order may set forth procedures acceptable to the Trustee for the issuance of such Securities, including, without limitation, procedures with respect to interest rate, Stated Maturity, date of issuance and date from which interest, if any, shall accrue.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision herein, if all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate and Opinion of Counsel otherwise required pursuant to Sections 102 and 301 at or prior to the time of authentication of each Security of such series if such documents are delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication, and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, each Bearer Security shall be dated as of the date of original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued.

No Security or coupon appertaining thereto shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein manually executed by the Trustee for such Security or on its behalf pursuant to Section 614, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent for such series then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such Trustee, or any successor Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee or successor Authenticating Agent had itself authenticated such Securities.

Each Depository designated pursuant to Section 301 for a Global Security in registered form must, at the time of its designation and at all times while it serves as Depository, be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and any other applicable statute or regulation.

The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver any Securities under this Section if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not lawfully be taken or if the Trustee in good faith shall determine that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to existing Holders.

Section 304. *Temporary Securities and Exchange of Securities.*

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any particular series, the Company may execute, and upon Company Order the Trustee for the Securities of such series shall authenticate and deliver, in the manner specified in Section 303, temporary Securities which are printed, lithographed, typewritten, photocopied or otherwise produced, in any denomination, with like terms and conditions as the definitive Securities of like series in lieu of which they are issued in registered form or, if authorized, in bearer form with one or more coupons or without coupons, and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such Securities may determine, as

evidenced by their execution of such Securities. Any such temporary Securities may be in global form, representing such of the Outstanding Securities of such series as shall be specified therein.

Except in the case of temporary Securities in global form (which shall be exchanged only in accordance with the provisions of the following paragraphs or as otherwise provided in or pursuant to a Board Resolution or a Supplemental Indenture), if temporary Securities of any particular series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Securities of that series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of such definitive Securities, the temporary Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for such definitive Securities of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and provisions upon surrender of the temporary Securities of such series, together with all unmatured coupons and matured coupons in default, if any, at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for that series, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities of any particular series, the Company shall execute and (in accordance with a Company Order delivered at or prior to the authentication of the first definitive Security of such series) the Trustee for the Securities of such series or the Global Exchange Agent shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Securities of authorized denominations of the same series and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and provisions; *provided, however*, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301, no definitive Bearer Security shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Registered Security; and *provided, further*, that a definitive Bearer Security shall be delivered in exchange for a temporary Bearer Security only in compliance with the conditions set forth in Section 303. Until exchanged as hereinabove provided, the temporary Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of the same series and with like terms and conditions, except as to payment of interest, if any, authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Any temporary Global Security and any permanent Global Security shall, unless otherwise provided therein, be delivered to a Depositary designated pursuant to Section 301.

Without unnecessary delay but in any event not later than the date specified in or determined pursuant to the terms of any such temporary Global Security (the "Exchange Date"), the Securities represented by any temporary Global Security of a series of Securities issuable in bearer form may be exchanged for definitive Securities (subject to the second succeeding paragraph) or Securities to be represented thereafter by one or more permanent Global

Securities, without interest coupons. On or after the Exchange Date such temporary Global Security shall be surrendered by the Depositary to the Trustee for such Security, as the Company's agent for such purpose, or the agent appointed by the Company pursuant to Section 301 to effect the exchange of the temporary Global Security for definitive Securities (the "Global Exchange Agent"), and following such surrender, such Trustee or the Global Exchange Agent (as authorized by the Trustee as an Authenticating Agent pursuant to Section 614) shall (1) endorse the temporary Global Security to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by an equal aggregate principal amount of such Security, (2) endorse the applicable permanent Global Security, if any, to reflect the initial amount, or an increase in the amount of Securities represented thereby, (3) manually authenticate such definitive Securities or such permanent Global Security, as the case may be, (4) subject to Section 303, deliver such definitive Securities to the Holder thereof or, as the case may be, deliver such permanent Global Security to the Depositary to be held outside the United States for the accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream Banking, for credit to the respective accounts at Euroclear and Clearstream Banking, designated by or on behalf of the beneficial owners of such Securities (or to such other accounts as they may direct) and (5) redeliver such temporary Global Security to the Depositary, unless such temporary Global Security shall have been cancelled in accordance with Section 309 hereof; *provided, however*, that, unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Security, upon such presentation by the Depositary, such temporary Global Security shall be accompanied by a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by Euroclear as to the portion of such temporary Global Security held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Securities or one or more permanent Global Securities, as the case may be, and a certificate dated the Exchange Date or a subsequent date and signed by Clearstream Banking, as to the portion of such temporary Global Security held for its account then to be exchanged for definitive Securities or one or more permanent Global Securities, as the case may be, each substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit B to this Indenture. Each certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, shall be based on certificates of the account holders listed in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, as being entitled to all or any portion of the applicable temporary Global Security. An account holder of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, desiring to effect the exchange of interest in a temporary Global Security for an interest in definitive Securities or one or more permanent Global Securities shall instruct Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, to request such exchange on its behalf and shall deliver to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto and dated no earlier than 15 days prior to the Exchange Date. Until so exchanged, temporary Global Securities shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities and permanent Global Securities of the same series authenticated and delivered hereunder, except as provided in the fourth succeeding paragraph.

The delivery to the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent by Euroclear or Clearstream Banking of any certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto may be relied upon by the Company and such Trustee or the Global Exchange Agent as conclusive evidence that a corresponding certificate or certificates has or have been delivered to Euroclear or to Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

On or prior to the Exchange Date, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent definitive Securities or one or more permanent Global Securities in aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such temporary Global Security, executed by the Company in the case of the Securities. At any time, on or after the Exchange Date, upon 30 days' notice to the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent by Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, acting at the request of or on behalf of the beneficial owner, a Security represented by a temporary Global Security or a permanent Global Security, as the case may be, may be exchanged, in whole or from time to time in part, for definitive Securities without charge and such Trustee or the Global Exchange Agent shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for each portion of such temporary Global Security or such permanent Global Security, an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and with like terms and provisions as the portion of such temporary Global Security or such permanent Global Security to be exchanged, which, unless the Securities of the series are not issuable both as Bearer Securities and as Registered Securities, as contemplated by Section 301, shall be in the form of Bearer Securities or Registered Securities, or any combination thereof, as shall be specified by the beneficial owner thereof; *provided, however*, that definitive Bearer Securities shall be delivered in exchange for a portion of the temporary Global Security or the permanent Global Security only in compliance with the requirements of the second preceding paragraph. On or prior to the thirtieth day following receipt by the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent of such notice with respect to a Security, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day, the temporary Global Security or the permanent Global Security, as the case may be, shall be surrendered by the Depositary to such Trustee, as the Company's agent for such purpose, or the Global Exchange Agent to be exchanged in whole, or from time to time in part, for definitive Securities without charge following such surrender, upon the request of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, and such Trustee or the Global Exchange Agent shall (1) endorse the applicable temporary Global Security or the permanent Global Security to reflect the reduction of its principal amount by the aggregate principal amount of such Security, (2) in accordance with procedures acceptable to the Trustee cause the terms of such Security and coupons, if any, to be entered on a definitive Security, (3) manually authenticate such definitive

Security and (4) if a Bearer Security is to be delivered, deliver such definitive Security outside the United States to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, for or on behalf of the beneficial owner thereof, in exchange for a portion of such permanent Global Security.

Unless otherwise specified in such temporary Global Security or permanent Global Security, any such exchange shall be made free of charge to the beneficial owners of such temporary Global Security or permanent Global Security, except that a Person receiving definitive Securities must bear the cost of any taxes, insurance, postage, transportation and the like in the event that such Person does not take delivery of such definitive Securities in person at the offices of Euroclear or Clearstream Banking. Definitive Securities in bearer form to be delivered in exchange for any portion of a temporary Global Security or a permanent Global Security shall be delivered only outside the United States.

Until exchanged in full as hereinabove provided, any temporary Global Security or permanent Global Security shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of the same series and with like terms and conditions, except as to payment of interest, if any, authenticated and delivered hereunder. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, interest payable on such temporary Global Security on an Interest Payment Date for Securities of such series shall be payable to Euroclear and Clearstream Banking on such Interest Payment Date upon delivery by Euroclear and Clearstream Banking to the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent in the case of payment of interest on a temporary Global Security with respect to an Interest Payment Date occurring prior to the applicable Exchange Date of a certificate or certificates substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit C to this Indenture, for credit without further interest on or after such Interest Payment Date to the respective accounts of the Persons who are the beneficial owners of such Global Security on such Interest Payment Date and who have, in the case of payment of interest on a temporary Global Security with respect to an Interest Payment Date occurring prior to the applicable Exchange Date, each delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be, a certificate substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit D to this Indenture.

Any definitive Bearer Security authenticated and delivered by the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series or the Global Exchange Agent in exchange for a portion of a temporary Global Security or a permanent Global Security shall not bear a coupon for any interest which shall theretofore have been duly paid by such Trustee to Euroclear or Clearstream Banking or by the Company to such Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Section 304.

With respect to Exhibits A, B, C and D to this Indenture, the Company may, in its discretion and if required or desirable under applicable law, substitute one or more other forms of such exhibits for such exhibits, eliminate the requirement that any or all certificates be provided, or change the time that any certificate may be required, *provided* that such substitute form or forms or notice of elimination or change of such certification requirement have theretofore been delivered to the Trustee with a Company Request and such form or forms, elimination or change is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

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Section 305. *Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange.*

The Company shall cause to be kept at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee for the Securities of each series a register (the register maintained in such office being herein sometimes referred to as the "Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration of Registered Securities and of transfers of Registered Securities. The Trustee for the Securities of each series is hereby initially appointed "Security Registrar" for the purpose of registering Registered Securities and transfers of Registered Securities of such series as herein provided.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Registered Security of any particular series at the office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for that series, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee for the Securities of each series shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Registered Securities of any authorized denominations, and of a like Stated Maturity and of a like series and aggregate principal amount and with like terms and conditions.

Except as set forth below, at the option of the Holder, Registered Securities of any particular series may be exchanged for other Registered Securities of any authorized denominations, and of a like Stated Maturity and of a like series and aggregate principal amount and with like terms and conditions upon surrender of the Registered Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee for such Securities shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive. Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301, Registered Securities may not be exchanged for Bearer Securities.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section or Section 304, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Registered Securities in definitive form, a Global Security representing all or a portion of the Registered Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such series to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by such Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository for such series or a nominee of such successor Depository.

If (but not only if) permitted by the applicable Board Resolution and (subject to Section 308) set forth in the applicable Officer's Certificate, at the option of the Holder, Bearer Securities of any series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of a like aggregate principal amount and with like terms and provisions upon surrender of the Bearer Securities to be exchanged at any office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for that series, with all unmatured coupons and all matured coupons in default thereto appertaining. If the Holder of a Bearer Security is unable to produce any such unmatured coupon or coupons or matured coupon or coupons in default, such exchange may be effected if the Bearer Securities are accompanied by payment in funds acceptable to the Company (or to the Trustee for the Security in case of matured coupons in default) in an amount equal to the face amount of such missing coupon or coupons, or the surrender of such missing coupon or coupons may be waived by the Company and such Trustee if there is furnished to them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Security shall surrender to any Paying Agent any such missing coupon in respect of which such a payment shall have been made, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such payment; *provided, however*, that, except as otherwise provided in Section 1002, interest represented by coupons shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of those coupons at an office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment for that series located outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case a Bearer Security of any series is surrendered at any such

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office or agency in exchange for a Registered Security of the same series and with like terms and conditions after the close of business at such office or agency on or after (i) any Regular Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the relevant Interest Payment Date, or (ii) any Special Record Date and before the opening of business at such office or agency on the related proposed date for payment of Defaulted Interest, such Bearer Security shall be surrendered without the coupon relating to such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be (or, if such coupon is so surrendered with such Bearer Security, such coupon shall be returned to the person so surrendering the Bearer Security), and interest or Defaulted Interest, as the case may be, will not be payable on such Interest Payment Date or proposed date for payment, as the case may be, in respect of the Registered Security issued in exchange for such Bearer Security, but will be payable only to the Holder of such coupon when due in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee for such Securities shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

If at any time the Depository for Securities of a series in registered form notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for the Securities of such series or if at any time the Depository for the Securities of such series shall no longer be eligible under Section 303, the Company shall appoint a successor Depository with respect to the Securities for such series. If (i) a successor Depository for the Securities of such series is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, (ii) the Company delivers to the Trustee for Securities of such series in registered form a Company Order stating that the Securities of such series shall be exchangeable, or (iii) an Event of Default under Section 501 hereof has occurred and is continuing with respect to the

Securities of such series, the Company's election pursuant to Section 301 shall no longer be effective with respect to the Securities for such series and the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver Securities of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security or Securities representing such series in exchange for such Global Security or Securities.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Registered Securities of any series issued in the form of one or more Global Securities shall no longer be represented by such Global Security or Securities. In such event the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Registered Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security or Securities representing such series in exchange for such Global Security or Securities.

If specified in a Board Resolution adopted by the Company pursuant to Section 301 with respect to a series of Securities in registered form, the Depository for such series of Securities may surrender a Global Security for such series of Securities in exchange in whole or in part for Securities of such series of like tenor and terms and in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such Depository. Thereupon the Company shall execute, and, upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without service charge, (i) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Security or Securities of the same series, of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Security; and (ii) to such Depository a new Global Security of like tenor and terms and in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Security and the aggregate principal amount of Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

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Upon the exchange of a Global Security for Securities in definitive form representing the aggregate principal amount of such Global Security, such Global Security shall be cancelled by the Trustee. Registered Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Global Security, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Trustee shall deliver such Registered Securities to the persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall (if so required by the Company or the Trustee for such Security) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar for such series duly executed, by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 304, 906 or 1107 not involving any transfer.

The Company shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that series selected for redemption under Section 1104 and ending at the close of business on (A) if Securities of the series are issuable only as Registered Securities, the day of the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption and (B) if Securities of the series are issuable as Bearer Securities, the day of the first publication of the relevant notice of redemption or, if Securities of the series are also issuable as Registered Securities and there is no publication, the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Registered Security so selected for redemption as a whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part, or (iii) to exchange any Bearer Security so selected for redemption except that such a Bearer Security may be exchanged for a Registered Security of that series and like tenor; *provided, however*, that such Registered Security shall be simultaneously surrendered for redemption.

Furthermore, notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 305, the Company will not be required to exchange any Securities if, as a result of the exchange, the Company would suffer adverse consequences under any United States law or regulation.

Section 306. *Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities and Coupons.*

If (i) any mutilated Security or a Security with a mutilated coupon appertaining thereto is surrendered to the Trustee for such Security or the Company and the Trustee for a Security receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security or coupon and (ii) there is delivered to the Company and such Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or such Trustee that such Security or coupon has been acquired by a bona fide or protected purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request such Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security or in exchange for such mutilated Security, or in exchange for the Security to which a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen coupon appertains (with all appurtenant coupons not mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen) a new Security of the same series and in a like principal amount

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and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions, and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding with coupons corresponding to the coupons, if any, appertaining to such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or to the Security to which such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen coupon appertains.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security or coupon has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security or coupon (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated Security or coupon) if the applicant for such payment shall furnish to the Company and the Trustee for such Security such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, and in case of destruction, loss or theft, evidence satisfactory to the Company and such Trustee and any agent of any of them of the destruction, loss or theft of such Security and the ownership thereof; *provided, however*, that the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Bearer Securities shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 1002, be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, any interest on Bearer Securities shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the coupons appertaining thereto.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including all fees and expenses of the Trustee for such Security) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series, with its coupons, if any, issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security or in exchange for any mutilated Security, or in exchange for a Security to which a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen coupon appertains shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security and its coupons, if any, or the destroyed, lost or stolen coupon shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and each such new Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and each such new Security shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of the same series and their coupons, if any, duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities or coupons.

Section 307. *Payment of Interest; Interest Rights Preserved.*

Interest on any Registered Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall, if so provided in such Security, be paid to the Person in whose name that Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest payment.

Unless otherwise provided with respect to the Securities of any series, payment of interest may be made at the Corporate Trust Office or, at the option of the Company (i) in the case of Registered Securities, may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register, or (ii) in the case of Bearer Securities, upon presentation and surrender of the appropriate coupon appertaining thereto or by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank located outside the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Holder of \$1,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Securities of any series in definitive form (other than Bearer Securities), whether having identical or different terms and provisions, having the same Interest Payment Dates will, at the option of the Company, be entitled to receive interest payments, other than at

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Maturity, by wire transfer of immediately available funds if appropriate wire transfer instructions have been received in writing by the Trustee for the Securities of such series at least 15 days prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date. Any wire instructions received by the Trustee for the Securities of such series shall remain in effect until revoked by the Holder.

Unless otherwise provided or contemplated by Section 301, every permanent Global Security will provide that interest, if any, payable on any Interest Payment Date will be paid to each of Euroclear and Clearstream Banking with respect to that portion of such permanent Global Security held for its account by the Depository. Each of Euroclear and Clearstream Banking will in such circumstances credit the interest received by it in respect of such permanent Global Security to the accounts of the beneficial owners thereof.

Any interest on any Registered Security of any particular series which is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "Defaulted Interest") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holder on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder; and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (1) or (2) below:

(1) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names the Registered Securities of that series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee for the Registered Securities of such series in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Registered Security of that series and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with such Trustee an amount of money in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)), equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to such Trustee for such deposit on or prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon such Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall not be more than 15 days and not less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 days after the receipt by such Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. Such Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to each Holder of Registered Securities of that series at his address as it appears in the Security Register not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names the Registered Securities of that series (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursuant to the following clause (2).

(2) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Registered Securities of any particular series in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which the Registered Securities may be listed, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange, if, after notice is given by the Company to the Trustee for the Securities of such series of the proposed manner of payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by such Trustee.

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Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section and Section 305, each Security delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Security shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

Section 308. *Persons Deemed Owners.*

Prior to due presentment of a Registered Security for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee for such Security and any agent of the Company or such Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any such Security is registered as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 307) interest, if any, on such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and none of the Company, such Trustee or any agent of the Company or such Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

Title to any Bearer Security and any coupons appertaining thereto shall pass by delivery. The Company, the Trustee for such Security and any agent of the Company or such Trustee may treat the bearer of any Bearer Security and the bearer of any coupon as the absolute owner of such Bearer Security or coupon for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security or coupon be overdue, and none of the Company, such Trustee or any agent of the Company or such Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

None of the Company, the Trustee, any Conversion Agent, any Paying Agent or the Security Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Section 309. *Cancellation.*

All Securities and coupons surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer or exchange, or delivered in satisfaction of any sinking fund payment, shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee for such Securities, be delivered to such Trustee and, in the case of Registered Securities and matured coupons, shall be promptly cancelled by it. All Bearer Securities and unmatured coupons so delivered to the Trustee for such Securities shall be cancelled by such Trustee. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for Securities of a series for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by such Trustee. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture to the

contrary, in the case of a series, all the Securities of which are not to be originally issued at one time, a Security of such series shall not be deemed to have been Outstanding at any time hereunder if and to the extent that, subsequent to the authentication and delivery thereof, such Security is delivered to the Trustee for such Security for cancellation by the Company or any agent thereof upon the failure of the original purchaser thereof to make payment therefor against delivery thereof, and any Security so delivered to such Trustee shall be promptly cancelled by it. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Securities and coupons held by the Trustee for such Securities shall be disposed of by such Trustee in accordance with its standard procedures and a certificate of disposition evidencing such disposition of Securities and coupons shall be provided to the Company by such Trustee. In the case of any temporary Global Security, which shall be disposed of if the entire aggregate principal amount of the Securities represented thereby has been exchanged, the certificate of disposition shall state that all certificates required pursuant to Section 304 hereof, substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto (or in the form of any substitute exhibit as provided in the last paragraph of Section 304), to be given by Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, have been duly presented to the Trustee for such Securities by Euroclear or Clearstream Banking, as the case may be.

Permanent Global Securities shall not be disposed of until exchanged in full for definitive Securities or until payment thereon is made in full.

Section 310. *Computation of Interest.*

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 for Securities of any particular series, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 311. *Currency and Manner of Payments in Respect of Securities.*

Unless otherwise specified in accordance with Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d) below, the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on Securities of any series denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit will be payable by the Company in Dollars based on the equivalent of that Foreign Currency or currency unit converted into Dollars in the manner described in paragraph (c) below.

(b) It may be provided pursuant to Section 301 with respect to Registered Securities of any series denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit that Holders shall have the option, subject to paragraph (d) below, to receive payments of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Registered Securities in such Foreign Currency or currency unit by delivering to the Trustee (or to any duly appointed Paying Agent) for the Registered Securities of that series a written election, to be in form and substance satisfactory to such Trustee (or to any such Paying Agent), not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the applicable payment date. If a Holder so elects to receive such payments in such Foreign Currency or currency unit, such election will remain in effect for such Holder until changed by such Holder by written notice to the Trustee (or to any such Paying Agent) for the Registered Securities of that series; *provided, however*, that any such change must be made not later than the close of business on the Election Date immediately preceding the next payment date to be effective for the payment to be made on such payment date; and *provided, further*, that no such change or election may be made with respect to payments to be made on any Registered Security of such series with respect to which an Event of Default has occurred, the Company has exercised any defeasance, satisfaction or discharge options pursuant to Article Four or notice of redemption has been given by the Company pursuant to Article Eleven. If any Holder makes any such election, such election will not be effective as to any transferee of such Holder and such transferee shall be paid in Dollars unless such transferee makes an election as specified above; *provided, however*, that such election, if in effect while funds are on deposit with respect to the Registered Securities of such series as described in Section 404 or Section 405, will be effective as to any transferee of such Holder unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for such Registered Securities. Any Holder of any such Registered Security who shall not have delivered any such election to the Trustee (or to any duly appointed Paying Agent) for the Registered Securities of such series not later than the close of business on the applicable Election Date will be paid the amount due on the applicable payment date in Dollars.

(c) With respect to any Registered Securities of any series denominated in a Foreign Currency or currency unit and payable in Dollars, the amount of Dollars so payable will be determined by the Currency Determination Agent based on the highest indicative quotation in The City of New York selected by the Currency Determination Agent at approximately 11:00 A.M., New York City time, on the second Business Day preceding the applicable payment date. Such selection shall be made from among the quotations appearing on the bank composite or multi-contributor pages of the Reuters Monitor Foreign Exchange Service or, if not available, the Telerate Monitor Foreign Exchange Service, for three

(or two if three are not available) major banks in New York City. The first three (or two) such banks selected by the Currency Determination Agent which are offering quotes on the Reuters Foreign Exchange Service shall be used. If such quotations are unavailable from either such foreign exchange service, such selection shall be made from the quotations received by the Currency Determination Agent from no more than three nor less than two recognized foreign exchange dealers in The City of New York selected by the Currency Determination Agent and approved by the Company (one of which may be the Currency Determination Agent) for the purchase by the quoting dealer, for settlement on such payment date, of the aggregate amount of the Foreign Currency or currency unit payable on such payment date in respect of all Registered Securities denominated in such Foreign Currency or currency unit and for which the applicable dealer commits to execute a contract. If fewer than two such bid quotations are available at 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day preceding the applicable payment date, such payment will be based on the Market Exchange Rate as of the second Business Day preceding the applicable payment date. If the Market Exchange Rate for such date is not then available, payments shall be made in the Foreign Currency or currency unit. All currency exchange costs associated with any payment in Dollars on any such Registered Securities will be borne by the Holder thereof by deductions from such payment.

(d) If a Conversion Event occurs with respect to a Foreign Currency or currency unit in which Registered Securities of any series are payable, then with respect to each date for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Registered Securities of that series occurring after the last date on which such Foreign Currency or currency unit was used, the Company may make such payment in Dollars. The Dollar amount to be paid by the Company to the Trustee for the Registered Securities of such series and by such Trustee or any Paying Agent for the Registered Securities of such series to the Holders of such Registered Securities with respect to such payment date shall be determined by the Currency Determination Agent on the basis of the Market Exchange Rate as of the second Business Day preceding the applicable payment date or, if such Market Exchange Rate is not then available, on the basis of the most recently available Market Exchange Rate, or as otherwise established pursuant to Section 301 with respect to such Notes. Any payment in respect of such Registered Security made under such circumstances in Dollars will not constitute an Event of Default hereunder.

(e) For purposes of this Indenture the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A "Component Currency" shall mean any currency which is a component currency of any currency unit.

"Election Date" shall mean, for the Registered Securities of any series, the date specified pursuant to Section 301(14).

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 311, the following shall apply: (i) if the official unit of any Component Currency is altered by way of combination or subdivision, the number of units of that currency as a component shall be divided or multiplied in the same proportion, (ii) if two or more Component

Currencies are consolidated into a single currency, the amounts of those currencies as components shall be replaced by an amount in such single currency equal to the sum of the amounts of the consolidated Component Currencies expressed in such a single currency, (iii) if any Component Currency is divided into two or more currencies, the amount of that original Component Currency as a component shall be replaced by the amounts of such two or more currencies having an aggregate value on the date of division equal to the amount of the former Component Currency immediately before such division and (iv) in the event of an official redenomination of any currency (including, without limitation, a currency unit), the obligations of the Company to make payments in or with reference to such currency on the Registered Securities of any series shall, in all cases, be deemed immediately following such

redenomination to be obligations to make payments in or with reference to that amount of redenominated currency representing the amount of such currency immediately before such redenomination.

(g) All determinations referred to in this Section 311 made by the Currency Determination Agent shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Holders of the applicable Securities. The Currency Determination Agent shall promptly give written notice to the Trustee of any such decision or determination. The Currency Determination Agent shall have no liability for any determinations referred to in this Section 311 made by it.

(h) The Trustee for the Securities of a particular series shall be fully justified and protected in relying and acting upon information received by it from the Company and the Currency Determination Agent with respect to any of the matters addressed in or contemplated by this Section 311 and shall not otherwise have any duty or obligation to determine such information independently.

Section 312. Appointment and Resignation of Currency Determination Agent.

(a) If and so long as the Securities of any series (i) are denominated in a currency unit or a currency other than Dollars or (ii) may be payable in a currency unit or a currency other than Dollars, or so long as it is required under any other provision of this Indenture, then the Company shall maintain with respect to each such series of Securities, or as so required, a Currency Determination Agent. The Company shall cause the Currency Determination Agent to make the necessary foreign exchange determinations at the time and in the manner specified pursuant to Section 301 for the purpose of determining the applicable rate of exchange and for the purpose of converting the issued currency or currency unit into the applicable payment currency or currency unit for the payment of principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, pursuant to Section 311.

(b) No resignation of the Currency Determination Agent and no appointment of a successor Currency Determination Agent pursuant to this Section shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Currency Determination Agent as evidenced by a written instrument delivered to the Company and the Trustee of the appropriate series of Securities accepting such appointment executed by the successor Currency Determination Agent.

If the Currency Determination Agent shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Currency Determination Agent for any cause, with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Currency Determination Agent or Currency Determination Agents with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Currency Determination Agent may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall only be one Currency Determination Agent with respect to the Securities of any particular series).

Section 313. Conversion Agent.

The Company shall maintain an office or agency where Securities may be presented for conversion by the Conversion Agent. The Company may change the Conversion Agent without notice to any Holder. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Conversion Agent not a party to this Indenture. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Conversion Agent.

ARTICLE 4

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 401. Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all Securities of any particular series issued hereunder when either (i) all Securities of that series theretofore authenticated and delivered and all coupons, if any, appertaining thereto (except (A) coupons appertaining to Bearer Securities surrendered for exchange for Registered Securities and maturing after such exchange, whose surrender is not required or has been waived as provided in Section 305, (B) lost, stolen or destroyed Securities or coupons of such series which have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 306, (C) coupons appertaining to Securities called for redemption and maturing after the relevant Redemption Date, whose surrender is not required as provided in Section 1106 and (D) Securities and coupons of such series for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust, as provided in the last paragraph of Section 1003) have been delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of that series for cancellation or (ii) (A) all Securities of that series and any coupons appertaining thereto not theretofore delivered to Trustee for cancellation are due and payable by their terms within one year or have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption and the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with such Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount of cash in any combination of currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d), in which case the deposit to be made with respect to Securities for which an election has occurred pursuant to Section 311(b) or a Conversion Event has occurred as provided in Section 311(d), shall be made in the currency or currency unit in which such Securities are payable as a result of such election or Conversion Event) sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Securities and coupons not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of that series for cancellation for principal (and premium, if any) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be; (B) no Event of Default or event which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit and no Event of Default under Section 501(5) or Section 501(6) shall have occurred and be continuing on the 123rd day after such date; (C) the Company has paid, or caused to be paid, all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and (D) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee for the Securities of that series under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of such Securities and coupons at the Stated Maturity or the Redemption Date, as the case may be. In addition, the Company must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee for the Securities of that series stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

Section 402. Survival of Certain Obligations.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and of the Securities of a particular series referred to in Section 401, the respective obligations of the Company and the Trustee for the Securities of a particular series under Sections 303, 304, 305, 309, 403, 404, 405, 406, and 508, Article Six, and Sections 701, 702, 1002, 1003, 1004 and 1006, shall survive with respect to Securities of that series until the Securities of that series are no longer outstanding, and thereafter the obligations of the

Notwithstanding the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 401 with respect to all the Securities of any series not payable in Dollars, upon the happening of any Conversion Event the Company shall be obligated to make the payments in Dollars required by Section 311(d) to the extent that the Trustee is unable to convert any Foreign Currency or currency unit or currency unit in its possession pursuant to Section 401 into the Dollar equivalent of such Foreign Currency or currency unit, as the case may be. If, after the deposits referred to in Section 401 have been made, (x) the Holder of a Security is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to Section 311(b) to receive payment in a currency or currency unit other than that in which the deposit pursuant to Section 401 was made, or (y) a Conversion Event occurs as contemplated in Section 311(d), then the indebtedness represented by such Security shall be fully discharged to the extent that the deposit made with respect to such Security shall be converted into the currency or currency unit in which such Security is payable. The Trustee shall return to the Company any non-converted funds or securities in its possession after such payments have been made.

Section 403. *Acknowledgment of Discharge by Trustee.*

Subject to Section 406, after (i) the conditions of Section 401 have been satisfied with respect to the Securities of a particular series, (ii) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company and (iii) the Company has delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of that series an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent referred to in clause (i) above relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with, the Trustee for the Securities of that series upon written request shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of all of the Company's obligations under this Indenture except for those surviving obligations specified in this Article Four.

Section 404. *Application of Trust Moneys.*

All money and Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee for the Securities of a particular series pursuant to Section 405 in respect of the Securities of that series shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of the Securities and all related coupons of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company shall pay and indemnify the Trustee for the Securities of a particular series against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 401 with respect to the Securities of that series or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of outstanding Securities of that series.

Section 405. *Repayment to the Company; Unclaimed Money.*

The Trustee and any Paying Agent for a series of Securities shall promptly pay or return to the Company upon Company Order any cash or Government Obligations held by them at any time that are not required for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Securities and all related coupons for Securities of that series for which cash or Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 401.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent for the Securities of any series, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any Security of any particular series and all related coupons appertaining thereto and remaining

unclaimed for two years after such principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, has become due and payable shall, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable escheat, or abandoned or unclaimed property law, be paid to the Company on Company Request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trusts; and the Holder of such Security and all related coupons shall, thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of such Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease; *provided, however*, that such Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment may give written notice to the Holder of such Security in the manner set forth in Section 106, that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of such publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable escheat, or abandoned or unclaimed property law, be repaid to the Company, as the case may be.

Section 406. *Reinstatement.*

If the Trustee or Paying Agent for a series of Securities is unable to apply any cash or Government Obligations, as applicable, in accordance with Section 401 by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's obligations under this Indenture and the Securities of that series shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 401 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent for that series is permitted to apply all such cash or Government Obligations in accordance with Section 401; *provided, however*, that if the Company has made any payment of principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any Securities and any related coupons because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities and such coupons to receive such payment from the cash or Government Obligations, as applicable, held by such Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE 5

REMEDIES

Section 501. *Events of Default.*

"Event of Default" wherever used herein with respect to any particular series of Securities means any one of the following events and such other events as may be established with respect to the Securities of such series as contemplated by Section 301 (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be occasioned by the provisions of Article Fourteen or be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(1) default in the payment of any installment of interest upon any Security of that series and any related coupon when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security of that series at its Maturity or default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment when and as due by the terms of any Security of that series; or

(3) the Company fails to deliver shares of Common Stock, together with cash instead of fractional shares, when those shares of Common Stock or cash instead of fractional shares are required to be delivered following conversion of a Security of that series pursuant to the provisions of Securities of that series;

(4) default in the performance of, or breach of, any covenant or warranty of the Company in respect of any Security of that series contained in this Indenture or in such Securities (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with) and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee for the Securities of such series or to the Company and such Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a “*Notice of Default*” hereunder; or

(5) the Company shall commence any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or the Company shall apply for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property; or the Company shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the Company shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing; or

(6) an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Company with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or similar official of the Company or any substantial part of its property; and such case or other proceeding (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against the Company or (B) shall continue unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or

(7) any other Event of Default provided in the Security or the Board Resolution with respect to Securities of that series.

Section 502. *Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.*

If an Event of Default with respect to any particular series of Securities and any related coupons occurs and is continuing (other than an Event of Default described in Section 501(5) or 501(6) with respect to the Company), then and in every such case either the Trustee for the Securities of such series or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series may declare the entire principal amount (or, in the case of OID Securities, such lesser amount as may be provided for in the terms of that series) of all the Securities of that series, to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to such Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration of acceleration such principal or such lesser amount, as the case may be, together with accrued interest and all other amounts owing hereunder, shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived.

If any Event of Default specified in Section 501(5) or 501(6) occurs with respect to the Company, all of the unpaid principal amount (or, if the Securities of any series then outstanding are OID Securities, such lesser amount as may be provided for in the terms of that series) and accrued interest on all Securities of each series then outstanding shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Trustee for the Securities of any series as hereinafter provided in this Article, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series, by written notice to the Company and such Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(1) the Company has paid or deposited with such Trustee a sum sufficient to pay in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)):

- (A) all overdue interest on all Securities of that series and any related coupons;
- (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Securities of that series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon from the date such principal became due at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by the Securities of such series (or, in the case of OID Securities, the Securities’ Yield to Maturity), to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable;
- (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by the Securities of such series (or, in the case of OID Securities, the Securities’ Yield to Maturity); and
- (D) all sums paid or advanced by such Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel and all other amounts due to such Trustee under Section 607;

and

(2) all Events of Default with respect to the Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Securities of that series which has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 513. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 503. *Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.*

The Company covenants that if:

(1) default is made in the payment of any interest upon any Security of any series and any related coupons when such interest becomes due and payable and such default continues for a period of 30 days; or

(2) default is made in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Security of any series at its Maturity;

the Company will, upon demand of the Trustee for the Securities of such series, pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities and coupons, the whole amount then due and payable on such Securities and coupons for principal (and premium if any) and interest, if any, with interest upon the overdue principal (and premium, if

any) and, to the extent that payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable, upon any overdue installments of interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by such Securities (or, in the case of OID Securities, the Securities' Yield to Maturity); and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel and all other amounts due to such Trustee under Section 607.

If the Company fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, such Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding against the Company for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such proceedings to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of such series and collect the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of such series, wherever situated.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any particular series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee for the Securities of such series may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of that series by such appropriate judicial proceedings as such Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

Section 504. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relating to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of any series or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee for the Securities of such series (irrespective of whether the principal (or, if the Securities of such series are OID Securities, such amount as may be due and payable with respect to such Securities pursuant to a declaration in accordance with Section 502) of any Security of such series shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether such Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise

(i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal (or, if the Securities of such series are OID Securities, such amount as may be due and payable with respect to such Securities pursuant to a declaration in accordance with Section 502) (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, owing and unpaid in respect of the Securities of such series and any related coupons and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of such Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel and all other amounts due to such Trustee under Section 607) and of the Holders of the Securities of such series and any related coupons allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(ii) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator (or other similar official) in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder of Securities and coupons to make such payments to such Trustee, and in the event that such Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders of Securities and coupons, to pay to such Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee under Section 607.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee for the Securities of any series to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder of a Security or coupon any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities of such series or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee for the Securities or coupons of any series to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or other person performing similar functions.

Section 505. Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Securities or Coupons.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities or coupons of any series may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee for the Securities of any series without the possession of any of the Securities or coupons of such series or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by such Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel and all other amounts due to such Trustee under Section 607, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities and coupons of such series in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 506. Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee for the Securities of any series pursuant to this Article with respect to the Securities or coupons of such series shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by such Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, upon presentation of the Securities or coupons of such series, or both, as the case may be, and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due such Trustee under Section 607;

SECOND: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid upon the Securities and coupons of such series for principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities and coupons for principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, respectively; and

THIRD: The balance, if any, to the Company.

Section 507. Limitation on Suits.

No Holder of any Security of any particular series or any related coupons shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

(1) an Event of Default with respect to that series shall have occurred and be continuing and such Holder shall have previously given written notice to the Trustee for the Securities of such series of such default and the continuance thereof;

(2) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series shall have made written request to the Trustee for the Securities of such series to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(3) such Holder or Holders have offered to such Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(4) such Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(5) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to such Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Securities of that series shall have any right in any manner whatsoever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Securities of that series, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all the Holders of Securities of that series.

Section 508. Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal (and Premium, if any) and Interest, if any.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security or coupon shall have the right which is absolute and unconditional to receive payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and (subject to Section 307) interest, if any, on such Security on the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security or coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 509. Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee for the Securities of any series or any Holder of a Security or coupon has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to such Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case the Company, such Trustee and the Holders of Securities or coupons shall, subject to any determination in such proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of such Trustee and such Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

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Section 510. Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities or coupons in the last paragraph of Section 306, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee for the Securities of any series or to the Holders of Securities or coupons is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 511. Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee for the Securities of any series or of any Holder of any Security of such series to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to such Trustee for the Securities or coupons of any series or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by such Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

Section 512. Control by Holders.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any particular series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee for the Securities of such series with respect to the Securities of that series or exercising any trust or power conferred on such Trustee with respect to such Securities, provided that:

- (1) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture and could not involve the Trustee in personal liability; and
- (2) such Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by such Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction.

Section 513. Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any particular series and any related coupons may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of that series waive any past default hereunder with respect to that series and its consequences, except:

- (1) a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security of that series; or
- (2) a default with respect to a covenant or provision hereof which under Article Nine cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of that series affected.

Upon any such waiver, such default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or impair any right consequent thereon.

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Section 514. Undertaking for Costs.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Security or coupon by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for the Securities or coupons of any series for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee for the Securities of any series, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any particular series or to any suit instituted by any Holder of any Security or coupon for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security of such series or the payment of any coupon on or after the respective Stated Maturities expressed in such Security or coupon (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

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

Section 516. *Judgment Currency.*

If, for the purpose of obtaining a judgment in any court with respect to any obligation of the Company hereunder or under any Security or any related coupon, it shall become necessary to convert into any other currency or currency unit any amount in the currency or currency unit due hereunder or under such Security or coupon, then such conversion shall be made by the Currency Determination Agent at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the date of entry of the judgment (the "Judgment Date"). If pursuant to any such judgment, conversion shall be made on a date (the "Substitute Date") other than the Judgment Date and there shall occur a change between the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the Judgment Date and the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the Substitute Date, the Company agrees to pay such additional amounts, if any, as may be necessary to ensure that the amount paid is equal to the amount in such other currency or currency unit which, when converted at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the Judgment Date, is the amount due hereunder or under such Security or coupon. Any amount due from the Company under this Section 516 shall be due as a separate debt and is not to be affected by or merged into any judgment being obtained for any other sums due hereunder or in respect of any Security or coupon. In no event, however, shall the Company be required to pay more in the currency or currency unit due hereunder or under such Security or coupon at the Market Exchange Rate as in effect on the Judgment Date than the amount of currency or currency unit stated to be due hereunder or under such Security or coupon so that in any event the Company's obligations hereunder or under such Security or coupon will be effectively maintained as obligations in such currency or currency unit, and the Company shall be entitled to withhold (or be reimbursed for, as the case may be) any excess of the amount actually realized upon any such conversion on the Substitute Date over the amount due and payable on the Judgment Date.

ARTICLE 6

THE TRUSTEE

Section 601. *Certain Duties and Responsibilities.*

(a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series for which the Trustee is serving as such,

(1) such Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against such Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, such Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to such Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; but in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to such Trustee, such Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(b) In case an Event of Default with respect to a series of Securities has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee for the Securities of such series shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise, as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

(c) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee for Securities of any series from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(1) this Subsection shall not be construed to limit the effect of Subsection (a) of this Section;

(2) such Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

(3) such Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any particular series, determined as provided in Section 512, relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to such Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon such Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of that series; and

(4) no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee for any series of Securities to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee for any series of Securities shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

Section 602. *Notice of Defaults.*

Within 90 days after the occurrence of any default hereunder with respect to Securities of any particular series, the Trustee for the Securities of such series shall give to Holders of Securities of that series, in the manner set forth in Section 106, notice of such default known to such Trustee, unless such default shall have been cured or waived; *provided, however*, that, except in the case of a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security of that series, or in the deposit of any sinking fund payment with respect to Securities of that series, such Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of such Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the Holders of Securities of that series and related coupons. For the purpose of this Section, the term "default" means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to Securities of that series.

Section 603. *Certain Rights of Trustee.*

Except as otherwise provided in Section 601:

(a) the Trustee for any series of Securities may conclusively rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, discretion, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties;

(b) any request or direction of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by a Company Request or Company Order (other than delivery of any Security, together with any coupons appertaining thereto, to the Trustee for authentication and delivery pursuant to Section 303 which shall be sufficiently evidenced as provided therein) and any resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company may be sufficiently evidenced by a Board Resolution;

(c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture such Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, such Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officers' Certificate;

(d) such Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;

(e) such Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of Securities of any series pursuant to this Indenture for which it is acting as Trustee, unless such Holders shall have offered to such Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(f) such Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, discretion,

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consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document, but such Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters at it may see fit, and, if such Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company;

(g) the Trustee may employ or retain such counsel, accountants, appraisers or other experts or advisers as it may reasonably require for the purpose of determining and discharging its rights and duties hereunder and shall not be responsible for any misconduct on the part of any of them;

(h) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be authorized or within the discretion or rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture;

(i) the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities and this Indenture;

(j) the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder; and

(k) the Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officers' Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officers' Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officers' Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.

Section 604. *Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Securities.*

The recitals contained herein and in the Securities, except the Trustee's certificates of authentication thereof and in any coupons shall be taken as the statements of the Company, as the case may be, and neither the Trustee for any series of Securities, nor any Authenticating Agent assumes any responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee for any series of Securities makes no representations as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities of any series or coupons, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Indenture, authenticate the Securities, and perform its obligations hereunder and that the statements made by it in a Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 supplied to the Company are true and correct, subject to the qualifications set forth therein. Neither the Trustee for any series of Securities nor any Authenticating Agent shall be accountable for the use or application by the Company of Securities or the proceeds thereof.

Section 605. *May Hold Securities.*

The Trustee for any series of Securities, any Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or any other agent of the Company, or such Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to Sections 608 and 613, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not such Trustee, Authenticating Agent, Paying Agent, Security Registrar or such other agent.

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Section 606. *Money Held in Trust.*

Money held by the Trustee for any series of Securities in trust hereunder need not be segregated from other funds except as provided in Section 115 and except to the extent required by law. The Trustee for any series of Securities shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed with the Company in writing, as the case may be.

Section 607. *Compensation and Reimbursement.*

The Company agrees:

(1) to pay to the Trustee for each series of Securities as the Company and the Trustee shall agree in writing from time to time such compensation in Dollars for all services rendered by it hereunder as shall be agreed upon in writing from time to time (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);

(2) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee for each series of Securities in Dollars upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by such Trustee in accordance with any provision of this Indenture (including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence or bad faith; and

(3) to indemnify such Trustee, its employees, officers, directors and agents in Dollars for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, damage, claims, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on their part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust, including the costs and expenses of defending themselves against any claim, whether asserted by the Company or any Holder or any other Person, or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of their powers or duties hereunder.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section, the Trustee for any series of Securities shall have a lien prior to the Securities upon all property and funds held or collected by such Trustee as such, except funds held in trust for the payment of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on particular Securities.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services in connection with an Event of Default specified in Section 501(5) or Section 501(6), the expenses (including the reasonable charges and expenses of its counsel) and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any applicable Federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law.

Section 608. *Disqualification; Conflicting Interests.*

The Trustee for the Securities shall be subject to the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act during the period of time required thereby. Nothing herein shall prevent the Trustee from filing with the Commission the application referred to in the penultimate paragraph of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. In determining whether the Trustee has a conflicting interest as defined in Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act with respect to the Securities of any series, there shall be excluded Securities of any particular series of Securities other than that series.

Section 609. *Corporate Trustee Required; Different Trustees for Different Series; Eligibility.*

There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder for each series of securities which shall be

(i) a corporation or banking company organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority, or

(ii) a corporation or other Person organized and doing business under the laws of a foreign government that is permitted to act as Trustee pursuant to a rule, regulation, or other order of the Commission, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, and subject to supervision or examination by authority of such foreign government or a political subdivision thereof substantially equivalent to supervision or examination applicable to United States institutional trustee, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. Neither the Company nor any Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under the common control of the Company shall serve as Trustee for the Securities. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereunder specified in this Article.

Section 610. *Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor.*

(a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee for the Securities of any series and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this Article shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee in accordance with the applicable requirements of Section 611.

(b) The Trustee for the Securities of any series may resign at any time with respect to the Securities of such series by giving written notice thereof to the Company. If the instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee required by Section 611 shall not have been delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of such series within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(c) The Trustee for the Securities of any series may be removed at any time with respect to the Securities of such series by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series, delivered to such Trustee and to the Company.

(d) If at any time:

(1) the Trustee for the Securities of any series shall fail to comply with Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act pursuant to Section 608 hereof after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months, unless the Trustee's duty to resign is stayed in accordance with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the Trust Indenture Act, or

(2) such Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 609 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any such Holder, or

(3) such Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver of such Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of such Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation,

then, in any such case, (i) the Company by a Board Resolution may remove such Trustee and appoint a successor Trustee or (ii) subject to Section 514, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of such Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) If the Trustee for the Securities of any series shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of Trustee for the Securities of any series for any cause, the Company, by a Board Resolution, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series and shall comply with the applicable requirements of Section 611. If, within one year after such resignation, removal or incapability, or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series shall have not been appointed by the Company pursuant to this Section 610, then a successor Trustee may be appointed by Act of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series delivered to the Company and the retiring Trustee. If no successor Trustee for the Securities of such series shall have been so appointed by the Company or the Holders and shall have accepted appointment in the manner required by Section 611, and

if such Trustee to be replaced is still incapable of acting, any Holder who has been a bona fide Holder of a Security of such series for at least six months, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, or the retiring Trustee, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series.

(f) The Company shall give notice of each resignation and each removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 106. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of that series and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

Section 611. Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

(a) Every such successor Trustee appointed hereunder with respect to the Securities of any series shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring

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Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder.

(b) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Company, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Company or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.

(c) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in Subsections (a) or (b) of this Section, as the case may be.

(d) No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee for the Securities of any series shall be qualified and eligible under this Article.

Section 612. Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business.

Any corporation into which the Trustee for the Securities of any series may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which such Trustee shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of such Trustee, shall be the successor of such Trustee hereunder, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any Securities shall have been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent for such series then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee or Authenticating Agent, as the case may be, may adopt such authentication and deliver the Securities so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee or successor Authenticating Agent had itself authenticated such Securities.

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Section 613. Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to Section 311(a) of the Trust Indenture Act, excluding any creditor relationship listed in Section 311(b) of the Trust Indenture Act. A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to Section 311(a) of the Trust Indenture Act to the extent indicated.

Section 614. Authenticating Agents.

At any time when any of the Securities of any series remain Outstanding, the Trustee for the Securities of such series may, subject to its sole discretion, appoint one or more Authenticating Agents with respect to the Securities of such series, which may include the Company or any Affiliate of the Company, with power to act on the Trustee's behalf and subject to its discretion in the authentication and delivery of Securities of such series in connection with transfers and exchanges under Sections 304, 305 and 1107 as fully to all intents and purposes as though such Authenticating Agent had been expressly authorized by those Sections of this Indenture to authenticate and deliver Securities of such series. For all purposes of this Indenture, the authentication and delivery of Securities of such series by an Authenticating Agent for such Securities pursuant to this Section shall be deemed to be authentication and delivery of such Securities "by the Trustee" for the Securities of such series. Any such Authenticating Agent shall at all times be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any State, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 and subject to supervision or examination by Federal or State authority. If such Authenticating Agent publishes reports of condition at least annually pursuant to law or the requirements of such supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Section the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent for any series of Securities shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section, such Authenticating Agent shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Section.

Any corporation into which any Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, consolidation or conversion to which any Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any corporation succeeding to the corporate trust business of any Authenticating Agent, shall be the successor of such Authenticating Agent hereunder, if such successor corporation is otherwise eligible under this Section, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto or the Authenticating Agent or such successor corporation.

Any Authenticating Agent for any series of Securities may resign at any time by giving written notice of resignation to the Trustee for such series and to the Company. The Trustee for any series of Securities may at any time terminate the agency of any Authenticating Agent by giving written notice of termination to such

Authenticating Agent and to the Company in the manner set forth in Section 105. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time any Authenticating Agent for any series of Securities shall cease to be eligible under this Section, the Trustee for such series may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent, shall give written notice of such appointment to the Company and shall give written notice of such appointment to all Holders of Securities of such series in the manner set forth in Section 106. Any successor Authenticating Agent, upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder, shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provisions of this Section.

If an appointment with respect to one or more series of Securities is made pursuant to this Section, the Securities of such series may have endorsed thereon, in addition to the Trustee's certification of authentication, an alternate certificate of authentication in the following form:

"This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By _____
As Authenticating Agent

By _____
Authorized Signatory"

ARTICLE 7

HOLDERS' LISTS AND REPORTS BY TRUSTEE AND THE COMPANY

Section 701. *Company to Furnish Trustee Names and Addresses of Holders.*

With respect to each particular series of Securities, the Company will furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee for the Securities of such series,

(a) semi-annually, not more than 15 days after each Regular Record Date relating to Securities of each series at the time Outstanding (or, if there is no Regular Record Date relating to that series, on June 30 and December 31), a list, in such form as such Trustee may reasonably require, containing all the information in the possession or control of the Company or any of its Paying Agents other than such Trustee as to the names and addresses of the Holders of that series as of such dates,

(b) on semi-annual dates on each year to be determined pursuant to Section 301 if the Securities of such series do not bear interest, a list of similar form and content, and

(c) at such other times as such Trustee may request in writing, within 30 days after the receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 days prior to the time such list is furnished,

excluding from any such list names and addresses received by such Trustee in its capacity as Security Registrar for the Securities of such series, if so acting.

Section 702. *Preservation of Information; Communications to Holders.*

(a) The Trustee for each series of Securities shall preserve, in as current a form as is reasonably practicable, the names and addresses of Holders of the Securities of such series contained in the most recent lists furnished to such Trustee as provided in Section 701 and the names and addresses of Holders of the Securities of such series received by such Trustee in its capacity as Security Registrar for such series, if so acting. The Trustee for each series of Securities may destroy any list relating to such series of Securities furnished to it as provided in Section 701 upon receipt of a new list relating to such series so furnished.

(b) If three or more Holders of Securities of any particular series (hereinafter referred to as "applicants") apply in writing to the Trustee for the Securities of any such series, and furnish to such Trustee reasonable proof that each such applicant has owned a Security of that series for a period of at

least six months preceding the date of such application, and such application states that the applicants desire to communicate with other Holders of Securities of that series with respect to their rights under this Indenture or under the Securities of that series and is accompanied by a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which such applicants propose to transmit, then such Trustee shall, within five Business Days after the receipt of such application, at its election, either

(i) afford such applicants access to the information preserved at the time by such Trustee in accordance with Section 702(a), or

(ii) inform such applicants as to the approximate number of Holders of Securities of that series whose names and addresses appear in the information preserved at the time by such Trustee in accordance with Section 702(a), and as to the approximate cost of mailing to such Holders the form of proxy or other communication, if any, specified in such application.

If any such Trustee shall elect not to afford such applicants access to that information, such Trustee shall, upon the written request of such applicants, mail to each Holder of Securities of that series whose name and address appears in the information preserved at the time by such Trustee in accordance with Section 702(a), a copy of the form of proxy or other communication which is specified in such request, with reasonable promptness after a tender to such Trustee of the material to be mailed and of payment, or provision for the payment, of the reasonable expenses of mailing, unless within five days after such tender, such Trustee shall mail to such applicants and file with the Commission, together with a copy of the material to be mailed, a written statement to the effect that, in the opinion of such Trustee, such mailing would be contrary to the best interests of the Holders of Securities of that series or would be in violation of applicable law. Such written statement shall specify the basis of such opinion. If the Commission, after opportunity for a hearing upon the objections specified in the written statement so filed, shall enter an order refusing to sustain any of such objections or if, after the entry of an order sustaining one or more of such objections, the Commission shall find, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that all the objections so sustained have been met and shall enter an order so declaring, such Trustee shall mail copies of such material to all such Holders with reasonable promptness after the entry of such order and the renewal of such tender; otherwise such Trustee shall be relieved of any obligation or duty to such applicants respecting their application.

(c) Every Holder of Securities of each series or coupons, by receiving and holding the same, agrees with the Company and the Trustee for the Securities of such series that neither the Company nor such Trustee, nor any agent of either of them shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Securities of such series in accordance with Section 702(b), regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under Section 702(b).

Section 703. *Reports by Trustee.*

(a) Within 60 days after March 15 of each year, the Trustee for the Securities of each series shall mail to each Holder of the Securities of such series entitled to receive reports pursuant to Section 704(3), a brief report dated as of such date that complies with Section 313(a) of the Trust Indenture Act. The Trustee for the Securities of each series shall also comply with Sections 313(b), 313(c) and 313(d) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(b) At the time that the Trustee for the Securities of each series mails such a report to the Holders of Securities of such series, each such Trustee shall file a copy of that report with the Commission and

with each stock exchange on which the Securities of that series are listed. The Company shall provide notice to the appropriate Trustee when the Securities of any series are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 704. Reports by Company.

The Company will:

(1) file with the Trustee for the Securities of such series, within 15 days after the Company is required to file the same with the Commission, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the Commission may from time to time by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company may be required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or, if the Company is not required to file information, documents or reports pursuant to either of said Sections, then it will file with such Trustee and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such of the supplementary and periodic information, documents and reports which may be required pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in respect of a security listed and registered on a national securities exchange as may be prescribed from time to time in such rules and regulations;

(2) file with the Trustee for the Securities of such series and the Commission, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission, such additional information, documents, and reports with respect to compliance by the Company with the conditions and covenants of this Indenture as may be required from time to time by such rules and regulations; and

(3) transmit by mail to all Holders of Securities of each series, as provided in Section 703(a), within 30 days after the filing thereof with the Trustee for the Securities of such series, such summaries of any information, documents and reports required to be filed by the Company pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section as may be required by rules and regulations prescribed from time to time by the Commission.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee, subject to Section 601 hereof, is entitled to rely exclusively on Officers' Certificates).

ARTICLE 8

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER, CONVEYANCE OR TRANSFER

Section 801. Company May Consolidate, Etc., Only on Certain Terms.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or convey or transfer its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any Person unless:

(1) either the Company shall be the continuing corporation or the corporation (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by conveyance or transfer the properties and assets of the Company

substantially as an entirety shall be a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, and shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered to the Trustee for each series of Securities, in form reasonably satisfactory to each such Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, (including all additional amounts, if any, payable pursuant to Sections 516 or 1009) on all the Securities and any related coupons and the performance of every covenant of this Indenture on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default with respect to any series of Securities, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to any series of Securities, shall have happened and be continuing; and

(3) the Company has delivered to the Trustee for each series of Securities an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article and that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with.

Section 802. Successor Person Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any conveyance or transfer of the properties and assets of the Company substantially as an entirety in accordance with Section 801, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such conveyance or transfer is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein and thereafter the predecessor Person shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under this Indenture, the Securities and any related coupons and, in the event of any such consolidation, merger, conveyance or transfer, the Company as the predecessor Person may thereupon or at any time thereafter be dissolved, wound up, or liquidated.

ARTICLE 9

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 901. Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders.

Without the consent of any Holders of Securities or coupons, the Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to such Trustee, for any of the following purposes:

(1) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Company, and the assumption by any such successor of the covenants of the Company herein and in the Securities; or

(2) to add to the covenants of the Company, for the benefit of the Holders of all or any particular series of Securities and any related coupons (and, if such covenants are to be for the benefit of fewer than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are being included solely for the benefit of such series), or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company; or

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(3) to add any additional Events of Default with respect to any or all series of Securities (and, if any such Event of Default applies to fewer than all series of Securities, stating each series to which such Event of Default applies); *provided, however*, that in respect of any such additional Events of Default, such supplemental indenture may provide for a particular period of grace after default (which period may be shorter or longer than that allowed in the case of other defaults) or may limit the remedies available to the Trustee upon such default or may limit the right of Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of that or those series of Securities to which such additional Events of Default apply to waive such default; or

(4) to pledge property to the Trustee as security for the Securities; or

(5) to add guarantees with respect to the Securities; or

(6) to add to or to change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide that Bearer Securities may be registrable as to principal, to change or eliminate any restrictions on the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on Bearer Securities, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Registered Securities, to permit Bearer Securities to be issued in exchange for Bearer Securities of other authorized denominations, to provide for the issuance of uncertificated Securities of any series in addition to or in place of any certificated Securities and to make all appropriate changes for such purposes; *provided, however*, that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any series or any related coupons in any material respect; or

(7) to change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, *provided, however*, that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there is no Security Outstanding of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision; or

(8) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder of a Trustee other than Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee for a series of Securities and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 609; or

(9) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of Section 611(b); or

(10) to add to the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, form, terms or purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of Securities, as herein set forth, other conditions, limitations and restrictions thereafter to be observed; or

(11) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Section 401; *provided, however*, that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of such series and any related coupons or any other series of Securities in any material respect; or

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(12) to add to or change or eliminate any provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary or desirable in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act or to maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act; or

(13) to issue and establish the form and terms of any series of Securities;

(14) to cure any ambiguity or mistake, to correct or supplement any provision herein which may be inconsistent with any other provision herein, to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any property to or with the Trustee for the Securities of any series or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Company, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Indenture, provided such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of any particular series in any material respect;

(15) to increase the conversion rate or decrease the conversion price from that provided in the Board Resolution pursuant to Section 301 establishing the Securities of that series; or

(16) as otherwise provided in the Board Resolutions pursuant to Section 301 establishing the series of Securities.

Section 902. *Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders.*

The Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of such Securities and any related coupons under this Indenture, but only with the consent of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series of Securities then Outstanding affected thereby, in each case by Act of said Holders of Securities of each such series delivered to the Company and the Trustee for Securities of each such series; *provided, however*, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby:

(1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, if any (or, in the case of OID Securities, reduce the rate of accretion of original issue discount), or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof, or change any obligation of the Company to pay additional amounts pursuant to Section 1009 (except as contemplated by Section 801(1) and permitted by Section 901(1)) or reduce the amount of the principal of an OID Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof, or provable in bankruptcy, or change the Place of Payment, or the currency or currency unit in which any Security or the principal or interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date); or reduce or alter the method of computation of any amount payable upon redemption, repayment or purchase of any Securities by the Issuer (or the time when such redemption, repayment or purchase may be made); or

(2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any particular series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults

(3) modify any of the provisions of this Section or Section 513 or 1009, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Security affected thereby; *provided, however*, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder of a Security or coupon with respect to changes in the references to “the Trustee” and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 1009, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 609, 611(b), 901(8) and 901(9); or

(4) modify the provisions of Article Fourteen in a manner adverse to the Holders of Securities.

(5) increase the conversion price or decrease the conversion rate from that provided in the Board Resolution pursuant to Section 301 establishing the Securities of that series.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series.

It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders under this Section to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

Section 903. *Execution of Supplemental Indentures.*

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee for any series of Securities shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 601) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers’ Certificate and Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions to the execution of such supplemental indenture have been satisfied. The Trustee for any series of Securities may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects such Trustee’s own rights, liabilities, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 904. *Effect of Supplemental Indentures.*

Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this Article, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder of Securities theretofore or thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder and of any coupons appertaining thereto shall be bound thereby.

Section 905. *Conformity With Trust Indenture Act.*

Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

Section 906. *Reference in Securities to Supplemental Indentures.*

Securities of any particular series authenticated and delivered after the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Article may, and shall if required by the Trustee for the Securities

of such series, bear a notation in form approved by such Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture. If the Company shall so determine, new Securities of any series and any related coupons so modified as to conform, in the opinion the Board of Directors of the Company, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Company and such Securities may be authenticated and delivered by such Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Securities of such series and any related coupons.

ARTICLE 10

COVENANTS

Section 1001. *Payment of Principal (and Premium, if any) and Interest, if any.*

The Company agrees, for the benefit of each particular series of Securities, that it will duly and punctually pay in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)) the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on that series of Securities in accordance with the terms of the Securities of such series, any coupons appertaining thereto and this Indenture. Unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301 with respect to any series of Securities, any interest due on Bearer Securities on or before Maturity shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the several coupons for such interest installments as are evidenced thereby as they severally mature. The interest, if any, due in respect of any temporary or permanent Global Security, together with any additional amounts payable in respect thereof, as provided in the terms and conditions of such Security, shall be payable, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1009, only upon presentation of such Security to the Trustee thereof for notation thereon of the payment of such interest.

Section 1002. *Maintenance of Office or Agency.*

If Securities of a series are issuable only as Registered Securities the Company will maintain in each Place of Payment for that series an office or agency where Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, an office or agency where Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company with respect to the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. If Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, the Company will maintain (A) an office or agency (which may be the same office or agency) in a Place of Payment for that series in the United States where any Registered Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment, where any Registered Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, where Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange, where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served and where Bearer Securities of that series and related coupons may be presented or surrendered for payment in the circumstances described in the following paragraph (and not otherwise), (B) subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, in a Place of Payment for that series which is located outside the United States, an office or agency where Securities of that series and related coupons may be presented and surrendered for payment; *provided, however*, that if the Securities of that series are listed on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange located outside the United States and such stock exchange shall so require, the Company will maintain a Paying Agent for the Securities of that series in Luxembourg or any other required city located outside the United States, as the case may be, so long as the

where Securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for the Securities of that series of the location, and any change in the location, of any such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency in respect of any series of Securities or shall fail to furnish the Trustee for the Securities of that series with the address thereof, such presentations (to the extent permitted by law), and surrenders of Securities of that series may be made and notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of such Trustee, except that Bearer Securities of that series and the related coupons may be presented and surrendered for payment at the offices specified in the Security, and the Company hereby appoints the same as its agent to receive such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to any Securities pursuant to Section 301, no payment of principal (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on Bearer Securities shall be made at any office or agency of the Company in the United States or by check mailed to any address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained with a bank located in the United States. Payments will not be made in respect of Bearer Securities or coupons appertaining thereto pursuant to presentation to the Company, or its designated Paying Agents within the United States. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any Bearer Security denominated and payable in Dollars will be made at the office of the Company's Paying Agent in the United States, if, and only if, payment in Dollars of the full amount of such principal, premium or interest, as the case may be, at all offices or agencies outside the United States maintained for that purpose by the Company in accordance with this Indenture is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to that effect.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies (in or outside the Place of Payment) where the Securities of one or more series may be presented or surrendered for any or all of the purposes specified above in this Section and may from time to time rescind such designations; *provided, however*, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in each Place of Payment for such purpose. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for the Securities of each series so affected of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such office or agency. Unless otherwise specified with respect to any Securities pursuant to Section 301 with respect to a series of Securities, the Company hereby designates as a Place of Payment for each series of Securities the office or agency of the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, and initially appoints the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office as Paying Agent in such city and as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to any Securities pursuant to Section 301, if and so long as the Securities of any series (i) are denominated in a currency other than Dollars or (ii) may be payable in a currency other than Dollars, or so long as it is required under any other provision of the Indenture, then the Company will maintain with respect to each such series of Securities, or as so required, a Currency Determination Agent.

Section 1003. Money for Securities Payments To Be Held in Trust.

If the Company shall at any time act as its own Paying Agent with respect to any particular series of Securities and any related coupons, it will, on or before each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any of the Securities of that series, segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto a sum in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and

except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d) sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, so becoming due until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided, and will promptly notify the Trustee for the Securities of such series of its action or failure so to act.

Whenever the Company shall have one or more Paying Agents for any particular series of Securities and any related coupons, it will, prior to each due date of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any such Securities, deposit with a Paying Agent for the Securities of such series a sum (in the currency or currency unit described in the preceding paragraph) sufficient to pay the principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, so becoming due, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee for the Securities of such series) the Company will promptly notify such Trustee of its action or failure so to act.

The Company will cause each Paying Agent for any particular series of Securities other than the Trustee for the Securities of such series to execute and deliver to such Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with such Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section, that such Paying Agent will:

- (1) hold all sums held by it for the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on Securities of that series in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;
- (2) give such Trustee notice of any default by the Company (or any other obligor upon the Securities) in the making of any payment of principal (or premium, if any) and interest, if any, on Securities of that series; and
- (3) at any time during the continuation of any such default, upon the written request of such Trustee, forthwith pay to such Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent.

The Company may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Company Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee for the Securities of any series all sums held in trust by the Company or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by such Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to such Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such money.

Section 1004. Company to Reserve Common Stock.

(a) The Company shall at all times reserve and keep available, free from preemptive rights, out of its authorized but unissued Common Stock (including treasury stock), for the purpose of effecting the conversion of Securities, the full number of shares of Common Stock then issuable upon the conversion of all then Outstanding Securities.

(b) The Company agrees that all shares of Common Stock which may be delivered upon conversion of Securities, upon such delivery, will have been duly authorized and validly issued and will be fully paid and nonassessable and, except as provided in Section 1007, the Company will pay all taxes, liens and charges with respect to the issue thereof.

Section 1005. *Statements as to Compliance.*

The Company will deliver to the Trustee for each series of Securities, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company (beginning with the fiscal year in which the first series of securities under this Indenture has been issued), a written statement signed by the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer of the Company stating that:

- (1) a review of the activities of the Company during such year and of performance under this Indenture has been made under his supervision; and
- (2) to the best of his knowledge, based on such review, the Company is in compliance with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture.

For purposes of this Section, such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture.

Section 1006. *Corporate Existence.*

Subject to Article Eight, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any right or franchise if the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer necessary or desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company.

Section 1007. *Taxes on Conversions.*

Except as provided in the next sentence, the Company will pay any and all taxes and duties that may be payable in respect of the issue or delivery of shares of Common Stock on conversion of Securities pursuant hereto. The Company shall not, however, be required to pay any tax or duty which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue and delivery of shares of Common Stock in a name other than that of the Holder of the Security or Securities to be converted, and no such issue or delivery shall be made unless and until the Person requesting such issue has paid to the Company the amount of any such tax or duty or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax or duty has been paid.

Section 1008. *Waiver of Certain Covenants.*

The Company may omit in any particular instance to comply with any covenant or condition set forth in Sections 1005 and 1006 (and any other covenant or condition in addition to those set forth herein applicable to Securities of any series pursuant to Section 301 hereof), if before or after the time for such compliance the Holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series of Securities affected by the omission shall, in each case by Act of such Holders, either waive such compliance in such instance or generally waive compliance with such covenant or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such covenant or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, and, until such waiver shall become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee for the Securities of each series with respect to any such covenant or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 1009. *Payment of Additional Amounts.*

If specified pursuant to Section 301, the provisions of this Section 1009 shall be applicable to Securities of any series.

The Company will, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, pay to the Holder of any Security or coupon who is a United States Alien such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment on such Security or coupon, after deduction or withholding by the Company or any of its Paying Agents for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed upon or as a result of such payment by the United States (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), will not be less than the amount provided in such Security or in such coupon to be then due and payable. However, the Company will not be required to make any payment of additional amounts for or on account of:

(a) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that would not have been so imposed but for (i) the existence of any present or former connection between such Holder or the beneficial owner of such Security or coupon (or between a fiduciary, settler or beneficiary of, or a person holding a power over, such Holder or such beneficial owner, if such Holder or such beneficial owner is an estate or trust, or a member or shareholder of such Holder or such beneficial owner, if such Holder or such beneficial owner is a partnership or corporation) and the United States, including, without limitation, such Holder or such beneficial owner (or such fiduciary, settler, beneficiary, person holding a power, member or shareholder) being or having been a citizen, resident or treated as a resident thereof or being or having been engaged in trade or business or present therein or having or having had a permanent establishment therein, or (ii) such Holder's or such beneficial owner's present or former status as a personal holding company, foreign personal holding company, controlled foreign corporation or passive foreign investment company with respect to the United States or as a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid United States federal income tax;

(b) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which would not have been so imposed but for the presentation by the Holder of such Security or coupon for payment on a date more than 10 days after the date on which such payment became due and payable or the date on which payment thereof is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

(c) any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, personal property tax or any similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

(d) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge required to be withheld by any Paying Agent from any payment in respect of any Security or coupon, if such payment can be made without such withholding by at least one other Paying Agent;

(e) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge which is payable otherwise than by withholding from payments in respect of such Security or coupon;

(f) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed on a Holder or beneficial owner of a Security or coupon that (i) actually or constructively owns 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code or that is a controlled foreign corporation related to the Company through stock ownership or (ii) is a bank described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code;

(g) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed as a result of the failure to comply with applicable certification, information, documentation or other reporting requirements concerning the

(h) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed with respect to payments on any Registered Security by reason of the failure of the Holder or beneficial owner to fulfill the statement requirement of Sections 871(h) or 881(c) of the Code; or

(i) any combination of items (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h);

nor will additional amounts be paid with respect to any payment on any such Security or coupon to a Holder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of such payment to the extent such payment would be required by the laws of the United States (or any political subdivision thereof) to be included in the income for federal income tax purposes of a beneficiary or settler with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner who would not have been entitled to payment of the additional amounts had beneficiary, settler, member or beneficial owner been the Holder of such Security or coupon.

The term "United States Alien" means any corporation, partnership, individual or fiduciary that is, as to the United States, a foreign corporation, a nonresident alien individual, a nonresident fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust, or a foreign partnership one or more of the members of which is, as to the United States, a foreign corporation, a nonresident alien individual or a nonresident fiduciary of a foreign estate or trust.

Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned, in any context, the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on any Security or payment with respect to any coupon of any series, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of additional amounts provided for in the terms of such Securities and this Section to the extent that, in such context, additional amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to the provisions of this Section and express mention of the payment of additional amounts (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding additional amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

If the Securities of a series provide for the payment of additional amounts as contemplated by Section 301(20), at least 10 days prior to the first Interest Payment Date with respect to that series of Securities (or if the Securities of that series will not bear interest prior to maturity, the first day on which a payment of principal and any premium is made), and at least 10 days prior to each date of payment of principal (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, if there has been any change with respect to the matters set forth in the below mentioned Officers' Certificate, the Company will furnish the Trustee for that series of Securities and the Company's principal Paying Agent or Paying Agents, if other than such Trustee, with an Officers' Certificate instructing such Trustee and such Paying Agent or Paying Agents whether such payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Securities of that series shall be made to Holders of Securities of that series or any related coupons who are United States Aliens without withholding for or on account of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge referred to above or described in the Securities of that series. If any such withholding shall be required, then such Officers' Certificate shall specify by country the amount, if any, required to be withheld on such payments to such Holders of Securities or coupons and the Company will pay to the Trustee for such series of Securities or such Paying Agent such additional amounts as may be required pursuant to the terms applicable to such series. The Company covenants to indemnify the Trustee for such series of Securities and any Paying Agent for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense reasonably incurred without gross negligence or bad faith on their part arising out of or in connection with

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actions taken or omitted by any of them in reliance on any Officers' Certificate furnished pursuant to this Section 1009.

Section 1010. *Calculation of Original Issue Discount.*

If applicable, the Company shall file with the Trustee promptly at the end of each calendar year (i) a written notice specifying the amount of original issue discount (including daily rates and accrual periods) accrued on Outstanding Securities as of the end of such year and (ii) such other specific information relating to such original issue discount as may then be relevant under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

Section 1011. *Statement by Officers as to Default.*

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, as soon as possible and in any event within five days after the Company becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default or an event which, with notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate setting forth the details of such Event of Default or event and the action which the Company proposes to take with respect thereto.

ARTICLE 11

REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Section 1101. *Applicability of This Article.*

Redemption of Securities of any series (whether by operation of a sinking fund or otherwise) as permitted or required by any form of Security issued pursuant to this Indenture shall be made in accordance with such form of Security and this Article; *provided, however*, that if any provision of any such form of Security shall conflict with any provision of this Article, the provision of such form of Security shall govern.

Section 1102. *Election to Redeem; Notice to Trustee.*

The election of the Company to redeem any Securities of any series shall be evidenced by or pursuant to a Board Resolution. In case of any redemption at the election of the Company of less than all of the Securities of any particular series, the Company shall, at least 60 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Company (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee for the Securities of such series) notify such Trustee by Company Request of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Securities of that series to be redeemed and shall deliver to such Trustee such documentation and records as shall enable such Trustee to select the Securities to be redeemed pursuant to Section 1103. In the case of any redemption of Securities of any series prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption provided in the terms of such Securities or elsewhere in this Indenture, the Company shall furnish the Trustee for Securities of such series with an Officers' Certificate evidencing compliance with such restriction.

Section 1103. *Selection by Trustee of Securities to Be Redeemed.*

If less than all the Securities are to be redeemed, the Company may select the series to be redeemed, and if less than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the particular Securities of that series to be redeemed shall be selected not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the

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Trustee for the Securities of such series, from the Outstanding Securities of that series not previously called for redemption, by such method as such Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and which may provide for the selection for redemption of portions (equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series, or any integral multiple thereof) of the principal amount of Securities of that series of a denomination larger than the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series pursuant to Section 302 in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are denominated.

The Trustee for the Securities of any series to be redeemed shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Securities of such series selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed.

For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Security redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

Section 1104. *Notice of Redemption.*

Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner provided in Section 106 not later than the thirtieth (30th) day and not earlier than the sixtieth (60th) day prior to the Redemption Date, to each Holder of Securities to be redeemed.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (1) the Redemption Date,
- (2) the Redemption Price,
- (3) if less than all Outstanding Securities of a particular series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the respective principal amounts) of the particular Securities to be redeemed, including the Identifying Number of such Securities,
- (4) in case any Security is to be redeemed in part only, the notice which relates to such Security shall state that on and after the Redemption Date, upon surrender of such Security, the Holder will receive, without charge, a new Security or Securities of authorized denominations for the principal amount thereof remaining unredeemed,
- (5) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price will become due and payable upon each such Security or portion thereof, and that interest thereon, if any (or in the case of OID Securities, original issue discount), shall cease to accrue on and after said date,
- (6) the place or places where such Securities, together in the case of Bearer Securities with all coupons appertaining thereto, if any, maturing after the Redemption Date are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price,
- (7) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if such is the case,
- (8) that, unless otherwise specified in such notice, Bearer Securities of any series, if any, surrendered for redemption must be accompanied by all coupons maturing subsequent to the date fixed for redemption or the amount of any such missing coupon or coupons will be deducted

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from the Redemption Price or security or indemnity satisfactory to the Company, the Trustee for such series and any Paying Agent is furnished,

(9) if Bearer Securities of any series are to be redeemed and any Registered Securities of such series are not to be redeemed, and if such Bearer Securities may be exchanged for Registered Securities not subject to redemption on this Redemption Date pursuant to Section 305 or otherwise, the last date, as determined by the Company, on which such exchanges may be made, and

(10) the conversion rate or conversion price, the date on which the right to convert the Securities to be redeemed will terminate and the places where Securities may be surrendered for conversion and the procedures for surrendering the Securities for conversion.

Notice of redemption of Securities to be redeemed at the election of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Trustee for such Securities in the name and at the expense of the Company.

Section 1105. *Deposit of Redemption Price.*

Prior to the opening of business on any Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee for the Securities to be redeemed or with a Paying Agent for such Securities (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent for such Securities, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 1003) an amount of money in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such Series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)) sufficient to pay the principal amount of (and premium, if any, thereon), and (except if the Redemption Date shall be an Interest Payment Date) any accrued interest on, all the Securities which are to be redeemed on that date.

Section 1106. *Securities Payable on Redemption Date.*

Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price therein specified in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of such series are payable (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of such series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)) and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Securities shall cease to bear interest and the coupons for such interest appertaining to any Bearer Securities so to be redeemed, except to the extent provided below, shall be void. Upon surrender of such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice together with all coupons, if any, appertaining thereto maturing after the Redemption Date, such Security or specified portions thereof shall be paid by the Company at the Redemption Price; *provided, however*, that installments of interest on Bearer Securities whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States (except as otherwise provided in Section 1002) and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, only upon presentation and surrender of coupons for such interest, and *provided, further*, that unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, installments of interest on Registered Securities whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities, or one or more Predecessor Securities, registered as such at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates according to their terms and the provisions of Section 307.

If any Bearer Security surrendered for redemption shall not be accompanied by all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the Redemption Date, such Security may be paid after deducting from

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the Redemption Price an amount equal to the face amount of all such missing coupons or the surrender of such missing coupon or coupons may be waived by the Company if there is furnished to the Company, the Trustee for such Security and any Paying Agent such Security or indemnity as they may require to save the Company, such Trustee and any Paying Agent harmless. If thereafter the Holder of such Security shall surrender to such Trustee or any Paying Agent any such missing coupon in respect of which a

deduction shall have been made from the Redemption Price, such Holder shall be entitled to receive the amount so deducted; *provided, however*, that interest represented by coupons shall be payable only at an office or agency located outside the United States (except as otherwise provided in Section 1002) and, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 301, only upon presentation and surrender of those coupons.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal thereof (and premium, if any, thereon) shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by the Security (or, in the case of OID Securities, the Security's Yield to Maturity).

Section 1107. Securities Redeemed in Part.

Any Registered Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Place of Payment (with, if the Company or the Trustee for such Security so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, and the Security Registrar for such Security duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), and the Company shall execute and such Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security without service charge, a new Registered Security or Securities, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, of the same series and having the same terms and provisions and in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Registered Security so surrendered.

Section 1108. Tax Redemption; Special Tax Redemption.

(a) If specified pursuant to Section 301, Securities of any series may be redeemed at the option of the Company in whole, but not in part, on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' notice, on any Redemption Date at the Redemption Price specified pursuant to Section 301, if the Company determines that (A) as a result of any change in or amendment to the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder) of the United States or of any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein affecting taxation, or any change in official position regarding application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States), which change or amendment is announced or becomes effective on or after a date specified in Section 301 with respect to any Security of such series, the Company has or will become obligated to pay additional amounts pursuant to Section 1009 with respect to any Security of such series or (B) on or after a date specified in Section 301 with respect to any Security of such series, any action has been taken by any taxing authority of, or any decision has been rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction in, the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, including any of those actions specified in (A) above, whether or not such action was taken or decision was rendered with respect to the Company, or any change, amendment, application or interpretation shall be officially proposed, which, in any such case, in the Opinion of Counsel to the Company will result in a material probability that the Company will become obligated to pay additional amounts pursuant to Section 1009 with respect to any Security of such series, and (C) in any such case specified in (A) or (B) above the Company, in its business judgment, determines that such obligation cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures available to the Company.

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(b) Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301, if the Company shall determine that any payment made outside the United States by the Company or any of their Paying Agents of principal or interest due in respect of any Bearer Security (an "Affected Security") of such series or any coupon appertaining thereto would, under any present or future laws or regulations of the United States, be subject to any certification, information or other reporting requirement of any kind, the effect of which requirement is the disclosure to the Company, any Paying Agent or any governmental authority of the nationality, residence or identity (as distinguished from, for example, status as a United States Alien) of a beneficial owner of such Affected Security of such series or coupon that is a United States Alien (other than such a requirement that (i) would not be applicable to a payment made by the Company, or any one of their Paying Agents (A) directly to the beneficial owner or (B) to a custodian, nominee or other agent of the beneficial owner, (ii) can be satisfied by such custodian, nominee or other agent certifying to the effect that such beneficial owner is a United States Alien; provided that, in each case referred to in clauses (i)(B) or (ii), payment by such custodian, nominee or other agent to such beneficial owner is not otherwise subject to any such requirement (other than a requirement which is imposed on a custodian, nominee or other agent described in item (iv) of this sentence), (iii) would not be applicable to a payment made by at least one other Paying Agent of the Company or (iv) is applicable to a payment to a custodian, nominee or other agent of the beneficial owner of such Security who is a United States person (as hereinafter defined), a controlled foreign corporation for United States tax purposes, a foreign person 50 percent or more of the gross income of which for the three-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the year of payment is effectively connected with a United States trade or business, or is otherwise related to the United States), the Company shall elect by notice to the Trustee for such series of Securities either (x) to redeem the Affected Securities of such series, as a whole, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, or (y) if the conditions of the next succeeding paragraph are satisfied, to pay the additional amounts specified in such paragraph. The Company shall make such determination and election as soon as practicable and give prompt notice thereof (the "Determination Notice") in the manner described in Section 106 stating the effective date of such certification, information or reporting requirement, whether the Company has elected to redeem the Affected Securities of such series or to pay the additional amounts specified in the next succeeding paragraph, and (if applicable) the last date by which the redemption of the Affected Securities of such series must take place, as provided in the next succeeding sentence. If the Company elects to redeem the Affected Securities of such series, such redemption shall take place on such date, not later than one year after the giving of the Determination Notice, as the Company shall specify by written notice to such Trustee given not less than 45 nor more than 75 days before the Redemption Date. Notice of such redemption of the Affected Securities of such series shall be given to the Holders thereof not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not so redeem the Affected Securities of such series if the Company shall subsequently determine by notice to the Trustee, not less than 30 days prior to the Redemption Date, that subsequent payments on the Affected Securities of such series would not be subject to any such certification, information or other reporting requirement, in which case the Company shall give prompt notice of such subsequent determination in the manner specified in Section 106 and any earlier redemption notice shall be revoked and be of no further effect. The right of the Holders of Affected Securities called for redemption to exchange such Affected Securities for Registered Securities (which Registered Securities will remain Outstanding following such redemption) will terminate on the fifteenth day prior to the Redemption Date, and no further exchanges of Affected Securities for Registered Securities shall be permitted unless the Company shall have made the subsequent determination and given the notice referred to in the preceding sentence. As used hereinabove, "United States person" means any citizen or resident of the United States, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source.

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If and so long as the certification, information or other reporting requirement referred to in the preceding paragraph would be fully satisfied by payment of a withholding tax, backup withholding tax or similar charge, the Company may elect by notice to the Trustee to pay such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment made outside the United States following the effective date of such requirement by the Company or any of their Paying Agents of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, due in respect of any Affected Security of such series or any coupon appertaining thereto to a Holder who certifies that the beneficial owner is a United States Alien (but without any requirement that the nationality, residence or identity of such beneficial owner be disclosed to the Company, any Paying Agent or any governmental authority), after deduction or withholding for or on account of such withholding tax, backup withholding tax or similar charge (other than a withholding tax, backup withholding tax or similar charge that (i) is the result of a certification, information or other reporting requirement described in the third parenthetical clause of the first sentence of the preceding paragraph or (ii) is imposed as a result of presentation of any such Affected Security or such coupon for payment more than 10 days after the date on which such payment becomes due and payable or on which payment thereof was duly provided for, whichever occurs later), will not be less than the amount provided in such Affected Security or such coupon to be then due and payable. In the event the Company elects to pay such additional amounts, (the Company's election to exercise such right to be evidenced by prompt written notice to the Trustee for the Securities of the appropriate series), the Company will have the right, at its sole option, at any time, to redeem the Affected Securities of such series as a whole, but not in part, at the Redemption Price, subject to the provisions of the last four sentences of the immediately preceding paragraph. If the Company has made the determination described in the preceding paragraph with respect to certification, information or other reporting requirements applicable only to interest and subsequently makes a determination in the manner and of the nature referred to in such preceding paragraph with respect to such requirements applicable to principal, the Company will redeem the Affected Securities of such series in the manner and on the terms described in the preceding paragraph

unless the Company elects to have the provisions of this paragraph apply rather than the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph. If in such circumstances the Affected Securities of such series are to be redeemed, the Company shall have no obligation to pay additional amounts pursuant to this paragraph with respect to principal (or premium, if any) or interest accrued and unpaid after the date of the notice of such determination indicating such redemption, but will be obligated to pay such additional amounts with respect to interest accrued and unpaid to the date of such determination. If the Company elects to pay additional amounts pursuant to this paragraph and the condition specified in the first sentence of this paragraph should no longer be satisfied, then the Company shall promptly redeem the Affected Securities of such series in whole, but not in part, at the Redemption Price subject to the provisions of the last four sentences of the immediately preceding paragraph. If the Company elects to, or is required to, redeem the Affected Securities of such series pursuant to this paragraph, it shall publish in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 106 prompt notice thereof. If the Affected Securities of such series are to be redeemed pursuant to this paragraph, the redemption shall take place on such date, not later than one year after publication of the notice of redemption, as the Company shall specify by notice to the Trustee for such series of Securities at least 60 days prior to the Redemption Date. Any redemption payments made by the Company pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the continuing obligation of the Company to pay additional amounts pursuant to this paragraph.

ARTICLE 12

SINKING FUNDS

Section 1201. *Applicability of This Article.*

Redemption of Securities through operation of a sinking fund as permitted or required by any form of Security issued pursuant to this Indenture shall be made in accordance with such form of Security and this Article; *provided, however*, that if any provision of any such form of Security shall conflict with any provision of this Article, the provision of such form of Security shall govern.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Securities of any particular series is herein referred to as a “mandatory sinking fund payment”, and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of Securities of any particular series is herein referred to as an “optional sinking fund payment”. If provided for by the terms of Securities of any particular series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 1202. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any particular series as provided for by the terms of Securities of that series.

Section 1202. *Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments With Securities.*

The Company (1) may deliver Outstanding Securities of a series (other than any previously called for redemption), together in the case of any Bearer Securities of such series with all unmatured coupons appertaining thereto, and (2) may apply as a credit Securities of a series which have been redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Securities or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments pursuant to the terms of such Securities, in each case in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of such series required to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities as provided for by the terms of such series; *provided, however*, that such Securities have not been previously so credited. Such Securities shall be received and credited for such purpose by the Trustee for such Securities at the principal amount thereof and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 1203. *Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.*

Not less than 60 days prior to each sinking fund payment date for any particular series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee for the Securities of such series an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment for that series pursuant to the terms of that series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash in the currency or currency unit in which the Securities of that series are payable (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 301 for the Securities of that series and except as provided in Sections 311(b) and 311(d)) and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting Securities of that series pursuant to Section 1202 and shall state the basis for such credit and that such Securities have not previously been so credited and will also deliver to such Trustee any Securities to be so delivered. Such Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 1103 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 1104. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 1106 and 1107.

ARTICLE 13

MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Section 1301. *Purposes for Which Meetings May Be Called.*

If Securities of a series are issuable as Bearer Securities, a meeting of Holders of Securities of such series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to this Article to make, give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders of Securities of such series.

Section 1302. *Call, Notice and Place of Meetings.*

(a) The Trustee for any series of Securities that includes Bearer Securities, may at any time call a meeting of the Holders of Securities of such series for any purpose specified in Section 1301, to be held at such time and at such place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or in London, as such Trustee shall determine. Notice of every meeting of Holders of Securities of such series, setting forth the time and the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be given, in the manner provided in Section 106, not less than 20 nor more than 180 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

(b) In case at any time the Company, pursuant to a Board Resolution, or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any such series shall have requested the Trustee for any such series to call a meeting of the Holders of Securities of such series for any purpose specified in Section 1301, by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and such Trustee shall not have made the first publication of the notice of such meeting within 30 days after receipt of such request or shall not thereafter proceed to cause the meeting to be held as provided herein, then the Company or the Holders of Securities of such series in the amount above specified, as the case may be, may determine the time and the place in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or in London, for such meeting and may call such meeting for such purposes by giving notice thereof as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.

Section 1303. *Persons Entitled to Vote at Meetings.*

To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series, a Person shall be (1) a Holder of one or more Outstanding Securities of such series, or (2) a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy for a Holder or Holders of one or more Outstanding Securities of such series by such Holder or Holders. The only

Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel, any representatives of the Trustee for such series and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

Section 1304. *Quorum; Action.*

The Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of a series shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of Holders of Securities of such series. In the absence of a quorum within 30 minutes of the time appointed for any such meeting, the meeting shall, if convened at the request of Holders of Securities of such series, be dissolved. In any other case the meeting may be adjourned for a period of not less than 10 days as determined by the chairman of

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the meeting prior to the adjournment of such meeting. In the absence of a quorum at any such adjourned meeting, such adjourned meeting may be further adjourned for a period of not less than 10 days as determined by the chairman of the meeting prior to the adjournment of such adjourned meeting. Subject to Section 1305(d), notice of the reconvening of any adjourned meeting shall be given as provided in Section 1302(a), except that such notice need be given only once not less than five days prior to the date on which the meeting is scheduled to be reconvened. Notice of the reconvening of an adjourned meeting shall state expressly that Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall constitute a quorum.

Except as limited by the proviso to Section 902, any resolution presented to a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present as aforesaid may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series; *provided, however*, that except as limited by the proviso to Section 902, any resolution with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which this Indenture expressly provides may be made, given or taken by the Holders of a specified percentage which is less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or an adjourned meeting duly reconvened and at which a quorum is present as aforesaid by the affirmative vote of the Holders of such specified percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series.

Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series duly held in accordance with this Section shall be binding on all the Holders of Securities of such series and the related coupons, whether or not present or represented at the meeting.

Section 1305. *Determination of Voting Rights; Conduct and Adjournment of Meetings.*

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the Trustee for any series of Securities that includes Bearer Securities may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Holders of Securities of such series in regard to proof of the holding of Securities of such series and of the appointment of proxies and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem appropriate. Except as otherwise permitted or required by any such regulations, the holding of Securities shall be proved in the manner specified in Section 104 and the appointment of any proxy shall be proved in the manner specified in Section 104 or by having the signature of the person executing the proxy witnessed or guaranteed by any trust company, bank or banker authorized by Section 104 to certify to the holding of Bearer Securities. Such regulations may provide that written instruments appointing proxies, regular on their face, may be presumed valid and genuine without the proof specified in Section 104 or other proof.

(b) The Trustee for any series of Securities that includes Bearer Securities shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Holders of Securities as provided in Section 1302(b), in which case the Company or the Holders of Securities of the series calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chairman. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by vote of the Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting.

(c) At any meeting each Holder of a Security of such series or proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount of Securities of such series held or represented by him as determined in accordance with Section 115; *provided, however*, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote, except as a Holder of a Security of such series or proxy.

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(d) Any meeting of holders of Securities of any series duly called pursuant to Section 1302 at which a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by Persons entitled to vote a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series represented at the meeting; and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

Section 1306. *Counting Votes and Recording Action of Meetings.*

The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the Holders of Securities of such series or of their representatives by proxy and the principal amounts and serial numbers of the Outstanding Securities of such series held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in triplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record, at least in duplicate, of the proceedings of each meeting of Holders of Securities of any series shall be prepared by the secretary of the meeting and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was given as provided in Section 1302 and, if applicable, Section 1304. Each copy shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one such copy shall be delivered to the Company, and another to the Trustee for such series of Securities to be preserved by such Trustee, the latter to have attached thereto the ballots voted at the meeting. Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

ARTICLE 14

SUBORDINATION OF SECURITIES

Section 1401. *Agreement to Subordinate.*

Except as otherwise specified in a Board Resolution establishing the series of Securities pursuant to Section 301, the Company, for itself, its successors and assigns, covenants and agrees, and each Holder of Securities by his acceptance thereof, likewise covenants and agrees, that the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on each and all of the Securities is hereby expressly subordinated, to the extent and in the manner hereinafter set forth, in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness.

Section 1402. *Distribution on Dissolution, Liquidation and Reorganization; Subrogation of Securities.*

Except as otherwise specified in a Board Resolution establishing the series of Securities pursuant to Section 301, upon any distribution of assets of the Company upon any dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization of the Company, whether in bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or receivership proceedings or upon an assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of the assets and liabilities of the Company or otherwise (subject to the power of a court of competent jurisdiction to make other equitable provision reflecting the rights conferred in this Indenture upon the Senior Indebtedness and the holders thereof with respect to the Securities and the holders thereof by a lawful plan of reorganization under Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar foreign, federal or state law for the relief of debtors):

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- (a) the holders of all Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled to receive payment in full of the principal thereof (and premium, if any) and interest due thereon before the Holders of the Securities are entitled to receive any payment upon the principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on indebtedness evidenced by the Securities;
- (b) any payment or distribution of assets of the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to which the Holders of the Securities or the Trustee would be entitled except for the provisions of this Article Fourteen shall be paid by the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making such payment or distribution, whether a trustee in bankruptcy, a receiver or liquidating trustee or otherwise, directly to the holders of Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or to the trustee or trustees under any indenture under which any instruments evidencing any of such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, ratably according to the aggregate amounts remaining unpaid on account of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Senior Indebtedness held or represented by each, to the extent necessary to make payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness; and
- (c) in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment or distribution of assets of the Company of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, shall be received by the Trustee or the Holders of the Securities before all Senior Indebtedness is paid in full, such payment or distribution shall be paid over, upon written notice to the Trustee, to the holder of such Senior Indebtedness or their representative or representatives or to the trustee or trustees under any indenture under which any instrument evidencing any of such Senior Indebtedness may have been issued, ratably as aforesaid, for application to payment of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid until all such Senior Indebtedness shall have been paid in full, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to the holders of such Senior Indebtedness.

Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness, the Holders of the Securities shall be subrogated to the rights of the holders of Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of cash, property or securities of the Company applicable to Senior Indebtedness until the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Securities shall be paid in full and no such payments or distributions to the Holders of the Securities of cash, property or securities otherwise distributable to the holders of Senior Indebtedness shall, as between the Company, its creditors (other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness), and the Holders of the Securities be deemed to be a payment by the Company to or on account of the Securities. It is understood that the provisions of this Article Fourteen are and are intended solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the Holders of the Securities, on the one hand, and the holders of the Senior Indebtedness, on the other hand. Nothing contained in this Article Fourteen or elsewhere in this Indenture or in the Securities is intended to or shall impair, as between the Company, its creditors (other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness), and the Holders of the Securities, the obligation of the Company, which is unconditional and absolute, to pay to the Holders of the Securities the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the Securities as and when the same shall become due and payable in accordance with their terms, or to affect the relative rights of the Holders of the Securities and creditors of the Company (other than the holders of Senior Indebtedness), nor shall anything herein or in the Securities prevent the Trustee or the Holder of any Security from exercising all remedies otherwise permitted by applicable law upon default under this Indenture, subject to the rights, if any, under this Article Fourteen of the holders of Senior Indebtedness in respect of cash, property or securities of the Company received upon the exercise of any such remedy. Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article Fourteen, the Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 601, shall be entitled to rely upon a certificate of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making any distribution to the Trustee for the purpose of ascertaining the Persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of Senior Indebtedness and other indebtedness of the

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Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article Fourteen.

The Trustee, however, shall not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Indebtedness. The Trustee shall not be liable to any such holder if it shall pay over or distribute to or on behalf of Holders of Securities or the Company moneys or assets to which any holder of Senior Indebtedness shall be entitled by virtue of this Article Fourteen.

If the Trustee or any Holder of Securities does not file a proper claim or proof of debt in the form required in any proceeding referred to above prior to 30 days before the expiration of the time to file such claim in such proceeding, then the holder of any Senior Indebtedness is hereby authorized, and has the right, to file an appropriate claim or claims for or on behalf of such Holder of Securities.

Section 1403. *No Payment on Securities in Certain Circumstances.*

Except as otherwise specified in a Board Resolution establishing the series of Securities pursuant to Section 301,

- (a) Upon the maturity of any Senior Indebtedness by lapse of time, acceleration (unless waived, rescinded or annulled) or otherwise, or upon any payment default (with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, in accordance with the terms of the instrument governing such Senior Indebtedness, and without any waiver or forgiveness) with respect to any Senior Indebtedness, all amounts payable thereon shall first be paid in full on such Senior Indebtedness, before any payment is made, directly or indirectly by set off or otherwise, on account of principal of, or interest on, the Securities of such series or to acquire any of the Securities of such series or on account of the redemption provisions of the Securities of such series.
- (b) Upon a default with respect to any Senior Indebtedness (other than under circumstances when the terms of paragraph (a) of this Section are applicable), as such default is defined therein or in the instrument under which it is outstanding, permitting the holders to accelerate the maturity thereof, upon written notice thereof given to the Company and the Trustee by or on behalf of holders of such Senior Indebtedness ("Default Notice"), then, unless and until such default shall have been cured or waived by the holders of such Senior Indebtedness or shall have ceased to exist (the "Payment Blockage Period"), no direct or indirect payment shall be made by the Company with respect to the principal of, or interest on, the Securities of such series and the coupons, if any, appertaining thereto or to acquire any of such Securities or on account of the redemption provisions of the Securities of such series and the coupons, if any, appertaining thereto; provided, however, that this paragraph (b) shall not prevent the making of any payment (which is not otherwise prohibited by paragraph (a)) for more than 179 days after the Default Notice shall have been given unless the Senior Indebtedness in respect of which such event of default exists has been declared due and payable in its entirety, in which case no such payment may be made until such acceleration has been rescinded or annulled or such Senior Indebtedness has been paid in full.
- (c) If, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, any payment on account of principal of, or interest on, the Securities of such series or of any coupon appertaining thereto shall be received by the Trustee, by any Holder or by any Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, money for any such

payment is segregated and held in trust), then, unless and until such payment is no longer prohibited by this Section, such payment (subject to the provisions of Section 1404) shall be held in trust for the benefit of the holders of Senior Indebtedness and, upon notice to the Trustee or such Paying Agent from the representative of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness and pursuant to the directions of such representative, shall be paid over or delivered to the holders of Senior Indebtedness or their representative(s), ratably according to the aggregate amount remaining unpaid on account of the principal of and interest on the Senior Indebtedness held or represented by each, for application to the payment or prepayment of all Senior Indebtedness remaining unpaid to the extent necessary to pay all Senior Indebtedness in full in accordance with its terms, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution or provision therefor to or for the holders of Senior Indebtedness. Promptly after becoming aware thereof, the Company shall give written notice to the Trustee of any event prohibiting payments on account of principal of, or interest on, the Securities of any series and any coupons appertaining thereto and, in such event, shall provide to the Trustee, in the form of an Officers' Certificate, the names and addresses of the holders of such Senior Indebtedness and their representative(s), if any, the amount of the Senior Indebtedness held by each such holder, any information necessary to calculate the daily or other increase in Senior Indebtedness held by such holders and any other information which the Trustee may reasonably request to comply with this Article. Subject to the provisions of Section 1402 hereof, in the event that the Trustee or the Paying Agent reasonably determines that additional evidence is required with respect to any person as a holder of Senior Indebtedness to participate in any payment or distribution pursuant to this Article, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, may request that such person furnish evidence to its reasonable satisfaction as to the extent such person is entitled to participate in such payment or distribution and as to other facts pertinent to the rights of such persons under this Article and if such evidence is not furnished, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, may defer any payment to such person pending judicial determination as to the right of such person to receive such payment.

Section 1404. Payments on Securities Permitted.

Nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities shall (a) affect the obligation of the Company to make, or prevent the Company from making, at any time except as provided in Sections 1402 and 1403, payments of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the Securities or (b) prevent the application by the Trustee of any moneys deposited with it hereunder to the payment of or on account of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the Securities, unless the Trustee shall have received at its Corporate Trust Office written notice of any event prohibiting the making of such payment more than two Business Days prior to the date fixed for such payment.

Section 1405. Authorization of Holders to Trustee to Effect Subordination.

Each Holder of Securities by his acceptance thereof authorizes and directs the Trustee on his behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate any subordination as provided in this Article Fourteen and appoints the Trustee his attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes.

Section 1406. Notices to Trustee.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article or any other provisions of this Indenture, neither the Trustee nor any Paying Agent (other than the Company) shall be charged with knowledge of the existence of any Senior Indebtedness or of any event which would prohibit the making of any payment of

moneys to or by the Trustee or such Paying Agent, unless and until the Trustee or such Paying Agent shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or from the holder of any Senior Indebtedness or from the trustee for any such holder, together with proof satisfactory to the Trustee of such holding of Senior Indebtedness or of the authority of such trustee; provided, however, that if at least two Business Days prior to the date upon which by the terms hereof any such moneys may become payable for any purpose (including, without limitation, the payment of either the principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any Security) the Trustee shall not have received with respect to such moneys the notice provided for in this Section 1406, then, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall have full power and authority to receive such moneys and to apply the same to the purpose for which they were received, and shall not be affected by any notice to the contrary, which may be received by it within two Business Days prior to such date. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely conclusively on the delivery to it of a written notice by a Person representing himself to be a holder of Senior Indebtedness (or a trustee on behalf of such holder) to establish that such a notice has been given by a holder of Senior Indebtedness or a trustee on behalf of any such holder. In the event that the Trustee determines in good faith that further evidence is required with respect to the right of any Person as a holder of Senior Indebtedness to participate in any payment or distribution pursuant to this Article Fourteen, the Trustee may request such Person to furnish evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee as to the amount of Senior Indebtedness held by such Person, the extent to which such Person is entitled to participate in such payment or distribution and any other facts pertinent to the rights of such Person under this Article Fourteen and, if such evidence is not furnished, the Trustee may defer any payment to such Person pending judicial determination as to the right of such Person to receive such payment.

Section 1407. Trustee as Holder of Senior Indebtedness.

The Trustee in its individual capacity shall be entitled to all the rights set forth in this Article Fourteen in respect of any Senior Indebtedness at any time held by it to the same extent as any other holder of Senior Indebtedness and nothing elsewhere in this Indenture shall be construed to deprive the Trustee of any of its rights as such holder.

Nothing in this Article Fourteen shall apply to claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 607.

Section 1408. Modifications of Terms of Senior Indebtedness.

Any renewal or extension of the time of payment of any Senior Indebtedness or the exercise by the holders of Senior Indebtedness of any of their rights under any instrument creating or evidencing Senior Indebtedness, including, without limitation, the waiver of default thereunder, may be made or done all without notice to or assent from the Holders of the Securities or the Trustee. No compromise, alteration, amendment, modification, extension, renewal or other change of, or waiver, consent or other action in respect of, any liability or obligation under or in respect of, or of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of any indenture or other instrument under which any Senior Indebtedness is outstanding or of such Senior Indebtedness, whether or not such release is in accordance with the provisions of any applicable document, shall in any way alter or affect any of the provisions of this Article Fourteen or of the Securities relating to the subordination thereof.

Section 1409. Reliance on Judicial Order or Certificate of Liquidating Agent.

Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Company referred to in this Article Fourteen, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities shall be entitled to rely conclusively upon any order or decree entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in which such insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership,

liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, winding up or similar case or proceeding is pending, or a certificate of the trustee in bankruptcy, liquidating trustee, custodian, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, agent or other person making such payment or distribution, delivered to the Trustee or to the Holders of Securities, for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such payment or distribution, the holders of Senior Indebtedness and other indebtedness of the Company, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article Fourteen.

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This instrument may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture dated as of _____, _____ to be duly executed, and their respective corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and attested, all as of _____.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.,
Issuer

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Trustee

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Attest:

EXHIBIT A

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED TO EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM BANKING BY A BENEFICIAL OWNER OF SECURITIES, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A DEFINITIVE BEARER SECURITY IN EXCHANGE FOR AN INTEREST IN A TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY OR TO EXCHANGE AN INTEREST IN A TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY FOR AN INTEREST IN A PERMANENT GLOBAL SECURITY]

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

[Insert title or description of Securities]

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of _____, _____ (the "Indenture") between Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company") and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee. Terms used herein unless otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

This is to certify that as of the date hereof [and except as provided in the fourth paragraph hereof]*, \$ _____ principal amount of the above-captioned Securities represented by a temporary Global Security (the "temporary Global Security") held by you for our account is:

- (i) beneficially owned by persons that are not United States persons (as defined below);
- (ii) owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) ("financial institutions")) purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution hereby agrees, for the benefit of the Company, that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder); or
- (iii) owned by financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)) and, in addition, financial institution(s) described in this clause (iii) (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)), further certify that they have not acquired the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States.

*"United States person" means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and an estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, and "United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico).

[This certificate excepts and does not relate to \$ _____ principal amount of the temporary Global Security held by you for our account as to which we are not able to provide a certificate in this form. We understand that exchange of such portion of the temporary Global Security for [definitive Bearer Securities] [interests in a permanent Global Security] cannot be made until we are able to provide a certificate in this form.]* We undertake to advise you promptly by tested telex on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the above-captioned Securities held by you for our account if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations in the United States. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: _____

[Name of Person Making Certification]

By: _____

* Delete if inappropriate.

EXHIBIT B

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN TO THE APPROPRIATE TRUSTEE BY EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM BANKING REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF A TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY FOR DEFINITIVE SECURITIES OR FOR A PORTION OF A PERMANENT GLOBAL SECURITY]

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

[Insert title or description of Securities]

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of _____, (the "Indenture") between Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company") and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee. Terms used herein unless otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

We refer to that portion of the temporary Global Security in respect of the above-captioned Securities which is herewith submitted to be exchanged for [definitive Bearer Securities] [interests in a permanent Global Security] (the "Submitted Portion") as provided in the Prospectus Supplement dated [insert date of Prospectus Supplement] in respect of such issue. This is to certify that (i) we have received in writing or by tested telex or electronically (in accordance with the requirements of United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3)(ii)) a certificate or certificates with respect to the entire Submitted Portion, substantially in the form of Exhibit B to the Indenture, and (ii) the Submitted Portion includes no part of the temporary Global Security excepted in such certificates.

We further certify that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of the persons giving such certificates to the effect that the statements made by them with respect to any part of the Submitted Portion are no longer true and cannot be relied on as of the date thereof.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations in the United States of America. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings. Submitted Portion:

U.S. \$ _____

Date: _____

[Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.] [Clearstream Banking S.A.]*

By: _____

* Delete if inappropriate.

EXHIBIT C

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED TO EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM BANKING BY A BENEFICIAL OWNER OF SECURITIES, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON A TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY]

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

[Insert title or description of Securities]

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of _____, (the "Indenture") between Community Health Systems, Inc. (the "Company") and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee. Terms used herein unless otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

This is to certify that as of the date hereof [and except as provided in the fourth paragraph hereof]*, \$ _____ principal amount of the above-captioned Securities represented by a temporary Global Security (the "temporary Global Security") held by you for our account is:

- (i) _____ beneficially owned by persons that are not United States persons (as defined below);

(ii) owned by United States person(s) that are (a) foreign branches of United States financial institutions (as defined in United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.165-12(c)(1)(v) (“financial institutions”)) purchasing for their own account or for resale, or (b) United States person(s) who acquired the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security through foreign branches of United States financial institutions and who hold the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security through such United States financial institutions on the date hereof (and in either case (a) or (b), each such United States financial institution hereby agrees, for the benefit of the Company, that it will comply with the requirements of Section 165(j)(3)(A), (B) or (C) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations thereunder); or

(iii) owned by financial institution(s) for the purpose of resale during the restricted period (as defined in United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)) and, in addition, financial institution(s) described in this clause (iii) (whether or not also described in clause (i) or (ii)), further certify that they have not acquired the beneficial interest in the temporary Global Security for the purpose of resale directly or indirectly to a United States person or to a person within the United States.

“United States person” means a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States and an estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source, and “United States” means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico).

[This certificate excepts and does not relate to \$ _____ principal amount of the temporary Global Security held by you for our account as to which we are not able to provide a certificate in this form. We understand that payments, if any, due with respect to such portion of the temporary Global Security cannot be made until we are able to provide a certificate in this form.]*

We undertake to advise you promptly by tested telex on or prior to the date on which you intend to submit your certification relating to the above-captioned Securities held by you for our account if any applicable statement herein is not correct on such date, and in the absence of any such notification it may be assumed that this certification applies as of such date.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations in the United States. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

Dated: _____

[Name of Person Making Certification]

By: _____

* Delete if inappropriate.

EXHIBIT D

[FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE GIVEN TO THE APPROPRIATE TRUSTEE BY EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM BANKING REGARDING PAYMENT ON A TEMPORARY GLOBAL SECURITY]

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

[Insert title or description of Securities]

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of _____, (the “Indenture”) between Community Health Systems, Inc. (the “Company”) and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee. Terms used herein unless otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Indenture.

We refer to that portion of the temporary Global Security in respect of the above-captioned Securities for which we hereby request that you make payment to us of the amounts payable on the relevant payment date (the “Submitted Portion”) as provided in the Prospectus Supplement dated [insert date of Prospectus Supplement] in respect of such issue. This is to certify that (i) we have received in writing or by tested telex or electronically (in accordance with the requirements of United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3)(ii)) a certificate or certificates with respect to the entire Submitted Portion, substantially in the form of Exhibit D to the Indenture, and (ii) the Submitted Portion includes no part of the temporary Global Security excepted in such certificates.

We further certify that as of the date hereof we have not received any notification from any of the persons giving such certificates to the effect that the statements made by them with respect to any part of the Submitted Portion are no longer true and cannot be relied on as of the date thereof.

We understand that this certificate is required in connection with certain tax laws and regulations in the United States of America. If administrative or legal proceedings are commenced or threatened in connection with which this certificate is or would be relevant, we irrevocably authorize you to produce this certificate or a copy thereof to any interested party in such proceedings.

Submitted Portion:

U.S. \$

Dated: _____

[Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.]*
[Clearstream Banking S.A.]*

By: _____

* Delete if inappropriate.

August 10, 2004

Community Health Systems, Inc.
155 Franklin Road, Suite 400
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special counsel to Community Health Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as may be amended from time to time (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the potential offer and sale from time to time, as set forth in the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus") and as shall be set forth in one or more supplements to the Prospectus (each, a "Prospectus Supplement"), of up to U.S. \$1,000,000,000 aggregate amount of securities consisting of a combination of (i) shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Company; (ii) one or more series of notes or debentures convertible into Common Stock (the "Debt Securities") that may be issued from time to time by the Company; and (iii) up to 23,134,738 shares of Common Stock that may be sold by Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-V, L.P. and Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VI, L.P., each an affiliate of Forstmann Little & Co. (the "Selling Stockholders"). All capitalized terms used herein that are defined in, or by reference in, the Registration Statement have the meanings assigned to such terms therein or by reference therein, unless otherwise defined herein. With your permission, all assumptions and statements of reliance herein have been made without any independent investigation or verification on our part, and we express no opinion with respect to the subject matter or accuracy of such assumptions or items relied upon.

The Debt Securities will be issued pursuant to an indenture (as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Indenture"), the form of which is attached as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, by and between the Company and Wachovia Bank, National Association, as trustee, or such other bank, trust company or other financial institution to be

named that is qualified to act as trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trustee").

In connection with this opinion, we have (i) investigated such questions of law, (ii) examined originals or certified, conformed or reproduction copies of such agreements, instruments, documents and records of the Company, such certificates of public officials and such other documents, and (iii) received such information from officers and representatives of the Company as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion.

In all such examinations, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of original and certified documents, and the conformity to original or certified documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed or reproduction copies. As to various questions of fact relevant to the opinion expressed herein, we have relied upon, and assume the accuracy of, representations and warranties contained in the Indenture and certificates and oral or written statements and other information of or from public officials and officers and representatives of the Company and others and assume compliance on the part of all parties to the Indenture with their covenants and agreements contained therein.

To the extent it may be relevant to the opinion expressed herein, we have assumed that (i) the Company will have sufficient authorized but unissued and unreserved shares of Common Stock on the date of any issuance of shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement, (ii) the Trustee has the power and authority to enter into and perform the Indenture and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby, and (iii) the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by, and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Trustee enforceable against the Trustee in accordance with its terms, and that the Trustee will comply with all of its obligations under the Indenture and all laws applicable thereto.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. When the (i) Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the terms of the issuance and sale of shares of Common Stock (including any Common Stock duly issued upon the exercise of any Debt Securities that are convertible into Common Stock) registered pursuant to the Registration Statement have been duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") in conformity with the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") and the Company's Restated By-laws (the "By-laws") and all other necessary corporate action on the part of the Company has been taken in connection therewith and in a manner so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument then binding on the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the

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Company, and (iii) such shares of Common Stock have been issued and delivered against payment therefore in an amount equal to at least the par value thereof, in accordance with the terms of the agreement under which they are sold and in a manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and/or the applicable Prospectus Supplement, such shares of Common Stock will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

2. When (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the terms of the issuance and sale of the Debt Securities have been established in conformity with the Indenture and duly approved by the Board in conformity with the Certificate of Incorporation and the By-laws and all other necessary corporate action on the part of the Company has been taken in connection therewith and in a manner so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument then binding on the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company, (iii) the applicable Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Trustee, and (iv) the Debt Securities have been duly authenticated by the Trustee and duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company against payment thereof in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, in accordance with the terms of the agreement under which they are sold and in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and/or the applicable Prospectus Supplement, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company.
3. The shares of Common Stock that may be sold by the Selling Stockholders are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We express no opinion as to:

(i) the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any provision of the Indenture or the Debt Securities relating to indemnification, contribution or exculpation (a) in connection with violations of any applicable laws, statutory duties or public policy, or (b) in connection with willful, reckless or unlawful acts or gross negligence of the indemnified or exculpated party or the party receiving contribution, or (c) under circumstances involving the negligence of the indemnified or exculpated party or the party receiving contribution in which a court might determine the provision to be unfair or insufficiently explicit;

(ii) the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any provision of the Indenture or the Debt Securities related to (a) forum selection or submission to jurisdiction (including, without limitation, any waiver of any objection to venue in any court or of any objection that a court is an inconvenient forum) to the extent that the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any such provision is to be determined by any court other than a court of the State of New York, or (b) choice of governing law to the extent that the

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validity, binding effect or enforceability of any such provision is to be determined by any court other than a court of the State of New York or a federal district court sitting in the State of New York, in each case, applying the choice of law principles of the State of New York; and

(iii) the enforceability of any provision of the Indenture or the Debt Securities specifying that provisions thereof may be waived only in writing, to the extent that an oral agreement or an implied agreement by trade practice or course of conduct has been created that modifies any provision of any of the documents.

We note that, as of the date of this opinion, in the case of a Debt Security denominated in a foreign currency, a state court in the State of New York rendering a judgment on such Debt Security would be required under Section 27 of the New York Judiciary Law to render such judgment in the foreign currency in which the Debt Security is denominated, and such judgment would be converted into United States dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of entry of the judgment.

The opinion set forth above is subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally, and (ii) general principles of equity including, without limitation, standards of materiality, good faith, fair dealing and reasonableness, equitable defenses and limits as to the availability of equitable remedies, whether such principles are considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the federal laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of New York and, to the extent relevant, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (which includes applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution and reported judicial interpretations covering those laws), each as currently in effect. The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein. The opinion expressed herein is given as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to supplement this letter if any applicable laws change after the date hereof or if we become aware of any facts that might change the opinion expressed herein after the date hereof or for any other reason.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to references to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and "Legal Matters" in any Prospectus Supplement. In giving these consents, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON LLP

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-117697 of Community Health Systems, Inc. on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 25, 2004 (the report on the consolidated financial statements expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the Company changing its method of accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets by adopting certain provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, effective January 1, 2002) appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Community Health Systems, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2003, as amended, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of such Registration Statement.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Nashville, Tennessee
August 10, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) o

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
(Exact Name of Trustee as Specified in its Charter)

22-1147033
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

301 S. COLLEGE STREET, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28288-0630
(Zip Code)

SUSAN K. BAKER
WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
2525 WEST END AVENUE, SUITE 1200
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203
(615) 341-3926
(Name, address and telephone number of Agent for Service)

COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.
(Exact Name of Obligor as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

13-3893191
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

155 FRANKLIN ROAD, SUITE 400, BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

37027
(Zip Code)

CONVERTIBLE DEBT SECURITIES
(Title of Indenture Securities)

1. General information.

Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

a) Name and address of each examining or supervisory authority to which it is subject:

Comptroller of the Currency
United States Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20219

Federal Reserve Bank
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Washington, D.C. 20429

b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

2. Affiliations with obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

3. Voting securities of the trustee.

Furnish the following information as to each class of voting securities of the trustee:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

4. Trusteeships under other indentures.

If the trustee is a trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the obligor are outstanding, furnish the following information:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

5. Interlocking directorates and similar relationships with the obligor or underwriters.

If the trustee or any of the directors or executive officers of the trustee is a director, officer, partner, employee, appointee, or representative of the obligor or of any underwriter for the obligor, identify each such person having any such connection and state the nature of each such connection.

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

6. Voting securities of the trustee owned by the obligor or its officials.

Furnish the following information as to the voting securities of the trustee owned beneficially by the obligor and each director, partner, and executive officer of the obligor:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

7. Voting securities of the trustee owned by underwriters or their officials.

Furnish the following information as to the voting securities of the trustee owned beneficially by each underwriter for the obligor and each director, partner, and executive officer of each such underwriter:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

8. Securities of the obligor owned or held by the trustee.

Furnish the following information as to securities of the obligor owned beneficially or held as collateral security for obligations in default by the trustee:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

9. Securities of underwriters owned or held by the trustee.

If the trustee owns beneficially or holds as collateral security for obligations in default any securities of an underwriter for the obligor, furnish the following information as to each class of securities of such underwriter any of which are so owned or held by the trustee:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

10. Ownership or holdings by the trustee of voting securities of certain affiliates or security holders of the obligor.

If the trustee owns beneficially or holds as collateral security for obligations in default voting securities of a person who, to the knowledge of the trustee (1) owns 10 percent or more of the voting stock of the obligor or (2) is an affiliate, other than a subsidiary, of the obligor, furnish the following information as to the voting securities of such person:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

11. Ownership or holdings by the trustee of any securities of a person owning 50 percent or more of the voting securities of the obligor.

If the trustee owns beneficially or holds as collateral security for obligations in default any securities of a person who, to the knowledge of the trustee, owns 50 percent or more of the voting securities of the obligor, furnish the following information as to each class of securities of such person any of which are so owned or held by the trustee:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

12. Indebtedness of the obligor to the trustee.

Except as noted in the instructions, if the obligor is indebted to the trustee, furnish the following information:

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

13. Defaults by the obligor.

a) State whether there is or has been a default with respect to the securities under this indenture. Explain the nature of any such default.

None.

b) If the trustee is a trustee under another indenture under which any other securities, or certificates of interest or participation in any other securities, of the obligor are outstanding, or is trustee for more than one outstanding series of securities under the indenture, state whether there has been a default under any such indenture or series, identify the indenture or series affected, and explain the nature of any such default.

None

14. Affiliations with the underwriters.

If any underwriter is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

Not applicable - see answer to Item 13.

15. Foreign trustee.

Identify the order or rule pursuant to which the trustee is authorized to act as sole trustee under indentures qualified or to be qualified under the Act.

Not applicable - trustee is a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States.

16. List of Exhibits.

List below all exhibits filed as part of this statement of eligibility.

- 1. Copy of Articles of Association of the trustee as now in effect.*
- 2. Copy of the Certificate of the Comptroller of the Currency dated March 27, 2002, evidencing the authority of the trustee to transact business.*
- 3. Copy of the Certification of Fiduciary Powers of the trustee by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency dated March 27, 2002.*
- 4. Copy of existing by-laws of the trustee.**
- 5. Copy of each indenture referred to in Item 4, if the obligor is in default.
Not Applicable.
- 6. Consent of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act.
- 7. Copy of report of condition of the trustee at the close of business on March 31, 2004, published pursuant to the requirements of its supervising authority.
- 8. Copy of any order pursuant to which the foreign trustee is authorized to act as sole trustee under indentures qualified or to be qualified under the Act.
Not Applicable

- 9. Consent to service of process required of foreign trustees pursuant to Rule 10a-4 under the Act.
Not Applicable

*Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2002 as an Exhibit to Form T-1 (in connection with Registration Statement File No. 333-86036) and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 13, 2003 as an Exhibit to Form T-1 (in connection with Registration Statement File No. 333-105207) and is incorporated by reference herein.

NOTE

The trustee disclaims responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of information contained in this Statement of Eligibility and Qualification not known to the trustee and not obtainable by it through reasonable investigation and as to which information it has obtained from the obligor and has had to rely or will obtain from the principal underwriters and will have to rely.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the trustee, Wachovia Bank, National Association, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this Statement of Eligibility and Qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Nashville and the State of Tennessee, on the 30th day of July, 2004.

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: _____ /s/ SUSAN K. BAKER
Susan K. Baker
Vice President

EXHIBIT T-6

CONSENT OF THE TRUSTEE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, and in connection with the proposed issue of Community Health System, Inc. Convertible Debt Securities, Wachovia Bank, National Association, hereby consents that reports of examinations by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request therefor.

WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: _____ /s/ SUSAN K. BAKER
Susan K. Baker
Vice President

July 30, 2004

EXHIBIT T-7**REPORT OF CONDITION**

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of Wachovia Bank, N.A., at the close of business on March 31, 2004, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161. Charter Number 1 Comptroller of the Currency.

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

		ASSETS	
		Thousand of Dollars	
1.	Cash and balance due from depository institutions (from Schedule RC-A:)		
a.	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin (1)		10,978,000
b.	Interest-bearing balances (2)		4,227,000
2.	Securities		////
a.	Held-to-maturity securities (from Schedule RC-B, column A)		0
b.	Available-for-sale securities (from schedule RC-B, column D)		101,297,000
3.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		////
a.	Federal funds sold in domestic offices..		945,000
b.	Securities purchased under agreements to resell (3)		4,378,000
4.	Loans and lease financing receivables (from Schedule RC-C):		////
a.	Loan and leases held for sale		14,853,000
b.	Loan and leases, net of unearned income	164,288,000	
c.	LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	2,419,000	
d.	Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance (item.4.b misus 4.c)		161,869,000
5.	Trading assets (from Schedule RC-D)		27,082,000
6.	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)		3,720,000
7.	Other real estate owned (from Schedule RC-M)		140,000
8.	Investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies (from Schedule RC-M)		
9.	Customer's liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding		605,000
10.	Intangible assets		////
a.	Goodwill		9,592,000
b.	Other intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M)		1,467,000
11.	Other assets (from Schedule RC-F)		22,418,000
12.	Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)		364,474,000

(1) Includes cash items in process of collection and unposted debits.

(2) Includes time certificates of deposit not held for trading.

(3) Includes all securities repurchase agreements in domestic and foreign offices, regardless of maturity.

LIABILITIES

13.	Deposits:		
a.	In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E, part 1)		224,687,000
(1)	Noninterest-bearing (1)	14,696,000	
(2)	Interest-bearing	209,941,000	
b.	In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs (from Schedule RC-E, part II)		
(1)	Noninterest-bearing	280,000	
(2)	Interest-bearing	13,882,000	
14.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		////
a.	Federal Funds purchased in domestic offices(2)		2,594,000
b.	Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (3)		22,207,000
15.	Trading liabilities(from Schedule RC-D)		16,996,000
16.	Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases)(from Schedule RC-M)		29,231,000
17.	Not applicable		////
18.	Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding		613,000
19.	Subordinated notes and debentures (4)		9,352,000
20.	Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-6)		11,255,000
21.	Total liabilities. (items 13 through 20)		331,097,000
22.	Minority Interest in consolidated subsidiaries		1,499,000

EQUITY CAPITAL

23.	Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus		0
24.	Common Stock		455,000
25.	Surplus (excludes all surplus related to preferred stock)		24,216,000
a.	Retained Earnings		5,533,000
b.	Accumulated other comprehensive income (5)		1,674,000
26.	Other equity capital components (6)		0
27.	Total equity capital (sum of item 23 through 27)		31,878,000
28.	Total liabilities, minority interest and equity capital (sum of items 21,22, and 28)		364,474,000

(1) Includes total demand deposits and noninterest-bearing time and savings deposits.

(2) Report overnight Federal Home Loan Bank advances in Schedule RC, item 16, "Other borrowed money."

- (3) Includes all securities repurchase agreements in domestic and foreign offices, regardless of maturity.
 - (4) Includes limited-life preferred stock and related surplus.
 - (5) Includes net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, accumulated net gains (losses) on cash flow hedges, cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments, and minimum pension liability adjustments.
 - (6) Includes treasury stock and unearned Employee Stock Ownership Plan shares.
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