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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§	Case No. 19-34054
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.	§ §	Chapter 11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
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Plaintiff.	§	
v.	§	Adversary No. 21-03003-sgj
	§	
JAMES D. DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND	§	
THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,	§ §	
Defendants.	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
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Plaintiff.	§	
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v.	§	
	§	Adversary No.: 21-03005-sgj
NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P., JAMES DONDERO,	§	
NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY	§ § §	
INVESTMENT TRUST,	§	
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Defendants.	§	

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NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY	§	
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DEFENDANTS' JOINT WITNESS AND EXHIBIT LIST

Defendants James D. Dondero, Nancy Dondero, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("<u>Defendants</u>") hereby file this Joint Witness and Exhibit List for the consolidated hearings to consider (i) *Defendants' Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Claims for Relief*; and (ii) *Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation*¹, currently set for November 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. In support thereof, Defendants respectfully show as follows:

 $^{^1}$ Each of these motions was concurrently filed in Adv. Nos. 21-03003, 21-03007, 21-03006, and 21-03005, Case No. 19-34054-sgj11.

A. Documents that Defendants may use as exhibits:

Dondero Exhibit No.	Description	Offered	Objection	Admitted by Agreement	Admitted
1.	Amended Complaint filed in Adv. No. 21-03003, including all exhibits attached thereto [Adv. Dkt. 79 and 79-1 through 79-6]				
2.	Amended Complaint filed in Adv. No. 21-03005, including all exhibits attached thereto [Adv. Dkt. 63 and 63-1 through 63-5]				
3.	Amended Complaint filed in Adv. No. 21-03006, including all exhibits attached thereto [Adv. Dkt. 68 and 68-1 through 68-9]				
4.	Amended Complaint filed in Adv. No. 21-03007, including all exhibits attached thereto [Adv. Dkt. 63 and 63-1 through 63-9]				
5.	Appendix in Support of Defendants' Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation [Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003] ²				
6.	Declaration of Michael P. Aigen in Support of Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation, dated September 1, 2021 [Exhibit A to Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003]				
7.	Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. [Exhibit 1 to Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003]				

² The appendix was attached to each Motion to Compel Arbitration that was filed in each of the above-captioned adversary proceedings. For the sake of brevity, only one appendix is included on this exhibit list. Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the identical filings made in each of the above-captioned adversary proceedings: Adv. 21-03003, 21-03005, 21-03006, and 21-03007.

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8.	Excerpts from the Transcript of the Remote Deposition of James Dondero on May 28, 2021, Adversary Proceeding No. 21-3003 [Exhibit 2 to Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003]		
9.	Acceptance of Appointment of Family Trustee, executed by Nancy Marie Dondero on October 13, 2015 [Exhibit 3 to Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003]		
10.	Trust Agreement Between Dana Scott Breault, Settlor and James D. Dondero and Commonwealth Trust Company, Trustees, The Dugaboy Investment Trust, dated November 15, 2010 [Exhibit 4 to Adv. Dkt. 81 in Adv. No. 21-03003]		
11.	Debtor's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Serve and File Amended Complaint, including all exhibits attached thereto [Adv. Dkt. 73 in Adv. No. 21-03003] ³		
12.	Order Granting Debtor's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Serve and File Amended Complaint [Adv. Dkt. 75 in Adv. No. 21-03003] ⁴		
13.	Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other Pre-Trial Issues [Adv. Dkt. 78 in Adv. No. 21-3003] ⁵		

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³ See also Docket Numbers 55, 60, and 55 filed in Adv. Proc. Nos. 21-03005, 21-03006, and 21-03007, respectively. Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the filing of identical motions for leave to amend filed by Plaintiff in each adversary proceeding.

⁴ See also Docket Numbers 57, 64, and 59 filed in Adv. Proc. Nos. 21-03005, 21-03006, and 21-03007, respectively. Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the filing of identical orders granting Plaintiff's motion for leave to amend in each adversary proceeding.

⁵ See also Docket Numbers 62, 67, and 62 filed in Adv. Proc. Nos. 21-03005, 21-03006, and 21-03007, respectively. Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the filing of identical stipulations in each adversary proceeding.

14.	Order Approving Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other Pre-Trial Issues [Adv. Dkt. 86 in Adv. No. 21-3003] ⁶		
	Any transcript of any hearing in the above-captioned bankruptcy case		
	Any document or pleading filed in the above-captioned bankruptcy case		
	Any transcript of any hearing in the above-captioned adversary proceedings		
	Any document or pleading filed in the above-captioned adversary proceedings		
	Any exhibit necessary for impeachment or rebuttal purposes		
	Any and all documents identified or offered by any other party		

Defendants reserve the right to amend and/or supplement this Exhibit List should they determine that any other document may be helpful to the trier of fact, whether in their case in chief or rebuttal.

B. Witnesses that Defendants may call to testify:

- 1. James Dondero;
- 2. Nancy Dondero;
- 3. James P. Seery, Jr.;
- 4. Any and all other witnesses identified or called by any other party; and

⁶ See also Docket Numbers 70, 75, and 70 filed in Adv. Proc. Nos. 21-03005, 21-03006, and 21-03007, respectively. Defendants request that the Court take judicial notice of the filing of identical orders approving the stipulations in each adversary proceeding.

5. Any witness necessary for rebuttal.

Defendants reserve the right to amend and/or supplement this Witness List should they determine that any other witness may be helpful to the trier of fact, whether in their case in chief or rebuttal.

Dated: November 5, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that, on November 5, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, including all attached exhibits, was served via the Court's CM/ECF system on counsel for Plaintiff Highland Capital Management, L.P. and on all other parties requesting or consenting to such service in this case.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ §	Adversary Proceeding No.
vs.	8 8 8	21-3003
JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,	8 §	
Defendants.	§	

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¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT, (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY, (III) FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, AND (IV) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>"), and the plaintiff (the "<u>Plaintiff</u>") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), by its undersigned counsel, as and for its amended complaint (the "<u>Complaint</u>") against defendants James Dondero ("<u>Mr. Dondero</u>"), Nancy Dondero, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("<u>Dugaboy</u>," and together with Mr. Dondero and Nancy Dondero, "<u>Defendants</u>"), alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against Defendants in connection with Mr. Dondero's defaults under three promissory notes executed by Mr. Dondero in favor of the Debtor in the aggregate original principal amount of \$8,825,000, and payable upon the Debtor's demand. Despite due demand, Mr. Dondero has failed to pay amounts due and owing under the notes and the accrued but unpaid interest thereon.
- 2. After amending his answer and his sworn responses to interrogatories, Mr. Dondero now contends that the Debtor orally agreed to relieve him of his obligations under the notes upon fulfillment of "conditions subsequent" (the "Alleged Agreement"). Mr. Dondero further contends that he entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, as trustee of Dugaboy, acting on behalf of the Debtor. At the time Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement, he controlled the Debtor and was the lifetime beneficiary of Dugaboy.

- 3. Based on its books and records, discovery to date, and other facts, the Debtor believes that the Alleged Agreement is a fiction created after the commencement of this Adversary Proceeding for the purpose of avoiding or at least delaying paying the obligations due under the notes.
- 4. Nevertheless, the Debtor amends its Complaint for the purpose of adding certain claims and naming additional parties who would be liable to the Debtor if the Alleged Agreement were determined to exist and be enforceable. Specifically, in addition to pursuing claims against Mr. Dondero for breach of his obligations under the notes and for turnover, the Debtor adds alternative claims (a) against Mr. Dondero for actual fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting Dugaboy in its breach of fiduciary duty, (b) against Dugaboy for declaratory relief and for breach of fiduciary duty, and (c) against Nancy Dondero for aiding and abetting Dugaboy in the breach of his fiduciary duties.
- 5. As remedies, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from Mr. Dondero in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Notes (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the notes), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under the Notes, (b) turnover by Mr. Dondero to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts; (c) avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovery of the funds transferred from the Plaintiff to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero pursuant to the Notes; (d) declaratory relief, and (e) damages arising from the Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties or aiding and abetting thereof.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Court") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 8. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 10. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Mr. Dondero is an individual residing in Dallas, Texas. He is the co-founder of the Debtor and was the Debtor's President and Chief Executive Officer until his resignation on January 9, 2020. At all relevant times, Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Dugaboy is (a) a limited partner of the Debtor, and (b) one of Mr. Dondero's family investment trusts for which is he a lifetime beneficiary.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Nancy Dondero is Mr. Dondero's sister, and the trustee of Dugaboy.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 14. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 15. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund ("Redeemer"), (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP LLC (collectively, "Acis").
- 16. On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Trustee in this Court filed that certain *Notice of Amended Unsecured Creditors' Committee* [Docket No. 2485] notifying the Court that Acis and Redeemer had resigned from the Committee.
- 17. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 18. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The Dondero Notes

19. Mr. Dondero, in his personal capacity, is the maker under a series of promissory notes in favor of the Debtor.

² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Highland Bankruptcy Case maintained by this Court.

- 20. Specifically, on February 2, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$3,825,000 ("Dondero's First Note"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's First Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 21. On August 1, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 ("Dondero's Second Note"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's Second Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**
- 22. On August 13, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 ("Dondero's Third Note" and collectively, with Dondero's First Note and Dondero's Second Note, the "Notes"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's Third Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3.**
- 23. Section 2 of each Note provides: "<u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee."
 - 24. Section 4 of each Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

25. Section 6 of each Note provides:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. Mr. Dondero Defaults Under Each Note

26. By letter dated December 3, 2020, the Debtor made demand on Mr. Dondero for payment under the Notes by December 11, 2020 (the "<u>Demand Letter</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 4</u>. The Demand Letter provided:

By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$9,004,013.07, which represents all accrued interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 27. Despite the Debtor's demand, Mr. Dondero did not pay all or any portion of the amounts demanded by the Debtor on December 11, 2020, or at any time thereafter.
- 28. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal amount of \$3,687,269.71 on Dondero's First Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$21,003.70, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$3,708,273.41.
- 29. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$2,619,929.42 on Dondero's Second Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$27,950.70, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$2,647,880.12.
- 30. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$2,622,425.61 on Dondero's Third Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$25,433.94, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$2,647,859.55.
- 31. Thus, as of December 11, 2020, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Notes was \$9,004,013.07.
- 32. Pursuant to Section 4 of each Note, each Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

C. The Debtor Files the Original Complaint

33. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1] (the "Original Complaint"). In the Original Complaint, the Debtor brought claims for (i) breach of contract for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under the Notes and (ii) turnover by Mr. Dondero for the outstanding amounts under the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest until the date of payment plus the Debtor's costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

D. <u>Mr. Dondero's Affirmative Defenses</u>

- 34. On March 16, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Original Answer* [Docket No. 6] (the "Original Answer"). In his Original Answer, Mr. Dondero asserted four affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor's claims should be barred because it was previously agreed by the Debtor that the Debtor would not collect on the Notes, (ii) waiver, (iii) estoppel, and (iv) failure of consideration. *See id.* ¶¶ 40-43.
- 35. On April 6, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Amended Answer* [Docket No. 16] (the "<u>Amended Answer</u>"), asserting three additional affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor previously agreed that it would not collect on the Notes "upon fulfillment of conditions subsequent" (*i.e.*, the Alleged Agreement) *id.* ¶ 40, (ii) The Debtor's claims are barred, in whole or in part, due to setoff, *id.* ¶ 41, and (iii) the Notes are "ambiguous," *id.* ¶ 45.
- 36. According to Mr. Dondero, the Alleged Agreement was orally entered into in January or February 2019, and was not memorialized in any documentation.
- 37. According to Mr. Dondero, he entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, acting in her capacity as the Trustee of Dugaboy, which purportedly held the majority of the Debtor's Class A limited partnership interests.

- 38. Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor at the time he entered into the Alleged Agreement.
- 39. Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
- 40. According to Mr. Dondero, he discussed the Alleged Agreement with Nancy Dondero, but (a) no one else participated in the discussions surrounding the execution or authorization of the Alleged Agreement, and (b) the Alleged Agreement was not subject to any negotiation.
- 41. Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and records do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.

E. Dugaboy Lacked Authority to Act on Behalf of the Debtor

- 42. Under section 4.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), and attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**, Dugaboy was not authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, or otherwise bind the Partnership (as "Partnership" is defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement).
 - 43. Section 4.2(b) of the Limited Partnership Agreement states:

<u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Exhibit 5, § 4.2(b).

44. No provision in the Limited Partnership Agreement authorizes any of the Partnership's limited partners to bind the Partnership.

45. Nancy Dondero also lacked authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement or to otherwise bind the Debtor.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero) (Breach of Contract)

- 46. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 47. Each Note is a binding and enforceable contract.
- 48. Mr. Dondero breached each Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon the Debtor's demand.
- 49. Pursuant to each Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from Mr. Dondero in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under each of the Notes.
- 50. As a direct and proximate cause of Mr. Dondero's breach of each Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the total amount of at least \$9,004,013.07, as of December 11, 2020, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero) (Turnover Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

- 51. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 52. Mr. Dondero owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until

the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under each of the Notes.

- 53. Each Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under each Note is matured and payable upon demand.
 - 54. Mr. Dondero has not paid the amounts dues under each Note to the Debtor.
- 55. The Debtor has made demand for the turnover of the amounts due under each Note.
- 56. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, Mr. Dondero has not turned over to the Debtor all or any of the amounts due under each of the Notes.
- 57. The Debtor is entitled to the turnover of all amounts due under each of the Notes.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A) and 550)

- 58. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 59. The Debtor made the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$8,825,000 in exchange for the Alleged Agreement within two years of the Petition Date.
- 60. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (a) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero, an insider of the Debtor.

- (b) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
- (c) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditors about the Alleged Agreement.
- (d) The Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
- (e) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
- (f) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 61. The pattern of conduct, series of transactions, and general chronology of events under inquiry in connection with the debt Mr. Dondero incurred under the Notes demonstrates a scheme of fraud.
- 62. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from Mr. Dondero.
- 63. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and 550, and Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1))

64. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 65. The Debtor made the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$8,825,000 in exchange for the Alleged Agreement after, or within a reasonable time before, creditors' claims arose.
- 66. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor of the Debtor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (g) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (h) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (i) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (j) Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (k) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (l) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 67. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from Mr. Dondero.
- 68. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy)

(For Declaratory Relief: -- 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001)

- 69. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 70. A bona fide, actual, present dispute exists between the Debtor and Dugaboy concerning whether Dugaboy was authorized to entered into the Alleged Agreement on the Debtor's behalf.
- 71. A judgment declaring the parties' respective rights and obligations will resolve their dispute..
- 72. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001, the Debtor specifically seeks declarations that:
 - (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement,
 - (b) Dugaboy was not authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership,
 - (c) Dugaboy otherwise had no right or authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and
 - (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy) (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 73. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 74. If Dugaboy, as a limited partner, had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy would owe the Debtor a fiduciary duty.
- 75. If Dugaboy had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy breached its fiduciary duty of care to the Debtor by entering into and authorizing the purported Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor.
- 76. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to recover from Dugaboy (a) actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of its breach of fiduciary duty, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against James Dondero and Nancy Dondero) (Aiding and Abetting a Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 77. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 78. James Dondero and Nancy Dondero (together, the "<u>Donderos</u>") were aware that Dugaboy would have fiduciary duties to the Debtor if it acted to bind the Debtor.
- 79. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duties to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 80. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duty to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.

81. Accordingly, the Donderos are jointly and severally liable (a) for the actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dondero's breaches of fiduciary duties, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

- (i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial but includes (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by Mr. Dondero to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (iii) On its Third Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000 pursuant to section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) On its Fourth Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000 pursuant to section Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1);
- (v) On its Fifth Claim for Relief, a declaration that: (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business,

transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement, (b) Dugaboy was not authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, (c) Dugaboy otherwise had no right or authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void;

- (vi) On its Sixth Claim for Relief, actual damages from Dugaboy, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of Dugaboy's breach of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages;
- (vii) On its Seventh Claim for Relief, actual damages from the Donderos, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dugaboy's breaches of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages; and

Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: As of July 13, 2021

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EXHIBIT 1

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$3,825,000 February 2, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, JAMES DONDERO ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of THREE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,825,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the long-term "applicable federal rate" (2.66%) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2, <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary.</u> Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Tax Loan</u>. This Note is paid to the Maker to help satisfy any current tax obligations of a former partner or current partner.
- 5. Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 6. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 7. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other

amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 8. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 9. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

JAMES DONDERO

EXHIBIT 2

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,500,000 August 1, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, JAMES DONDERO ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the long-term "applicable federal rate" (2.95%) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary.</u> Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. Waiver. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

JAMES DONDERO

EXHIBIT 3

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,500,000 August 13, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, JAMES DONDERO ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- I. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the long-term "applicable federal rate" (2.95%) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

EXHIBIT 4

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December 3, 2020

James Dondero c/o Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: Demand on Promissory Notes:

Dear Mr. Dondero,

You entered into the following promissory notes (collectively, the "<u>Notes</u>") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Payee</u>"):

Date Issued	Original Principal	Outstanding Principal	Accrued But	Total Amount
	Amount	Amount (12/11/20)	Unpaid Interest	Outstanding (12/11/20)
			(12/11/20)	
2/2/18	\$3,825,000	\$3,687,269.71	\$21,003.70	\$3,708,273.41
8/1/18	\$2,500,000	\$2,619,929.42	\$27,950.70	\$2,647,880.12
8/13/18	\$2,500,000	\$2,622,425.61	\$25,433.94	\$2,647,859.55
TOTALS	\$16,725,000	\$8,929,624,74	\$74.388.33	\$9,004,013,07

As set forth in Section 2 of each of the Notes, accrued interest and principal is due and payable upon the demand of Payee. By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$9,004,013.07, which represents all accrued and unpaid interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Payments on the Notes must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Notes or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Notes will continue to accrue until the Notes are paid in full. Any such interest will remain your obligation.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer ce: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
Gregory Demo
D. Michael Lynn

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 5

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OP 1933 OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES ACTS IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS UNDER THOSE ACTS. THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THAT SALE OR DISPOSITION IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SUCH APPLICABLE ACTS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP is entered into on this 24th day of December, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, by and among Strand Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Strand"), as General Partner, the Limited Partners party hereto, and any Person hereinafter admitted as a Limited Partner.

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

- 1.1. Continuation. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners hereby continue the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. Except as expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations of the Partners and the administration and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act.
- 1.2. Name. The name of the Partnership shall be, and the business of the Partnership shall be conducted under the name of Highland Capital Management, L.P. The General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall provide Limited Partners with written notice of such name change within twenty (20) days after such name change.
- 1.3. Purpose. The purpose and business of the Partnership shall be the conduct of any business or activity that may lawfully be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act. Any or all of the foregoing activities may be conducted directly by the Partnership or indirectly through another partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement.
- **1.4. Term.** The Partnership was formed as a limited partnership on July 7, 1997, and shall continue until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Partnership Offices; Addresses of Partners.

- (a) <u>Partnership Offices</u>. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1297, and its registered agent for service of process on the Partnership at that registered office shall be Corporation Service Company, or such other registered office or registered agent as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The principal office of the Partnership shall be 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places as the General Partner deems advisable.
- (b) <u>Addresses of Partners</u>. The address of the General Partner is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The address of each Limited Partner shall be the address of that Limited Partner appearing on the books and records of the Partnership. Each Limited Partner agrees to provide the General Partner with prompt written notice of any change in his/her/its address.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

- **2.1. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Agreement, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary in this Agreement:
- "Additional Capital Contribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Partner, the deficit balance, if any, in the Capital Account of that Partner as of the end of the relevant Fiscal Year, or other relevant period, giving effect to all adjustments previously made thereto pursuant to Section 3.7 and further adjusted as follows: (i) credit to that Capital Account, any amounts which that Partner is obligated or deemed obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c); (ii) debit to that Capital Account, the items described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6); and (iii) to the extent required under the Treasury Regulations, credit to that Capital Account (A) that Partner's share of "minimum gain" and (B) that Partner's share of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain." (Each Partner's share of the minimum gain and partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain shall be determined under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), respectively.)
- "Affiliate" means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Person in question. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "Agreement" means this Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States or the State of Texas shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 3.7(a).
- "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Partner, the amount of money or property contributed to the Partnership with respect to the interest in the Partnership held by that Person.
- "Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware by the General Partner, as that Certificate may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Class A Limited Partners" means those Partners holding a Class A Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class A Limited Partner."

- "Class B Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class B Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class B Limited Partner."
- "Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which the Class B Limited Partner's aggregate capital contributions, including the original principal balance of the Contribution Note, and reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class B Limited Partner, exceed 75 percent of the product of the Class B Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Class C Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class C Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class C Limited Partner."
- "Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which an amount equal to \$93,000,000.00 reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class C Limited Partner after the Effective Date exceeds 75 percent of the product of the Class C Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further the General Partner must complete the testing within 180 days of the end of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time.
- *"Contribution Note"* means that certain Secured Promissory Note dated December 21, 2015 by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and the Partnership as Payee.
 - "Default Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c)(i).
 - "Defaulting Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c).
- "*Delaware Act*" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Part IV, Title C, Chapter 17 of the Delaware Corporation Law Annotated, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to that Act.
 - "Effective Date" means the date first recited above.
 - "Fiscal Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.11(b).

- "Founding Partner Group" means, all partners holding partnership interests in the Partnership immediately before the Effective Date.
- "General Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) has not ceased to be a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- "Limited Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) has not ceased to be a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
 - "Liquidator" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.
- "Losses" means, for each Fiscal Year, the losses and deductions of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any expenditures described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B).
- "Majority Interest" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Percentage Interests of Class A Limited Partners.
- "NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period or a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts" means the excess of (i) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the end of the period being measured over (ii) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the beginning of the period being measured; provided, however, that amounts within each of the aforementioned categories shall be excluded from the calculation to the extent they are specifically identified as being derived from investing or financing activities. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership and appropriate adjustments may be made to the extent the Partnership adds new ledger accounts to its books and records that are current assets or current liabilities.
- "New Issues" means Securities that are considered to be "new issues," as defined in the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- "Nonrecourse Deduction" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1), as computed under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(c).
- "Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(3).
- "Operating Cash Flow" means Total Revenue less Total Operating Expenses plus Depreciation & Amortization less Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts year over year. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership.

- "Partner" means a General Partner or a Limited Partner.
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5).
- "Partnership" means Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Delaware limited partnership established pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Partnership Capital" means, as of any relevant date, the net book value of the Partnership's assets.
- "Partnership Interest" means the interest acquired by a Partner in the Partnership including, without limitation, that Partner's right: (a) to an allocable share of the Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits of the Partnership; (b) to a distributive share of the assets of the Partnership; (c) if a Limited Partner, to vote on those matters described in this Agreement; and (d) if the General Partner, to manage and operate the Partnership.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).
- "Percentage Interest" means the percentage set forth opposite each Partner's name on Exhibit A as such Exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Person" means an individual or a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other entity.
 - "Priority Distributions" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).
- "Profits" means, for each Fiscal Year, the income and gains of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any income described in Code Section 705(a)(1)(B).
- "Profits Interest Partner" means any Person who is issued a Partnership Interest that is treated as a "profits interest" for federal income tax purposes.
- *"Purchase Notes"* means those certain Secured Promissory Notes of even date herewith by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #1, and The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #2, each as Payees of the respective Secured Promissory Notes.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner for determining the identity of Limited Partners entitled to vote or give consent to Partnership action or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any other lawful action of Limited Partners.

"Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, dated December 21, 2015, to be effective as of December 21, 2015 by and between the Partnership and its Partners, as may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

"Securities" means the following: (i) securities of any kind (including, without limitation, "securities" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act; (ii) commodities of any kind (as that term is defined by the U.S. Securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder); (iii) any contracts for future or forward delivery of any security, commodity or currency; (iv) any contracts based on any securities or group of securities, commodities or currencies; (v) any options on any contracts referred to in clauses (iii) or (iv); or (vi) any evidences of indebtedness (including participations in or assignments of bank loans or trade credit claims). The items set forth in clauses (i) through (vi) herein include, but are not limited to, capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, reorganization certificates, subscriptions, warrants, rights, options, puts, calls, bonds, mutual fund interests, debentures, notes, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bankers acceptances, trust receipts and other securities of any corporation or other entity, whether readily marketable or not, rights and options, whether granted or written by the Partnership or by others, treasury bills, bonds and notes, any securities or obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any foreign country or any state or possession of the United States or any foreign country or any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and derivatives of any of the foregoing.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor to such statute.

"Substitute Limited Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(a).

"*Transfer*" or derivations thereof, of a Partnership Interest means, as a noun, the transfer, sale, assignment, exchange, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of a Partnership Interest, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, and as a verb, voluntarily or involuntarily to transfer, sell, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of.

"Treasury Regulations" means the Department of Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as amended and in effect (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

2.2. Other Definitions. All terms used in this Agreement that are not defined in this <u>Article 2</u> have the meanings contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1. Capital Contributions.

- (a) <u>Initial Capital Contributions</u>. The initial Capital Contribution of each Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership.
 - (b) Additional Capital Contributions.

- (i) The General Partner, in its reasonable discretion and for a *bona fide* business purpose, may request in writing that the Founding Partner Group make additional Capital Contributions in proportion to their Percentage Interests (each, an "Additional Capital Contribution").
- (ii) Any failure by a Partner to make an Additional Capital Contribution requested under Section 3.1(b)(i) on or before the date on which that Additional Capital Contribution was due shall result in the Partner being in default.
- (c) <u>Consequences to Defaulting Partners</u>. In the event a Partner is in default under <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> (a "*Defaulting Partner*"), the Defaulting Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may elect to take either one of the option set forth below.
- Default Loans. If the Defaulting Partner so elects, the General Partner shall make a loan to the Defaulting Partner in an amount equal to that Defaulting Partner's additional capital contribution (a "Default Loan"). A Default Loan shall be deemed advanced on the date actually advanced. Default Loans shall earn interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at a rate equal to the Applicable Federal Mid-Term Rate (determined by the Internal Revenue Service for the month in which the loan is deemed made) from the date actually advanced until the same is repaid in full. The term of any Default Loan shall be six (6) months, unless otherwise extended by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall not receive any distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(a) or Section 5.3 or any proceeds from the Transfer of all or any part of its Partnership Interest while the Default Loan remains unpaid. Instead, the Defaulting Partner's share of distributions or such other proceeds shall (until all Default Loans and interest thereon shall have been repaid in full) first be paid to the General Partner. Such payments shall be applied first to the payment of interest on such Default Loans and then to the repayment of the principal amounts thereof, but shall be considered, for all other purposes of this Agreement, to have been distributed to the Defaulting Partner. The Defaulting Partner shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) in connection with any enforcement or foreclosure upon any Default Loan and such costs shall, to the extent enforceable under applicable law, be added to the principal amount of the applicable Default Loan. In addition, at any time during the term of such Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall have the right to repay, in full, the Default Loan (including interest and any other charges). If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall be deemed to have pledged to the General Partner and granted to the General Partner a continuing first priority security interest in, all of the Defaulting Partner's Partnership Interest to secure the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Default Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and for such purpose this Agreement shall constitute a security agreement. The Defaulting Partner shall promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such financing statements, continuation statements or other documents and take such other actions as the General Partner shall request in writing in order to perfect or continue the perfection of such security interest; and, if the Defaulting Partner shall fail to do so within seven (7) days after the Defaulting Partner's receipt of a notice making demand therefor, the General Partner is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact of, and is hereby authorized on behalf of, the Defaulting Partner, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and take all such other actions as may be required to perfect such security interest. Such appointment and authorization are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable. The General Partner shall, prior to exercising any right or remedy (whether at law, in equity or pursuant to the terms hereof) available to it in connection with such security interest, provide to the Defaulting Partner a notice, in reasonable detail, of the right or remedy to be exercised and the intended timing of such exercise which shall not be less than five (5) days following the date of such notice.

(ii) <u>Reduction of Percentage Interest</u>. If the Defaulting Partner does not elect to obtain a Default Loan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)(i)</u>, the General Partner shall reduce the Defaulting Partner's Percentage Interest in accordance with the following formula:

The Defaulting Partner's new Percentage Interest shall equal the product of (1) the Defaulting Partner's current Percentage Interest, multiplied by (2) the quotient of (a) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), divided by (b) the sum of (i) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), plus (ii) the amount of the additional capital contribution that such Defaulting Partner failed to make when due.

To the extent any downward adjustment is made to the Percentage Interest of a Partner pursuant to this <u>Section 3.1(c)(ii)</u>, any resulting benefit shall accrue to the Partners (other than the Defaulting Partner) in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

3.2. Allocations of Profits and Losses.

- (a) <u>Allocations of Profits</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4, 3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Profits for any Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Partners as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this Section 3.2(a)(ii) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under Section 3.2(b)(ii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) <u>Allocations of Losses</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Losses for any Fiscal Year will be will be allocated as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Losses allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Profits allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Profits were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners in proportion to their respective positive Capital Account balances until the aggregate Capital Account balances of the Partners (excluding any negative Capital Account balances) equal zero; provided, however, losses shall first be allocated to reduce amounts that were last allocated to the Capital Accounts of the Partners; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

- (c) <u>Limitation on Loss Allocations</u>. If any allocation of Losses would cause a Limited Partner to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit, those Losses instead shall be allocated to the General Partner.
- **3.3.** Allocations on Transfers. Taxable items of the Partnership attributable to a Partnership Interest that has been Transferred (including the simultaneous decrease in the Partnership Interest of existing Partners resulting from the admission of a new Partner) shall be allocated in accordance with Section 4.3(d).
- **3.4. Special Allocations.** If the requisite stated conditions or facts are present, the following special allocations shall be made in the following order:
- (a) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, prior to any other allocation under this Agreement, each Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in proportion to, and to the extent of, an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(a) is intended to comply with the partnership minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (b) Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3 (other than Section 3.4(a)), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, any Partner with a share of such Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain as of the beginning of the year shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods in an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in the Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be so allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(b) is intended to comply with the partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations, shall be interpreted consistently with the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (c) <u>Qualified Income Offset</u>. If a Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (d)(5) or (d)(6), then items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to each such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations, the Adjusted Capital Account Deficit of the Partner as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> shall be made if and only to the extent that the Partner would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u>.
- (d) Gross Income Allocation. If a Partner has a deficit Capital Account at the end of any Fiscal Year of the Partnership that exceeds the sum of (i) the amount the Partner is obligated to restore, and (ii) the amount the Partner is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), then each such Partner shall be specially allocated items of income and gain of the Partnership in the amount of the excess as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(d) shall be made if and only to

the extent that the Partner would have a deficit Capital Account in excess of that sum after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> or 3.4(d).

- (e) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made shall he allocated among the Partners in accordance with their Percentage interests.
- (f) <u>Partner Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made will be allocated to the Partner who bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which the Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i).
- (g) Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any asset of the Partnership under Code Section 734(b) or Code Section 743(b) is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of the adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases the basis of the asset) and that gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to that Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (h) <u>Section 481 Adjustments</u>. Any allocable items of income, gain, expense, deduction or credit required to be made by Section 481 of the Code as the result of the sale, transfer, exchange or issuance of a Partnership Interest will be specially allocated to the Partner receiving said Partnership Interest whether such items are positive or negative in amount.
- 3.5. Curative Allocations. The "Basic Regulatory Allocations" consist of (i) the allocations pursuant to Section 3.2(c), and (ii) the allocations pursuant to Sections 3.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Basic Regulatory Allocations shall be taken into account in allocating items of income, gain, loss and deduction among the Partners so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of the allocations of other items and the Basic Regulatory Allocations to each Partner shall be equal to the net amount that would have been allocated to each such Partner if the Basic Regulatory Allocations had not occurred. For purposes of applying the foregoing sentence, allocations pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall be made with respect to allocations pursuant to Section 3.4 (g) and (h) only to the extent that it is reasonably determined that those allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. To the extent that a special allocation under Section 3.4 is determined not to comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, then the Partners intend that the items shall be allocated in accordance with the Partners' varying Percentage Interests throughout each tax year during which such items are recognized for tax purposes.
- 3.6. Code Section 704(c) Allocations. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss and deduction with respect to property contributed to the capital of the Partnership shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Partners so as to take account of any variation at the time of the contribution between the tax basis of the property to the Partnership and the fair market value of that property. Except as otherwise provided herein, any elections or other decisions relating to those allocations shall be made by the General Partner in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intent of this Agreement. Allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction pursuant to this Section 3.6 are solely for purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, the Capital Account of any Partner or the share

of Profits, Losses, other tax items or distributions of any Partner pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

3.7. Capital Accounts.

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Capital Accounts</u>. The Partnership shall establish and maintain a separate capital account *("Capital Account")* for each Partner in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), subject to and in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 3.7.
- (i) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be credited (increased) by (A) the amount of cash contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that contributed property that the Partnership assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), and (C) that Partner's allocable share of Profits and any items in the nature of income or gain which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.4 and 3.5; and
- by (A) the amount of cash distributed to that Partner by the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property distributed to that Partner by the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that distributed property that such Partner assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), (C) that Partner's allocable share of expenditures of the Partnership described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B), and (D) that Partner's allocable share of Losses and any items in the nature of expenses or losses which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

The provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts have been included in this Agreement to comply with Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with those provisions. The General Partner may modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts are maintained under this <u>Section 3.7</u> in order to comply with those provisions, as well as upon the occurrence of events that might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with those provisions.

- (b) <u>Negative Capital Accounts</u>. If any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account, that Partner shall have no obligation to restore that negative balance or to make any Capital Contribution by reason thereof, and that negative balance shall not be considered an asset of the Partnership or of any Partner.
- (c) <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions or on balances in Capital Accounts.
- (d) <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw any part of his/her/its Capital Contribution or his/her/its Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Partnership, except as provided in <u>Section 3.9</u> and <u>Article 5</u>.
- (e) <u>Loans From Partners</u>. Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not be considered Capital Contributions.
- (f) <u>Revaluations</u>. The Capital Accounts of the Partners shall not be "booked-up" or "booked-down" to their fair market values under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704(c)-1(b)(2)(iv)(f) or otherwise.

Distributive Share for Tax Purpose. All items of income, deduction, gain, loss or 3.8. credit that are recognized for federal income tax purposes will be allocated among the Partners in accordance with the allocations of Profits and Losses hereunder as determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may (i) as to each New Issue, specially allocate to the Partners who were allocated New Issue Profit from that New Issue any short-term capital gains realized during the Fiscal Year upon the disposition of such New Issue during that Fiscal Year, and (ii) specially allocate items of gain (or loss) to Partners who withdraw capital during any Fiscal Year in a manner designed to ensure that each withdrawing Partner is allocated gain (or loss) in an amount equal to the difference between that Partner's Capital Account balance (or portion thereof being withdrawn) at the time of the withdrawal and the tax basis for his/her/ its Partnership Interest at that time (or proportionate amount thereof); provided, however, that the General Partner may, without the consent of any other Partner, (a) alter the allocation of any item of taxable income, gain, loss, deduction or credit in any specific instance where the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines such alteration to be necessary or appropriate to avoid a materially inequitable result (e.g., where the allocation would create an inappropriate tax liability); and/or (b) adopt whatever other method of allocating tax items as the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in order to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treasury Regulations under Code Sections 704(b) and 704(c).

3.9. Distributions.

- The General Partner may make such pro rata or non-pro rata (a) General. distributions as it may determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, without being limited to current or accumulated income or gains, but no such distribution shall be made out of funds required to make current payments on Partnership indebtedness; provided, however, that the General Partner may not make non-pro rata distributions under this Section 3.9(a) during an NAV Ratio Trigger Period without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner (in the case of a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period) and/or the Class C Limited Partner (in the case of a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period); provided, further this provision should not be interpreted to limit in any way the General Partner's ability to make non-pro rata tax distributions under Section 3.9(c) and Section 3.9(f). The Partnership has entered into one or more credit facilities with financial institutions that may limit the amount and timing of distributions to the Partners. Thus, the Partners acknowledge that distributions from the Partnership may be limited. Any distributions made to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.9(b) shall reduce distributions otherwise allocable to such Partners under this Section 3.9(a) until such aggregate reductions are equal to the aggregate distributions made to the Class B Partners and the Class C Partners under Section 3.9(b).
- (b) <u>Priority Distributions</u>. Prior to the distribution of any amounts to Partners pursuant to Section 3.9(a), and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership shall make the following distributions ("*Priority Distributions*") pro-rata among the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests:
- (i) No later than March 31st of each calendar year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to \$1,600,000.00;
- (ii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the Partnership's investment gain for the prior year, as reflected in the Partnership's books and records within ledger account number 90100 plus three percent (3%) of the gross realized investment gains for the prior year of Highland Select Equity Fund, as reflected in its books and records;

- (iii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Partnership's Operating Cash Flow for the prior year; and
- (iv) No later than December 24th of each year, commencing December 24, 2016, an amount equal to the aggregate annual principal and interest payments on the Purchase Notes for the then current year.
- (c) <u>Tax Distributions</u>. The General Partner may, in its sole discretion, declare and make cash distributions pursuant hereto to the Partners to allow the federal and state income tax attributable to the Partnership's taxable income that is passed through the Partnership to the Partners to be paid by such Partners (a "*Tax Distribution*"). The General Partner may, in its discretion, make Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group without also making Tax Distributions to other Partners; provided, however, that if the General Partner makes Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group, Tax Distributions must also be made the Class B Limited Partner to the extent the Class B Limited Partner provides the Partnership with documentation showing it is subject to an entity-level federal income tax obligation. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, the General Partner may declare and pay Tax Distributions even if such Tax Distributions cause the Partnership to be unable to make Priority Distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>.
- (d) <u>Payments Not Deemed Distributions</u>. Any amounts paid pursuant to <u>Sections 4.1(e)</u> or <u>4.1(h)</u> shall not be deemed to be distributions for purposes of this Agreement.
- Withheld Amounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.9 to the contrary, each Partner hereby authorizes the Partnership to withhold and to pay over, or otherwise pay, any withholding or other taxes payable by the Partnership with respect to that Partner as a result of that Partner's participation in the Partnership. If and to the extent that the Partnership shall be required to withhold or pay any such taxes, that Partner shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement to have received a payment from the Partnership as of the time that withholding or tax is paid, which payment shall be deemed to be a distribution with respect to that Partner's Partnership Interest to the extent that the Partner (or any successor to that Partner's Partnership Interest) is then entitled to receive a distribution. To the extent that the aggregate of such payments to a Partner for any period exceeds the distributions to which that Partner is entitled for that period, the amount of such excess shall be considered a loan from the Partnership to that Partner. Such loan shall bear interest (which interest shall be treated as an item of income to the Partnership) at the "Applicable Federal Rate" (as defined in the Code), as determined hereunder from time to time, until discharged by that Partner by repayment, which may be made in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner out of distributions to which that Partner would otherwise be subsequently entitled. Any withholdings authorized by this Section 3.9(d) shall be made at the maximum applicable statutory rate under the applicable tax law unless the General Partner shall have received an opinion of counsel or other evidence satisfactory to the General Partner to the effect that a lower rate is applicable, or that no withholding is applicable.
- (f) <u>Special Tax Distributions</u>. The Partnership shall, upon request of such Founding Partner, make distributions to the Founding Partners (or loans, at the election of the General Partner) in an amount necessary for each of them to pay their respective federal income tax obligations incurred through the effective date of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., the predecessor to this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Tolling of Priority Distributions</u>. In the event of a "Honis Trigger Event," as defined in the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, the Partnership shall not make any distributions, including priority distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>, to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner until such time as a replacement trust administrator, manager and general partner,

as applicable, acceptable to the Partnership in its sole discretion, as indicated by an affirmative vote of consent by a Majority Interest, shall be appointed to the Class B Limited Partner/Class C Limited Partner and any of its direct or indirect owners that have governing documents directly affected by a Honis Trigger Event.

3.10. Compensation and Reimbursement of General Partner.

- (a) <u>Compensation</u>. The General Partner and any Affiliate of the General Partner shall receive no compensation from the Partnership for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreements unless approved by a Majority Interest; provided, however, that no compensation above five million dollars per year may be approved, even by a Majority Interest, during a NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- (b) <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. In addition to amounts paid under other Sections of this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall be reimbursed for all expenses, disbursements, and advances incurred or made, and all fees, deposits, and other sums paid in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership, the qualification of the Partnership to do business, and all related matters.

3.11. Books, Records, Accounting, and Reports.

- (a) Records and Accounting. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, which shall at all times be kept at the principal office of the Partnership or such other office as the General Partner may designate for such purpose. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained for financial reporting purposes on the accrual basis or on a cash basis, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law. Upon reasonable request, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may inspect the books and records of the Partnership.
- (b) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion.
- (c) Other Information. The General Partner may release information concerning the operations of the Partnership to any financial institution or other Person that has loaned or may loan funds to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, and may release such information to any other Person for reasons reasonably related to the business and operations of the Partnership or as required by law or regulation of any regulatory body.
- (d) <u>Distribution Reporting to Class B Limited Partner and Class C Limited Partner.</u> Upon request, the Partnership shall provide the Class B Limited Partner and/or the Class C Limited Partner information on any non-pro rata distributions made under <u>Section 3.9</u> to Partners other than the Partner requesting the information.

3.12. Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Tax Returns</u>. The General Partner shall arrange for the preparation and timely filing of all returns of Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and other items necessary for federal, state and local income tax purposes. The General Partner shall deliver to each Partner as copy of his/her/its IRS Form K-1 as soon as practicable after the end of the Fiscal Year, but in no event later than October 1. The classification, realization, and recognition of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and

other items shall be on the cash or accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion. The General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion may pay state and local income taxes attributable to operations of the Partnership and treat such taxes as an expense of the Partnership.

- (b) <u>Tax Elections</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determine whether to make any available tax election.
- (c) <u>Tax Controversies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in Code Section 6231), and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership, at the Partnership's expense, in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner in connection with such proceedings.
- (d) <u>Taxation as a Partnership</u>. No election shall be made by the Partnership or any Partner for the Partnership to be excluded from the application of any of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or from any similar provisions of any state tax laws.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERS

- **4.1. Rights and Obligations of the General Partner.** In addition to the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have the following rights and obligations:
- Management. The General Partner shall conduct, direct, and exercise full control of over all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and Limited Partners shall have no right of control over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted to a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any provision of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have full power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it to conduct the business of the Partnership, including, without limitation: (i) the determination of the activities in which the Partnership will participate; (ii) the performance of any and all acts necessary or appropriate to the operation of any business of the Partnership (including, without limitation, purchasing and selling any asset, any debt instruments, any equity interests, any commercial paper, any note receivables and any other obligations); (iii) the procuring and maintaining of such insurance as may be available in such amounts and covering such risks as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner; (iv) the acquisition, disposition, sale, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hyphothecation, of exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership; (v) the execution and delivery on behalf of, and in the name of the Partnership, deeds, deeds of trust, notes, leases, subleases, mortgages, bills of sale and any and all other contracts or instruments necessary or incidental to the conduct of the Partnership's business; (vi) the making of any expenditures, the borrowing of money, the guaranteeing of indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, and the incurrence of any obligations it deems necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the payment of compensation and reimbursement to the General Partner and its Affiliates pursuant to Section 3.10; (vii) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including, without limitation, cash on hand) for any Partnership purpose on any terms it sees fit, including, without limitation, the financing of operations of the Partnership, the lending of funds to other Persons, and the repayment of obligations

of the Partnership; (viii) the negotiation, execution, and performance of any contracts that it considers desirable, useful, or necessary to the conduct of the business or operations of the Partnership or the implementation of the General Partner's powers under this Agreement; (ix) the distribution of Partnership cash or other assets; (x) the selection, hiring and dismissal of employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants, contractors, agents and representatives and the determination of their compensation and other teens of employment or hiring; (xi) the formation of any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, or other relationships that it deems desirable and the contribution to such partnerships, ventures, or relationships of assets and properties of the Partnership; and (xii) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the conduct of any litigation, the incurring of legal expenses, and the settlement of claims and suits.

- (b) <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership</u>. The General Partner caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall cause to be filed such other certificates or documents (including, without limitation, copies, amendments, or restatements of this Agreement) as may be determined by the General Partner to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, qualification, or registration and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which Limited Partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in any other state where the Partnership may elect to do business.
- Reliance by Third Parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no lender or purchaser or other Person, including any purchaser of property from the Partnership or any other Person dealing with the Partnership, shall be required to verify any representation by the General Partner as to its authority to encumber, sell, or otherwise use any assess or properties of the Partnership, and any such lender, purchaser, or other Person shall be entitled to rely exclusively on such representations and shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner as if it were the sole party in interest therein, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against any such lender, purchaser, or other Person to contest, negate, or disaffirm any action of the General Partner in connection with any such sale or financing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with, and each such Person shall be entitled to rely on the assumptions that the Partnership has been duly formed and is validly in existence. In no event shall any such Person be obligated to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or the General Partner's representative, and every contract, agreement, deed, mortgage, security agreement, promissory note, or other instrument or document executed by the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (i), at the time of the execution and delivery thereof, this Agreement was in full force and effect; (ii) such instrument or document was duly executed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership; and (iii) the General Partner or the General Partner's representative was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and every such instrument or document for and on behalf of the Partnership.
- (d) <u>Partnership Funds</u>. The funds of the Partnership shall be deposited in such account or accounts as are designated by the General Partner. The General Partner may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, deposit funds of the Partnership in a central disbursing account maintained by or in the name of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any other Person into which funds of the General Partner, the Partnership, on other Persons are also deposited; *provided, however*, at all times books of account are maintained that show the amount of funds of the Partnership on deposit in such account and interest accrued with respect to such funds as credited to the Partnership. The General Partner may use the funds of the Partnership as compensating balances for its benefit; *provided, however*, such funds do

not directly or indirectly secure, and are not otherwise at risk on account of, any indebtedness or other obligation of the General Partner or any director, officer, employee, agent, representative, or Affiliate thereof. Nothing in this Section 4.1(d) shall be deemed to prohibit or limit in any manner the right of the Partnership to lend funds to the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof pursuant to Section 4.1(e)(i). All withdrawals from or charges against such accounts shall be made by the General Partner or by its representatives. Funds of the Partnership may be invested as determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Loans to or from General Partner: Contracts with Affiliates; Joint Ventures.

- (i) The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may lend to the Partnership funds needed by the Partnership for such periods of time as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, the General Partner or its Affiliate may not charge the Partnership interest at a rate greater than the rate (including points or other financing charges or fees) that would be charged the Partnership (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guaranties) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The Partnership shall reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliate, as the case may be, for any costs incurred by the General Partner or that Affiliate in connection with the borrowing of funds obtained by the General Partner or that Affiliate and loaned to the Partnership. The Partnership may loan funds to the General Partner and any member of the Founding Partner Group at the General Partner's sole and exclusive discretion.
- (ii) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may enter into an agreement with the Partnership to render services, including management services, for the Partnership. Any service rendered for the Partnership by the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership.
- (iii) The Partnership may Transfer any assets to joint ventures or other partnerships in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon terms and subject to such conditions consistent with applicable law as the General Partner deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Partnership may not transfer any asset to the General Partner or one of its Affiliates during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period for consideration less than such asset's fair market value.
- (f) <u>Outside Activities' Conflicts of Interest</u>. The General Partner or any Affiliate thereof and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including, without limitation, business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership. Neither the Partnership nor any of the Partners shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement or the partnership relationship created hereby in any business ventures of the General Partner, any Affiliate thereof, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of either the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof.
- (g) Resolution of Conflicts of Interest. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein, whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any Limited Partner, on the other hand, any action taken by the General Partner, in the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.
- (h) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless the General Partner and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner (collectively,

the "GP Party"), against all liabilities, losses, and damages incurred by any of them by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed in the name of or on behalf of the Partnership, or in connection with the Partnership's business, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and any amounts expended in the settlement of any claims or liabilities, losses, or damages, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act; provided, however, the Partnership shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless a GP Party for any action or inaction that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The Partnership, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner, may indemnify and hold harmless any Limited Partner, employee, agent, or representative of the Partnership, any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Partnership acting through the General Partner as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent, or representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and any other Person to the extent determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion, but in no event shall such indemnification exceed the indemnification permitted by the Delaware Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1(h) or elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendment to the Delaware Act after the date of this Agreement shall reduce or limit in any manner the indemnification provided for or permitted by this Section 4.1(h) unless such reduction or limitation is mandated by such amendment for limited partnerships formed prior to the enactment of such amendment. In no event shall Limited Partners be subject to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Liability of General Partner.

- (i) Neither the General Partner nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives shall be liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for errors in judgment or for any acts or omissions that do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (ii) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or representative appointed by the General Partner.

(j) Reliance by General Partner.

- (i) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, 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.
- (ii) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers, and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any opinion of any such Person as to matters which the General Partner believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by the General Partner hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such opinion.
- (k) The General Partner may, from time to time, designate one or more Persons to be officers of the Partnership. No officer need be a Partner. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the General Partner may, from time to time, delegate to them. The General Partner may assign titles to particular officers, including, without limitation, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until such Person's successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until such Person's death or

until such Person shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the officers and agents of the Partnership shall be fixed from time to time by the General Partner. Any officer may be removed as such, either with or without cause, by the General Partner whenever in the General Partner's judgment the best interests of the Partnership will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Partnership may be filled by the General Partner.

- **4.2. Rights and Obligations of Limited Partners**. In addition to the rights and obligations of Limited Partners set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Limited Partners shall have the following rights and obligations:
- (a) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as provided herein or under the Delaware Act.
- (b) <u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Return of Capital</u>. No Limited Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement</u>. Each Limited Partner shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (e) <u>Default on Priority Distributions</u>. If the Partnership fails to timely pay Priority Distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(b), and the Partnership does not subsequently make such Priority Distribution within ninety days of its due date, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may require the Partnership to liquidate publicly traded securities held by the Partnership or Highland Select Equity Master Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership controlled by the Partnership; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the General Partner may in its sole discretion elect instead to liquidate other non-publicly traded securities owned by the Partnership in order to satisfy the Partnership's obligations under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u> and this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>. In either case, Affiliates of the General Partner shall have the right of first offer to purchase any securities liquidated under this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>.

4.3. Transfer of Partnership Interests.

(a) <u>Transfer</u>. No Partnership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of any Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement shall be null and void. An alleged transferee shall have no right to require any information or account of the Partnership's transactions or to inspect the Partnership's books. The Partnership shall be entitled to treat the alleged transferor of a Partnership Interest as the absolute owner thereof in all respects, and shall incur no liability to any alleged transferee for distributions to the Partner owning that Partnership Interest of record or for allocations of Profits, Losses, deductions or credits or for transmittal of reports and notices required to be given to holders of Partnership Interests.

- (b) Transfers by General Partner. The General Partner may Transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest to any Person only with the approval of a Majority Interest; provided, however, that the General Partner may not Transfer its Partnership Interest during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period except to the extent such Transfers are for estate planning purposes or resulting from the death of the individual owner of the General Partner. Any Transfer by the General Partner of its Partnership Interest under this Section 4.3(b) to an Affiliate of the General Partner or any other Person shall not constitute a withdrawal of the General Partner under Section 4.5(a), Section 5.1(b), or any other provision of this Agreement. If any such Transfer is deemed to constitute a withdrawal under such provisions or otherwise and results in the dissolution of the Partnership under this Agreement or the laws of any jurisdiction to which the Partnership of this Agreement is subject, the Partners hereby unanimously consent to the reconstitution and continuation of the Partnership immediately following such dissolution, pursuant to Section 5.2.
- (c) <u>Transfers by Limited Partners</u>. The Partnership Interest of a Limited Partner may not be Transferred without the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), and in accordance with the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- Distributions and Allocations in Respect of Transferred Partnership Interests. If (d) any Partnership Interest is Transferred during any Fiscal Year in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, Profits, Losses, and all other items attributable to the transferred interest for that period shall be divided and allocated between the transferor and the transferee by taking into account their varying interests during the period in accordance with Code Section 706(d), using any conventions permitted by law and selected by the General Partner; provided that no allocations shall be made under this Section 4.3(d) that would affect any special allocations made under Section 3.4. All distributions declared on or before the date of that Transfer shall be made to the transferor. Solely for purposes of making such allocations and distributions, the Partnership shall recognize that Transfer not later than the end of the calendar month during which it is given notice of that Transfer; provided, however, if the Partnership does not receive a notice stating the date that Partnership Interest was Transferred and such other information as the General Partner may reasonably require within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, then all of such items shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the person who, according to the books and records of the Partnership, on the last day of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, was the owner of the Partnership Interest. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner shall incur any liability for making allocations and distributions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.3(d), whether or not any Partner or the Partnership has knowledge of any Transfer of ownership of any Partnership Interest.
- (e) <u>Forfeiture of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Contribution Note</u>. In the event any Class B Limited Partnership Interests are forfeited in favor of the Partnership as a result of any default on the Contribution Note, the Capital Accounts and Percentage Interests associated with such Class B Limited Partnership Interests shall be allocated pro rata among the Class A Partners. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) made after the date of such forfeiture shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the Class B Limited Partnership Interest transferred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.3(e)</u> over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any forfeiture of such Class B Limited Partnership Interest.
- (f) <u>Transfers of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Purchase Notes.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Partnership shall respect, and the General Partner hereby provides automatic consent for, any transfers (in whole or transfers of partial interests) of

the Class C Limited Partnership Interests, or a portion thereof, if such transfer occurs as a result of a default on the Purchase Notes. Upon the transfer of any Class C Limited Partnership Interest to any member of the Founding Partner Group (or their assigns), such Class C Limited Partnership Interest shall automatically convert to a Class A Partnership Interest. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the transferred Class C Limited Partnership Interest over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests and Class C Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any transfer of such Class C Limited Partnership Interest.

4.4. Issuances of Partnership Interests to New and Existing Partners.

- (a) <u>Issuance of Partnership Interests to New Limited Partners.</u> The General Partner may admit one or more additional Persons as Limited Partners ("Additional Limited Partners") to the Partnership at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion; provided, however, that the General Partner may only admit additional Persons as Limited Partners in relation to the issuance of equity incentives to key employees of the Partnership; provided, further that the General Partner may not issue such equity incentives to the extent they entitle the holders, in the aggregate, to a Percentage Interest in excess of twenty percent without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner. All Class A Limited Partners, the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner shall be diluted proportionately by the issuance of such limited partnership interests. No Person may be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner until he/she/it executes an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (b) <u>Issuance of an Additional Partnership Interest to an Existing Partner</u>. The General Partner may issue an additional Partnership Interest to any existing Partner at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Upon the issuance of an additional Partnership Interest to an existing Partner, the Percentage Interests of the members of the Founding Partner Group shall be diluted proportionately. Any additional Partnership Interest shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.

4.5. Withdrawal of General Partner

- (a) Option. In the event of the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership, the departing General Partner (the "Departing Partner") shall, at the option of its successor (if any) exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of that Departing Partner, promptly receive from its successor in exchange for its Partnership Interest as the General Partner, an amount in cash equal to its Capital Account balance, determined as of the effective date of its departure.
- (b) <u>Conversion</u>. If the successor to a Departing Partner does not exercise the option described in <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, the Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner as the General Partner of the Partnership shall be converted into a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner.

4.6. Admission of Substitute Limited Partners and Successor General Partner.

(a) <u>Admission of Substitute Limited Partners</u>. A transferee (which may be the heir or legatee of a Limited Partner) or assignee of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest shall be entitled to receive only the distributive share of the Partnership's Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits attributable to that Partnership Interest. To become a substitute Limited Partner (a "Substitute Limited Partner"),

that transferee or assignee shall (1) obtain the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), (ii) comply with all the requirements of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement with respect to the Transfer of the Partnership Interest at issue, and (iii) execute an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Upon admission of a Substitute Limited Partner, that Limited Partner shall be subject to all of the restrictions applicable to, shall assume all of the obligations of, and shall attain the status of a Limited Partner under and pursuant to this Agreement with respect to the Partnership Interest held by that Limited Partner.

- (b) <u>Admission of Successor General Partner</u>. A successor General Partner selected pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or the transferee of or successor to all of the Partnership Interest of the General Partner pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective as of the date of the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor General Partner or the date of Transfer of that predecessor's Partnership Interest.
- (c) <u>Action by General Partner</u>. In connection with the admission of any substitute Limited Partner or successor General Partner or any additional Limited Partner, the General Partner shall have the authority to take all such actions as it deems necessary or advisable in connection therewith, including the amendment of <u>Exhibit A</u> and the execution and filing with appropriate authorities of any necessary documentation.

ARTICLE 5

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- **5.1. Dissolution.** The Partnership shall be dissolved upon:
- (a) The withdrawal, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the General Partner, or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the General Partner (other than by reason of a Transfer pursuant to Section 4.3(b));
- (b) An election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest; *provided, however*, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership without the approval of the Limited Partners in order to comply with Section 14 of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; or
 - (c) Any other event that, under the Delaware Act, would cause its dissolution.

For purposes of this Section 5.1, the bankruptcy of the General Partner shall be deemed to have occurred when the General Partner: (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief or is declared insolvent in any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding: (iv) files a petition or answer seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any law; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph; (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties; or (vii) one hundred twenty (120) days expire after the date of the commencement of a proceeding against the General Partner seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or

similar relief under any law if the proceeding has not been previously dismissed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of the appointment, without the General Partner's consent or acquiescence, of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties if the appointment has not previously been vacated or stayed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of expiration of a stay, if the appointment has not previously been vacated.

- 5.1(a), the Partnership shall be deemed to be dissolved and reconstituted if a Majority Interest elect to continue the Partnership within ninety (90) days of that event. If no election to continue the Partnership is made within ninety (90) days of that event, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If an election to continue the Partnership is made upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a), then:
- (a) Within that ninety (90)-day period a successor General Partner shall be selected by a Majority Interest;
- (b) The Partnership shall be deemed to be reconstituted and shall continue until the end of the term for which it is formed unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this <u>Article 5</u>;
- (c) The interest of the former General Partner shall be converted to an interest as a Limited Partner; and
- (d) All necessary steps shall be taken to amend or restate this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose amend this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, as appropriate, without the consent of any Partner.
- Liquidation. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued 5.3. under Section 5.2, the General Partner or, in the event the General Partner has been dissolved, becomes bankrupt (as defined in Section 5.1), or withdraws from the Partnership, a liquidator or liquidating committee selected by a Majority Interest, shall be the Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a Majority Interest. The Liquidator shall agree not to resign at any time without fifteen (15) days' prior written notice and (if other than the General Partner) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a Majority Interest. Upon dissolution, removal, or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers, and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within thirty (30) days thereafter be selected by a Majority Interest. The right to appoint a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be recurring and continuing for so long as the functions and services of the Liquidator are authorized to continue under the provisions hereof, and every reference herein to the Liquidator shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein. Except as expressly provided in this Article 5, the Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided herein. The Liquidator shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership and apply and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation in the following order of priority, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law:

- (a) To the payment of the expenses of the terminating transactions including, without limitation, brokerage commission, legal fees, accounting fees and closing costs;
- (b) To the payment of creditors of the Partnership, including Partners, in order of priority provided by law;
- (c) To the Partners and assignees to the extent of, and in proportion to, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(b)(2); provided, however, the Liquidator may place in escrow a reserve of cash or other assets of the Partnership for contingent liabilities in an amount determined by the Liquidator to be appropriate for such purposes; and
 - (d) To the Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- 5.4. Distribution in Kind. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3 that require the liquidation of the assets of the Partnership, but subject to the order of priorities set forth therein, if on dissolution of the Partnership the Liquidator determines that an immediate sale of part or all of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners and assignees, the Liquidator may defer for a reasonable time the liquidation of any assets except those necessary to satisfy liabilities of the Partnership (other than those to Partners) and/or may distribute to the Partners and assignees, in lieu of cash, as tenants in common and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3, undivided interests in such Partnership assets as the Liquidator deems not suitable for liquidation. Any such distributions in kind shall be subject to such conditions relating to the disposition and management of such properties as the Liquidator deems reasonable and equitable and to any joint operating agreements or other agreements governing the operation of such properties at such time. The Liquidator shall determine the fair market value of any property distributed in kind using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.
- 5.5. Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership property as provided in <u>Sections 5.3</u> and <u>5.4</u>, the Partnership shall be terminated, and the Liquidator (or the General Partner and Limited Partners if necessary) shall cause the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in the State of Delaware and of all qualifications and registrations of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other **than** the State of Delaware and shall take such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership.
- **5.6. Return of Capital.** The General Partner shall not be personally liable for the return of the Capital Contributions of Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be **made** solely from Partnership assets.
- **5.7. Waiver of Partition.** Each Partner hereby waives any rights to partition of the Partnership property.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Amendments to Agreement. The General Partner may amend this Agreement without the consent of any Partner if the General Partner reasonably determines that such amendment is necessary and appropriate; *provided, however, any* action taken by the General Partner shall be subject to its fiduciary duties to the Limited Partners under the Delaware Act; provided further that any amendments

that adversely affect the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may only be made with the consent of such Partner adversely affected.

- **6.2.** Addresses and Notices. Any notice, demand, request, or report required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by United States registered or certified mail to the Partner at his/her/its address as shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in any Partnership Interest by reason of an assignment or otherwise.
- **6.3. Titles and Captions.** All article and section titles and captions in the Agreement are for convenience only, shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, and in no way shall define, limit, extend, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Articles," "Sections" and "Exhibits" of this Agreement. All Exhibits hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- **6.4. Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.
- **6.5. Further Action.** The parties shall execute all documents, provide all information, and take or refrain from taking all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.
- **6.6. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns.
- **6.7. Integration.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.
- **6.8.** Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Partnership.
- **6.9. Waiver.** No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement, or condition.
- **6.10.** Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.
- **6.11. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- **6.12. Invalidity of Provisions.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, in whole or in part, then the parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under that provision, but only to the extent that it is illegal, unenforceable, or void, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying that provision to the extent necessary to make it legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if that is

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not possible, by substituting therefor another provision that is legal and enforceable and achieves the same objectives.

- **6.13. General Partner Discretion.** Whenever the General Partner may use its sole discretion, the General Partner may consider any items it deems relevant, including its own interest and that of its affiliates.
- Mandatory Arbitration. In the event there is an unresolved legal dispute between the 6.14. parties and/or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives that involves legal rights or remedies arising from this Agreement, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration under the authority of the Federal Arbitration Act; provided, however, that the Partnership or such applicable affiliate thereof may pursue a temporary restraining order and /or preliminary injunctive relief in connection with any confidentiality covenants or agreements binding on the other party, with related expedited discovery for the parties, in a court of law, and thereafter, require arbitration of all issues of final relief. The arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, or another mutually agreeable arbitration service. A panel of three arbitrators will preside over the arbitration and will together deliberate, decide and issue the final award. The arbitrators shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. The discovery process shall be limited to the following: Each side shall be permitted no more than (i) two party depositions of six hours each, each deposition to be taken pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; (ii) one non-party deposition of six hours; (iii) twenty-five interrogatories; (iv) twenty-five requests for admissions; (v) ten request for production (in response, the producing party shall not be obligated to produce in excess of 5,000 total pages of documents, including electronic documents); and (vi) one request for disclosure pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Any discovery not specifically provided for in this paragraph, whether to parties or non-parties, shall not be permitted. The arbitrators shall be required to state in a written opinion all facts and conclusions of law relied upon to support any decision rendered. The arbitrators will not have the authority to render a decision that contains an outcome based on error of state or federal law or to fashion a cause of action or remedy not otherwise provided for under applicable state or federal law. Any dispute over whether the arbitrators have failed to comply with the foregoing will be resolved by summary judgment in a court of law. In all other respects, the arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's dispute resolution rules or other mutually agreeable arbitration services rules. All proceedings shall be conducted in Dallas, Texas or another mutually agreeable site. Each party shall bear its own attorneys fees, costs and expenses, including any costs of experts, witnesses and /or travel, subject to a final arbitration award on who should bear costs and fees. The duty to arbitrate described above shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided above, the parties hereby waive trial in a court of law or by jury. All other rights, remedies, statutes of limitation and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law will apply in the arbitration.

Remainder of Page intentionally Left Blank. Signature Page Follows.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND-ADVISORS, INC.,

a Delaware corporation.

By:

James D. Dondero,

President

LIMITED PARTNERS:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

Name: Nancy M. Dondero

lts: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST - EXEMPT TRUST #1

By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura

Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST - EXEMPT TRUST #2

By:

Name: Lawrence Tonomura

lts: Trustee

Mark K. Okada

v	GENERAL PARTNER:
	STRAND ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: James D. Dondero, President
	LIMITED PARTNERS:
	THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST
	By: Name: Nancy M. Dondero Its: Trustee
	THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FA TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1
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	THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FA TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2
	By: Name: Lawrence Tonom ra Its: Trastee
	MARK K. OKADA

HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST By: Beacon Mountain L.C., Administrator

EXHIBIT A

	Percenta	ge Interest
CLASS A PARTNERS	By Class	Effective %
GENERAL PARTNER:		
Strand Advisors	0.5573%	0.2508%
LIMITED PARTNERS:		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	74.4426%	0.1866%
Mark K. Okada	19.4268%	0.0487%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #1	3.9013%	0.0098%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #2	1.6720%	0.0042%
Total Class A Percentage Interest	100.0000%	0.500%
CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	55.0000%
CLASS C LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	44.500%
PROFIT AND LOSS AMONG CLASSES		
Class A Partners	0.5000%	
Class B Partners	55.0000%	
Class C Partners	44.5000%	

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO THE

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS ADDENDUM (this "Addendum") to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, as amended from time to time (the "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the day of, 20_, by and between Strand Advisors, Inc., as the sole General Partner (the "General Partner") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Partnership") and ("") (except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement).
RECITALS:
WHEREAS, the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and without the consent of any Limited Partner, has the authority under (i) Section 4.4 of the Agreement to admit Additional Limited Partners, (ii) Section 4.6 of the Agreement to admit Substitute Limited Partners and (iii) Section 6.1 of the Agreement to amend the Agreement;
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to admit as a Class Limited Partner holding a% Percentage Interest in the Partnership as of the date hereof;
WHEREAS,desires to become a Class Limited Partner and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement to add as a party thereto.
AGREEMENT:
RESOLVED, as a condition to receiving a Partnership Interest in the Partnership,acknowledges and agrees that he/she/it (i) has received and read a copy of the Agreement, (ii) shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and (iii) shall promptly execute an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Partner hereby amends the Agreement to add as a Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall attach this Addendum to the Agreement and make it a part thereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of

which together shall constitute one Addendum binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all

such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Addendum as of the day and year above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND ADVISORS, INC.

By:

Name:
Title:

NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

[_______]

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

In consideration of the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, in consideration of the Partnership's allowing the above signed Person to become a Limited Partner of the Partnership, and for other good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement as though a party thereto.

SPOUSE OF NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

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ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORN	NEYS (If Known)
Hayward PLLC		LLP (for James Dondero and Nancy
10501 N. Central Expressway, Suite 106 Dallas, Texas 75231 Tel.: (972) 755-7100); Heller, Draper & Horn, L.L.C. (for aboy Investment Trust)
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PARTY (Check One Box Only) ✓ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	Debtor □	(Check One Box Only) □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin
□ Creditor □ Other	☐ Creditor	± •
□ Trustee	□ Trustee	
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE		
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3 13-Recovery of money/property - \$548 fraudulent transfer	_	argeability - §523(a)(8), student loan
14-Recovery of money/property - other	_	argeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation
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21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	☐ 65-Disch	argeability - other
		7) – Injunctive Relief
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FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment
☐ 51-Revocation of confirmation		aratory judgment
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action
66-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims		rmination of removed claim or cause
62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud	Other	
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B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN V	VHICH THIS A	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING	ARISES
NAME OF DEBTOR Highland Capital Management, L.P.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 19-34054-sgj11	
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Stacey G. C. Jernigan
RELATED A	DVERSARY P	PROCEEDING (IF ANY)	
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN	IG	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)			
DATE August 27, 2021		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE Zachery Z. Annable	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ §	Adversary Proceeding No.
vs.	§ §	21-03005
NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P., JAMES	§ §	
DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,	8 §	
Defendants.		

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¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT, (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY, (III) FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, AND (IV) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>"), and the plaintiff (the "<u>Plaintiff</u>") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>") by its undersigned counsel, as and for its amended complaint (the "<u>Complaint</u>") against defendants NexPoint Advisors, L.P. ("<u>NPA</u>"), James Dondero ("<u>Mr. Dondero</u>"), Nancy Dondero ("<u>Ms. Dondero</u>"), and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("<u>Dugaboy</u>" and together with NPA, Mr. Dondero, and Ms. Dondero, the "<u>Defendants</u>"), alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against Defendants in connection with NPA's default under a promissory note executed by NPA in favor of the Debtor in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33, and payable in annual installments. NPA has failed to pay amounts when due under the Note (as defined below), the Note is in default, and the amounts due under the Note have been accelerated pursuant to the terms of the Note.
- 2. In paragraph 42 of NPA's *First Amended Answer* [Docket No. 34-3], NPA contends that the Debtor orally agreed to relieve it of the obligations under the notes upon fulfillment of "conditions subsequent" (the "Alleged Agreement"). NPA further contends that the Alleged Agreement was entered into between James Dondero, acting on behalf of NPA, and his sister, Nancy Dondero, as representative of a majority of the Class A shareholders of the Plaintiff, including Dugaboy (the "Representative"), acting on behalf of the Debtor. At the time Mr.

Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA, he controlled both NPA and the Debtor and was the lifetime beneficiary of Dugaboy.

- 3. Based on its books and records, discovery to date, and other facts, the Debtor believes that the Alleged Agreement is a fiction created after the commencement of this Adversary Proceeding for the purpose of avoiding or at least delaying paying the obligations due under the Note.
- 4. Nevertheless, the Debtor amends its Complaint to add certain claims and name additional parties who would be liable to the Debtor if the Alleged Agreement were determined to exist and be enforceable. Specifically, in addition to pursuing claims against NPA for breach of its obligations under the Note and for turnover, the Debtor adds alternative claims (a) against NPA for actual fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting Dugaboy in its breach of fiduciary duty, (b) against Dugaboy for declaratory relief and for breach of fiduciary duty, and (c) against Nancy Dondero for aiding and abetting Dugaboy in the breach of his fiduciary duties.
- 5. As remedies, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from NPA in an amount equal to (i) the outstanding principal due under the Note (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the Note), for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note, (b) turnover by NPA to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts; (c) avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovery of the funds transferred from the Plaintiff to, or for the benefit of, NPA pursuant to the Note; (d) declaratory relief, and (e) damages arising from the Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties or aiding and abetting thereof.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Court") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 8. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 10. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 11. Upon information and belief, NPA is a limited partnership with offices located in Dallas, Texas, and organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Mr. Dondero is an individual residing in Dallas, Texas. He is the co-founder of the Debtor and was the Debtor's President and Chief Executive Officer until his resignation on January 9, 2020. At all relevant times, Mr. Dondero controlled NPA; Mr. Dondero also controlled the Debtor until January 9, 2020.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Dugaboy is (a) a limited partner of the Debtor, and (b) one of Mr. Dondero's family investment trusts for which is he a lifetime beneficiary.

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14. Upon information and belief, Nancy Dondero is an individual residing in the state of Florida and who is Mr. Dondero's sister, and a trustee of Dugaboy.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 15. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 16. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund ("Redeemer"), (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP LLC (collectively, "Acis").
- 17. On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Trustee in this Court filed that certain *Notice of Amended Unsecured Creditors' Committee* [Docket No. 2485] notifying the Court that Acis and Redeemer had resigned from the Committee.
- 18. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 19. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

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² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Debtor's Case maintained by this Court.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The NPA Note

- 20. NPA is the maker under a promissory note in favor of the Debtor.
- 21. Specifically, on May 31, 2017, NPA executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$30,746, 812.33 (the "Note"). A true and correct copy of the Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 22. Section 2 of the Note provides: "Payment of Principal and Interest.

 Principal and interest under this Note shall be due and payable as follows:
 - **2.1** Annual Payment Dates. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "Annual Installment") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this note.
 - **2.2** <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
 - 23. Section 3 of the Note provides:

<u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.

24. Section 4 of the Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

25. Section 6 of the Note provides:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. <u>NPA's Default Under the Note</u>

- 26. NPA failed to make the payment due under the Note on December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,406,111.92.
- 27. By letter dated January 7, 2021, the Debtor made demand on NPA for immediate payment under the Note (the "<u>Demand Letter</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u>. The Demand Letter provides:

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due immediately.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 28. On January 14, 2021, in an apparent attempt to cure its default, NPA paid the Debtor the \$1,406,111.92 that was due on December 31, 2020 (the "Partial Payment").
- 29. The Note does not contain a cure provision. Therefore, the Partial Payment did not cure NPA's default. Accordingly, on January 15, 2021, the Debtor sent NPA a follow-up letter to its Demand Letter (the "Second Demand Letter"), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**, stating:

[T]he Partial Payment will be applied as payment against the amounts due under the Note in accordance with Section 3 thereof. **The Note remains in default, and all amounts due thereunder are due immediately**. After adjusting for the Partial Payment and the continued accrual of interest, the amount due under the Note as of January 15, 2021, is \$23,071,195.03 (which amount does not include expenses incurred to date in collecting the Note).

Second Demand Letter (emphasis in original).

- 30. Despite the Debtor's demands, NPA did not pay the amount demanded by the Debtor on January 7, 2021, or at any time thereafter.
- 31. As of January 15, 2021, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Note was \$23,071,195.03
- 32. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, the Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

C. The Debtor Files the Original Complaint

33. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1] (the "Original Complaint"). In the Original Complaint, the Debtor brought claims for (i) breach of contract for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note and (ii) turnover by NPA for the outstanding amounts under the Note, plus all accrued and unpaid interest until the date of payment plus the Debtor's costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

D. NPA's Affirmative Defenses

- 34. On March 1, 2021, NPA filed *Defendant's Original Answer* [Docket No. 6] (the "Original Answer"). In its Original Answer, NPA asserted three affirmative defenses: (i) the claims are barred because the Plaintiff caused NPA to default, (ii) the claims are barred because the Plaintiff caused NPA to delay in making payment, and (iii) waiver and estoppel. *See id.* ¶¶39-41.
- 35. On June 9, 2021, NPA filed *Defendant's First Amended Answer* [Docket No. 35-3] (the "Amended Answer"), that asserted a new affirmative defense; namely, that the

Debtor previously agreed that it would not collect on the Notes "upon fulfillment of conditions subsequent" (i.e., the Alleged Agreement) id. ¶42.

- 36. According to NPA, the Alleged Agreement was orally entered into "sometime between December of the year each note was made and February of the following year."
- 37. According to NPA, Mr. Dondero, acting on its behalf, entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, acting as the Representative.
- 38. Mr. Dondero controlled both NPA and the Debtor at the time he entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA.
- 39. Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and records do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.

E. <u>Dugaboy Lacked Authority to Act on Behalf of the Debtor</u>

- 40. Under section 4.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), and attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**, Dugaboy was not authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, or otherwise bind the Partnership (as "Partnership" is defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement).
 - 41. Section 4.2(b) of the Limited Partnership Agreement states:

<u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Exhibit 4, § 4.2(b).

42. No provision in the Limited Partnership Agreement authorizes any of the Partnership's limited partners to bind the Partnership.

43. Nancy Dondero also lacked authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement or to otherwise bind the Debtor

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against NPA)

(For Breach of Contract)

- 44. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 45. The Note is a binding and enforceable contract.
- 46. NPA breached the Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon NPA's default and acceleration.
- 47. Pursuant to the Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from NPA in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note.
- 48. As a direct and proximate cause of NPA's breach of the Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$23,071,195.03, as of January 15, 2021, plus an amount equal to all accrued buy unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against NPA) (Turnover by NPA Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

- 49. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 50. NPA owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of

payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for NPA's breach of its obligations under the Note.

- 51. The Note is property of the Debtor's estate that is matured and payable upon default and acceleration.
 - 52. NPA has not paid the amount due under the Note to the Debtor.
- 53. The Debtor has made demand for the turnover of the amount due under the Note.
- 54. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, NPA has not turned over the amount due under the Note.
 - 55. The Debtor is entitled to the amount due under the Note.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against NPA)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A) and 550)

- 56. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 57. The Debtor made the transfer pursuant to the Alleged Agreement within two years of the Petition Date.
- 58. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (a) The transfer was made to, or for the benefit of, NPA, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (b) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (c) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditors about the Alleged Agreement.

- (d) The Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
- (e) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
- (f) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfer was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 59. The pattern of conduct, series of transactions, and general chronology of events under inquiry in connection with the debt NPA incurred under the Note demonstrates a scheme of fraud.
- 60. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfer made pursuant to the Alleged Agreement from NPA.
- 61. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfer made thereunder, and (ii) recovering from NPA an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Note.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against NPA)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and 550, and Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1))

- 62. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 63. The Debtor made the transfers pursuant to the Alleged Agreement after, or within a reasonable time before, creditors' claims arose.
- 64. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor of the Debtor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (g) The transfer was made to, or for the benefit of, NPA, an insider of the Debtor.

- (h) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of NPA with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
- (i) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
- (i) Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
- (k) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
- (1) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfer was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 65. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from NPA.
- 66. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfer made thereunder, and (ii) recovering from NPA an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Notes.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero)

(For Declaratory Relief: -- 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001)

- 67. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 68. A bona fide, actual, present dispute exists between the Debtor, on the one hand, and Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero on the other hand, concerning whether Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero, acting as the Representative, were authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on the Debtor's behalf.

- 69. A judgment declaring the parties' respective rights and obligations will resolve their dispute.
- 70. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001, the Debtor specifically seeks declarations that:
 - (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement,
 - (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership,
 - (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as

 Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged

 Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and
 - (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero) (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 71. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 72. If Dugaboy, as a limited partner, or Ms. Dondero, as Representative, had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero would owe the Debtor a fiduciary duty.

- 73. If Dugaboy or Ms. Dondero (as Representative) had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero breached their fiduciary duty of care to the Debtor by entering into and authorizing the purported Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor.
- 74. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to recover from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero (a) actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against James Dondero and Nancy Dondero) (Aiding and Abetting a Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 75. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 76. James Dondero and Nancy Dondero (together, the "<u>Donderos</u>") were aware that Dugaboy would have fiduciary duties to the Debtor if it acted to bind the Debtor.
- 77. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duties to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 78. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duty to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 79. Accordingly, the Donderos are jointly and severally liable (a) for the actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dondero's breaches of fiduciary duties, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

(i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial but includes (a) the outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to

the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);

- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by NPA to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the outstanding principal due under the Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (iii) On its Third Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement arising from actual fraudulent transfer under section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) On its Fourth Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement of funds arising from actual fraudulent transfer under Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1);
- (v) On its Fifth Claim for Relief, a declaration that: (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement, (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged

Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void;

- (vi) On its Sixth Claim for Relief, actual damages from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages;
- (vii) On its Seventh Claim for Relief, actual damages from the Donderos, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dugaboy's breaches of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages and
- (iii) Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: As of July 13, 2021

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EXHIBIT 1

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$30,746,812.33 May 31, 2017

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (this "Note") is in substitution for and supersedes in their entirety each of those certain promissory notes described in Exhibit A hereto, from NexPoint Advisors, L.P., as Maker, and Highland Capital Management, L.P. as Payee (collectively, the "Prior Notes"), together with the aggregate outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interested represented thereby.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P. ("<u>Maker</u>") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("<u>Payee</u>"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE AND 33/100 DOLLARS (\$30,746,812.33), together with interest, on the terms set forth below. All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6.00%) per annum from the date hereof until Maturity Date (hereinafter defined), compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable annually.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be payable as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Annual Payment Dates</u>. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "<u>Annual Installment</u>") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this Note.
 - 2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same

shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- Waiver. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of 5. nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- Limitation on Agreements. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether 7. now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- Governing Law. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.
- 9. Prior Notes. The original of each of the Prior Notes superseded hereby shall be marked "VOID" by Payee.

MAKER:

NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.

By: NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC, its general partner

Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

PRIOR NOTES

Loan Date	Initial Note Amount	Interest Rate	Principal and Interest Outstanding as of May 31, 2017
8/21/14	\$4,000,000	6.00%	\$4,616,739.73
10/1/14	\$6,000,000	6.00%	\$6,959,671.23
11/14/14	\$2,500,000	6.00%	\$2,881,780.82
1/29/15	\$3,100,000	6.00%	\$3,534,679.45
7/22/15	\$12,075,000	6.00%	\$12,753,941.10
	\$27,675,000		\$30,746,812.33

EXHIBIT 2

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 7, 2021

NexPoint Advisors, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Demand on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, NexPoint Advisors, L.P, entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 (the "Note") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee").

As set forth in Section 2 of the Note, accrued interest and principal on the Note is due and payable in thirty equal annual payments with each payment due on December 31 of each calendar year. Maker failed to make the payment due on December 31, 2020.

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due <u>immediately</u>. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer ce: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
Gregory Demo
DC Sauter

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 3

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 15, 2021

NexPoint Advisors, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Partial Payment on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, NexPoint Advisors, L.P, ("<u>Maker</u>"), entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$30,746,812.33 (the "<u>Note</u>") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Payee</u>"). A copy of the Note is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

On January 7, 2021, Payee notified you that because of Maker's failure to make the payment due on December 31, 2020 (the "<u>Default</u>"), the Note was in default and that all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note were immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021, was \$24,471,804.98; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

On January 14, 2021, Payee received a wire from Maker in the amount of \$1,406,111.92 (the "<u>Partial Payment</u>"). To reiterate, the amount due under the Note as of January 8, 2021, was \$24,471,804.98. The Partial Payment will be applied as payment against the amounts due under the Note pursuant to Section 3 thereof. **The Note remains in default, and all amounts due thereunder are due immediately.**

After adjusting for the Partial Payment and the continued accrual of interest, the amount due under the Note as of January 15, 2021, is \$23,071,195.03 (which amount does not include expenses incurred to date in collecting the Note). Payment of such amount is due immediately. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix B**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved, including the right to recover Payee's expenses incurred in collecting the Note. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer cc: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
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A. Lee Hogewood III

Appendix A

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$30,746,812.33 May 31, 2017

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (this "Note") is in substitution for and supersedes in their entirety each of those certain promissory notes described in Exhibit A hereto, from NexPoint Advisors, L.P., as Maker, and Highland Capital Management, L.P. as Payee (collectively, the "Prior Notes"), together with the aggregate outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interested represented thereby.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of THIRTY MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE AND 33/100 DOLLARS (\$30,746,812.33), together with interest, on the terms set forth below. All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6.00%) per annum from the date hereof until Maturity Date (hereinafter defined), compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable annually.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be payable as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Annual Payment Dates</u>. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "<u>Annual Installment</u>") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this Note.
 - 2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same

shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- Waiver. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of 5. nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- Limitation on Agreements. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether 7. now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- Governing Law. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.
- 9. Prior Notes. The original of each of the Prior Notes superseded hereby shall be marked "VOID" by Payee.

MAKER:

NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.

By: NexPoint Advisors GP, LLC, its general partner

Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

PRIOR NOTES

Loan Date	Initial Note Amount	Interest Rate	Principal and Interest Outstanding as of May 31, 2017
8/21/14	\$4,000,000	6.00%	\$4,616,739.73
10/1/14	\$6,000,000	6.00%	\$6,959,671.23
11/14/14	\$2,500,000	6.00%	\$2,881,780.82
1/29/15	\$3,100,000	6.00%	\$3,534,679.45
7/22/15	\$12,075,000	6.00%	\$12,753,941.10
	\$27,675,000		\$30,746,812.33

Appendix B

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 4

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OP 1933 OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES ACTS IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS UNDER THOSE ACTS. THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THAT SALE OR DISPOSITION IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SUCH APPLICABLE ACTS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP is entered into on this 24th day of December, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, by and among Strand Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Strand"), as General Partner, the Limited Partners party hereto, and any Person hereinafter admitted as a Limited Partner.

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

- 1.1. Continuation. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners hereby continue the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. Except as expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations of the Partners and the administration and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act.
- 1.2. Name. The name of the Partnership shall be, and the business of the Partnership shall be conducted under the name of Highland Capital Management, L.P. The General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall provide Limited Partners with written notice of such name change within twenty (20) days after such name change.
- 1.3. Purpose. The purpose and business of the Partnership shall be the conduct of any business or activity that may lawfully be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act. Any or all of the foregoing activities may be conducted directly by the Partnership or indirectly through another partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement.
- **1.4. Term.** The Partnership was formed as a limited partnership on July 7, 1997, and shall continue until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Partnership Offices; Addresses of Partners.

- (a) <u>Partnership Offices</u>. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1297, and its registered agent for service of process on the Partnership at that registered office shall be Corporation Service Company, or such other registered office or registered agent as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The principal office of the Partnership shall be 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places as the General Partner deems advisable.
- (b) <u>Addresses of Partners</u>. The address of the General Partner is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The address of each Limited Partner shall be the address of that Limited Partner appearing on the books and records of the Partnership. Each Limited Partner agrees to provide the General Partner with prompt written notice of any change in his/her/its address.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

- **2.1. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Agreement, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary in this Agreement:
- "Additional Capital Contribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Partner, the deficit balance, if any, in the Capital Account of that Partner as of the end of the relevant Fiscal Year, or other relevant period, giving effect to all adjustments previously made thereto pursuant to Section 3.7 and further adjusted as follows: (i) credit to that Capital Account, any amounts which that Partner is obligated or deemed obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c); (ii) debit to that Capital Account, the items described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6); and (iii) to the extent required under the Treasury Regulations, credit to that Capital Account (A) that Partner's share of "minimum gain" and (B) that Partner's share of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain." (Each Partner's share of the minimum gain and partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain shall be determined under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), respectively.)
- "Affiliate" means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Person in question. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "Agreement" means this Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States or the State of Texas shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 3.7(a).
- "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Partner, the amount of money or property contributed to the Partnership with respect to the interest in the Partnership held by that Person.
- "Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware by the General Partner, as that Certificate may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Class A Limited Partners" means those Partners holding a Class A Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class A Limited Partner."

- "Class B Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class B Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class B Limited Partner."
- "Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which the Class B Limited Partner's aggregate capital contributions, including the original principal balance of the Contribution Note, and reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class B Limited Partner, exceed 75 percent of the product of the Class B Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Class C Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class C Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class C Limited Partner."
- "Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which an amount equal to \$93,000,000.00 reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class C Limited Partner after the Effective Date exceeds 75 percent of the product of the Class C Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further the General Partner must complete the testing within 180 days of the end of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time.
- *"Contribution Note"* means that certain Secured Promissory Note dated December 21, 2015 by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and the Partnership as Payee.
 - "Default Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c)(i).
 - "Defaulting Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c).
- "*Delaware Act*" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Part IV, Title C, Chapter 17 of the Delaware Corporation Law Annotated, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to that Act.
 - "Effective Date" means the date first recited above.
 - "Fiscal Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.11(b).

- "Founding Partner Group" means, all partners holding partnership interests in the Partnership immediately before the Effective Date.
- "General Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) has not ceased to be a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- "Limited Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) has not ceased to be a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
 - "Liquidator" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.
- "Losses" means, for each Fiscal Year, the losses and deductions of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any expenditures described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B).
- "Majority Interest" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Percentage Interests of Class A Limited Partners.
- "NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period or a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts" means the excess of (i) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the end of the period being measured over (ii) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the beginning of the period being measured; provided, however, that amounts within each of the aforementioned categories shall be excluded from the calculation to the extent they are specifically identified as being derived from investing or financing activities. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership and appropriate adjustments may be made to the extent the Partnership adds new ledger accounts to its books and records that are current assets or current liabilities.
- "New Issues" means Securities that are considered to be "new issues," as defined in the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- "Nonrecourse Deduction" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1), as computed under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(c).
- "Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(3).
- "Operating Cash Flow" means Total Revenue less Total Operating Expenses plus Depreciation & Amortization less Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts year over year. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership.

- "Partner" means a General Partner or a Limited Partner.
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5).
- "Partnership" means Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Delaware limited partnership established pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Partnership Capital" means, as of any relevant date, the net book value of the Partnership's assets.
- "Partnership Interest" means the interest acquired by a Partner in the Partnership including, without limitation, that Partner's right: (a) to an allocable share of the Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits of the Partnership; (b) to a distributive share of the assets of the Partnership; (c) if a Limited Partner, to vote on those matters described in this Agreement; and (d) if the General Partner, to manage and operate the Partnership.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).
- "Percentage Interest" means the percentage set forth opposite each Partner's name on Exhibit A as such Exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Person" means an individual or a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other entity.
 - "Priority Distributions" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).
- "Profits" means, for each Fiscal Year, the income and gains of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any income described in Code Section 705(a)(1)(B).
- "Profits Interest Partner" means any Person who is issued a Partnership Interest that is treated as a "profits interest" for federal income tax purposes.
- *"Purchase Notes"* means those certain Secured Promissory Notes of even date herewith by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #1, and The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #2, each as Payees of the respective Secured Promissory Notes.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner for determining the identity of Limited Partners entitled to vote or give consent to Partnership action or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any other lawful action of Limited Partners.

"Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, dated December 21, 2015, to be effective as of December 21, 2015 by and between the Partnership and its Partners, as may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

"Securities" means the following: (i) securities of any kind (including, without limitation, "securities" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act; (ii) commodities of any kind (as that term is defined by the U.S. Securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder); (iii) any contracts for future or forward delivery of any security, commodity or currency; (iv) any contracts based on any securities or group of securities, commodities or currencies; (v) any options on any contracts referred to in clauses (iii) or (iv); or (vi) any evidences of indebtedness (including participations in or assignments of bank loans or trade credit claims). The items set forth in clauses (i) through (vi) herein include, but are not limited to, capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, reorganization certificates, subscriptions, warrants, rights, options, puts, calls, bonds, mutual fund interests, debentures, notes, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bankers acceptances, trust receipts and other securities of any corporation or other entity, whether readily marketable or not, rights and options, whether granted or written by the Partnership or by others, treasury bills, bonds and notes, any securities or obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any foreign country or any state or possession of the United States or any foreign country or any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and derivatives of any of the foregoing.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor to such statute.

"Substitute Limited Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(a).

"*Transfer*" or derivations thereof, of a Partnership Interest means, as a noun, the transfer, sale, assignment, exchange, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of a Partnership Interest, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, and as a verb, voluntarily or involuntarily to transfer, sell, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of.

"*Treasury Regulations*" means the Department of Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as amended and in effect (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

2.2. Other Definitions. All terms used in this Agreement that are not defined in this Article 2 have the meanings contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1. Capital Contributions.

- (a) <u>Initial Capital Contributions</u>. The initial Capital Contribution of each Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership.
 - (b) Additional Capital Contributions.

- (i) The General Partner, in its reasonable discretion and for a *bona fide* business purpose, may request in writing that the Founding Partner Group make additional Capital Contributions in proportion to their Percentage Interests (each, an "Additional Capital Contribution").
- (ii) Any failure by a Partner to make an Additional Capital Contribution requested under Section 3.1(b)(i) on or before the date on which that Additional Capital Contribution was due shall result in the Partner being in default.
- (c) <u>Consequences to Defaulting Partners</u>. In the event a Partner is in default under <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> (a "*Defaulting Partner*"), the Defaulting Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may elect to take either one of the option set forth below.
- Default Loans. If the Defaulting Partner so elects, the General Partner shall make a loan to the Defaulting Partner in an amount equal to that Defaulting Partner's additional capital contribution (a "Default Loan"). A Default Loan shall be deemed advanced on the date actually advanced. Default Loans shall earn interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at a rate equal to the Applicable Federal Mid-Term Rate (determined by the Internal Revenue Service for the month in which the loan is deemed made) from the date actually advanced until the same is repaid in full. The term of any Default Loan shall be six (6) months, unless otherwise extended by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall not receive any distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(a) or Section 5.3 or any proceeds from the Transfer of all or any part of its Partnership Interest while the Default Loan remains unpaid. Instead, the Defaulting Partner's share of distributions or such other proceeds shall (until all Default Loans and interest thereon shall have been repaid in full) first be paid to the General Partner. Such payments shall be applied first to the payment of interest on such Default Loans and then to the repayment of the principal amounts thereof, but shall be considered, for all other purposes of this Agreement, to have been distributed to the Defaulting Partner. The Defaulting Partner shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) in connection with any enforcement or foreclosure upon any Default Loan and such costs shall, to the extent enforceable under applicable law, be added to the principal amount of the applicable Default Loan. In addition, at any time during the term of such Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall have the right to repay, in full, the Default Loan (including interest and any other charges). If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall be deemed to have pledged to the General Partner and granted to the General Partner a continuing first priority security interest in, all of the Defaulting Partner's Partnership Interest to secure the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Default Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and for such purpose this Agreement shall constitute a security agreement. The Defaulting Partner shall promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such financing statements, continuation statements or other documents and take such other actions as the General Partner shall request in writing in order to perfect or continue the perfection of such security interest; and, if the Defaulting Partner shall fail to do so within seven (7) days after the Defaulting Partner's receipt of a notice making demand therefor, the General Partner is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact of, and is hereby authorized on behalf of, the Defaulting Partner, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and take all such other actions as may be required to perfect such security interest. Such appointment and authorization are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable. The General Partner shall, prior to exercising any right or remedy (whether at law, in equity or pursuant to the terms hereof) available to it in connection with such security interest, provide to the Defaulting Partner a notice, in reasonable detail, of the right or remedy to be exercised and the intended timing of such exercise which shall not be less than five (5) days following the date of such notice.

(ii) <u>Reduction of Percentage Interest</u>. If the Defaulting Partner does not elect to obtain a Default Loan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)(i)</u>, the General Partner shall reduce the Defaulting Partner's Percentage Interest in accordance with the following formula:

The Defaulting Partner's new Percentage Interest shall equal the product of (1) the Defaulting Partner's current Percentage Interest, multiplied by (2) the quotient of (a) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), divided by (b) the sum of (i) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), plus (ii) the amount of the additional capital contribution that such Defaulting Partner failed to make when due.

To the extent any downward adjustment is made to the Percentage Interest of a Partner pursuant to this Section 3.1(c)(ii), any resulting benefit shall accrue to the Partners (other than the Defaulting Partner) in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

3.2. Allocations of Profits and Losses.

- (a) <u>Allocations of Profits</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4, 3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Profits for any Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Partners as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this Section 3.2(a)(ii) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under Section 3.2(b)(ii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) <u>Allocations of Losses</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Losses for any Fiscal Year will be allocated as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Losses allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Profits allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Profits were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners in proportion to their respective positive Capital Account balances until the aggregate Capital Account balances of the Partners (excluding any negative Capital Account balances) equal zero; *provided, however*, losses shall first be allocated to reduce amounts that were last allocated to the Capital Accounts of the Partners; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

- (c) <u>Limitation on Loss Allocations</u>. If any allocation of Losses would cause a Limited Partner to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit, those Losses instead shall be allocated to the General Partner.
- **3.3.** Allocations on Transfers. Taxable items of the Partnership attributable to a Partnership Interest that has been Transferred (including the simultaneous decrease in the Partnership Interest of existing Partners resulting from the admission of a new Partner) shall be allocated in accordance with Section 4.3(d).
- **3.4. Special Allocations.** If the requisite stated conditions or facts are present, the following special allocations shall be made in the following order:
- (a) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, prior to any other allocation under this Agreement, each Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in proportion to, and to the extent of, an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(a) is intended to comply with the partnership minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (b) Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3 (other than Section 3.4(a)), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, any Partner with a share of such Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain as of the beginning of the year shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods in an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in the Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be so allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(b) is intended to comply with the partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations, shall be interpreted consistently with the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (c) <u>Qualified Income Offset</u>. If a Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (d)(5) or (d)(6), then items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to each such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations, the Adjusted Capital Account Deficit of the Partner as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> shall be made if and only to the extent that the Partner would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u>.
- (d) Gross Income Allocation. If a Partner has a deficit Capital Account at the end of any Fiscal Year of the Partnership that exceeds the sum of (i) the amount the Partner is obligated to restore, and (ii) the amount the Partner is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), then each such Partner shall be specially allocated items of income and gain of the Partnership in the amount of the excess as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(d) shall be made if and only to

the extent that the Partner would have a deficit Capital Account in excess of that sum after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> or 3.4(d).

- (e) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made shall he allocated among the Partners in accordance with their Percentage interests.
- (f) <u>Partner Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made will be allocated to the Partner who bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which the Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i).
- (g) Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any asset of the Partnership under Code Section 734(b) or Code Section 743(b) is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of the adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases the basis of the asset) and that gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to that Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (h) <u>Section 481 Adjustments</u>. Any allocable items of income, gain, expense, deduction or credit required to be made by Section 481 of the Code as the result of the sale, transfer, exchange or issuance of a Partnership Interest will be specially allocated to the Partner receiving said Partnership Interest whether such items are positive or negative in amount.
- 3.5. Curative Allocations. The "Basic Regulatory Allocations" consist of (i) the allocations pursuant to Section 3.2(c), and (ii) the allocations pursuant to Sections 3.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Basic Regulatory Allocations shall be taken into account in allocating items of income, gain, loss and deduction among the Partners so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of the allocations of other items and the Basic Regulatory Allocations to each Partner shall be equal to the net amount that would have been allocated to each such Partner if the Basic Regulatory Allocations had not occurred. For purposes of applying the foregoing sentence, allocations pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall be made with respect to allocations pursuant to Section 3.4 (g) and (h) only to the extent that it is reasonably determined that those allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. To the extent that a special allocation under Section 3.4 is determined not to comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, then the Partners intend that the items shall be allocated in accordance with the Partners' varying Percentage Interests throughout each tax year during which such items are recognized for tax purposes.
- 3.6. Code Section 704(c) Allocations. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss and deduction with respect to property contributed to the capital of the Partnership shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Partners so as to take account of any variation at the time of the contribution between the tax basis of the property to the Partnership and the fair market value of that property. Except as otherwise provided herein, any elections or other decisions relating to those allocations shall be made by the General Partner in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intent of this Agreement. Allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction pursuant to this Section 3.6 are solely for purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, the Capital Account of any Partner or the share

of Profits, Losses, other tax items or distributions of any Partner pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

3.7. Capital Accounts.

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Capital Accounts</u>. The Partnership shall establish and maintain a separate capital account *("Capital Account")* for each Partner in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), subject to and in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 3.7.
- (i) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be credited (increased) by (A) the amount of cash contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that contributed property that the Partnership assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), and (C) that Partner's allocable share of Profits and any items in the nature of income or gain which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.4 and 3.5; and
- (ii) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be debited (decreased) by (A) the amount of cash distributed to that Partner by the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property distributed to that Partner by the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that distributed property that such Partner assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), (C) that Partner's allocable share of expenditures of the Partnership described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B), and (D) that Partner's allocable share of Losses and any items in the nature of expenses or losses which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

The provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts have been included in this Agreement to comply with Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with those provisions. The General Partner may modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts are maintained under this <u>Section 3.7</u> in order to comply with those provisions, as well as upon the occurrence of events that might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with those provisions.

- (b) <u>Negative Capital Accounts</u>. If any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account, that Partner shall have no obligation to restore that negative balance or to make any Capital Contribution by reason thereof, and that negative balance shall not be considered an asset of the Partnership or of any Partner.
- (c) <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions or on balances in Capital Accounts.
- (d) <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw any part of his/her/its Capital Contribution or his/her/its Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Partnership, except as provided in <u>Section 3.9</u> and <u>Article 5</u>.
- (e) <u>Loans From Partners</u>. Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not be considered Capital Contributions.
- (f) <u>Revaluations</u>. The Capital Accounts of the Partners shall not be "booked-up" or "booked-down" to their fair market values under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704(c)-1(b)(2)(iv)(f) or otherwise.

Distributive Share for Tax Purpose. All items of income, deduction, gain, loss or 3.8. credit that are recognized for federal income tax purposes will be allocated among the Partners in accordance with the allocations of Profits and Losses hereunder as determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may (i) as to each New Issue, specially allocate to the Partners who were allocated New Issue Profit from that New Issue any short-term capital gains realized during the Fiscal Year upon the disposition of such New Issue during that Fiscal Year, and (ii) specially allocate items of gain (or loss) to Partners who withdraw capital during any Fiscal Year in a manner designed to ensure that each withdrawing Partner is allocated gain (or loss) in an amount equal to the difference between that Partner's Capital Account balance (or portion thereof being withdrawn) at the time of the withdrawal and the tax basis for his/her/ its Partnership Interest at that time (or proportionate amount thereof); provided, however, that the General Partner may, without the consent of any other Partner, (a) alter the allocation of any item of taxable income, gain, loss, deduction or credit in any specific instance where the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines such alteration to be necessary or appropriate to avoid a materially inequitable result (e.g., where the allocation would create an inappropriate tax liability); and/or (b) adopt whatever other method of allocating tax items as the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in order to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treasury Regulations under Code Sections 704(b) and 704(c).

3.9. Distributions.

- The General Partner may make such pro rata or non-pro rata (a) General. distributions as it may determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, without being limited to current or accumulated income or gains, but no such distribution shall be made out of funds required to make current payments on Partnership indebtedness; provided, however, that the General Partner may not make non-pro rata distributions under this Section 3.9(a) during an NAV Ratio Trigger Period without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner (in the case of a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period) and/or the Class C Limited Partner (in the case of a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period); provided, further this provision should not be interpreted to limit in any way the General Partner's ability to make non-pro rata tax distributions under Section 3.9(c) and Section 3.9(f). The Partnership has entered into one or more credit facilities with financial institutions that may limit the amount and timing of distributions to the Partners. Thus, the Partners acknowledge that distributions from the Partnership may be limited. Any distributions made to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.9(b) shall reduce distributions otherwise allocable to such Partners under this Section 3.9(a) until such aggregate reductions are equal to the aggregate distributions made to the Class B Partners and the Class C Partners under Section 3.9(b).
- (b) <u>Priority Distributions</u>. Prior to the distribution of any amounts to Partners pursuant to Section 3.9(a), and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership shall make the following distributions ("*Priority Distributions*") pro-rata among the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests:
- (i) No later than March 31st of each calendar year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to \$1,600,000.00;
- (ii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the Partnership's investment gain for the prior year, as reflected in the Partnership's books and records within ledger account number 90100 plus three percent (3%) of the gross realized investment gains for the prior year of Highland Select Equity Fund, as reflected in its books and records;

- (iii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Partnership's Operating Cash Flow for the prior year; and
- (iv) No later than December 24th of each year, commencing December 24, 2016, an amount equal to the aggregate annual principal and interest payments on the Purchase Notes for the then current year.
- (c) <u>Tax Distributions</u>. The General Partner may, in its sole discretion, declare and make cash distributions pursuant hereto to the Partners to allow the federal and state income tax attributable to the Partnership's taxable income that is passed through the Partnership to the Partners to be paid by such Partners (a "*Tax Distribution*"). The General Partner may, in its discretion, make Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group without also making Tax Distributions to other Partners; provided, however, that if the General Partner makes Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group, Tax Distributions must also be made the Class B Limited Partner to the extent the Class B Limited Partner provides the Partnership with documentation showing it is subject to an entity-level federal income tax obligation. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, the General Partner may declare and pay Tax Distributions even if such Tax Distributions cause the Partnership to be unable to make Priority Distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>.
- (d) <u>Payments Not Deemed Distributions</u>. Any amounts paid pursuant to <u>Sections 4.1(e)</u> or <u>4.1(h)</u> shall not be deemed to be distributions for purposes of this Agreement.
- Withheld Amounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.9 to the contrary, each Partner hereby authorizes the Partnership to withhold and to pay over, or otherwise pay, any withholding or other taxes payable by the Partnership with respect to that Partner as a result of that Partner's participation in the Partnership. If and to the extent that the Partnership shall be required to withhold or pay any such taxes, that Partner shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement to have received a payment from the Partnership as of the time that withholding or tax is paid, which payment shall be deemed to be a distribution with respect to that Partner's Partnership Interest to the extent that the Partner (or any successor to that Partner's Partnership Interest) is then entitled to receive a distribution. To the extent that the aggregate of such payments to a Partner for any period exceeds the distributions to which that Partner is entitled for that period, the amount of such excess shall be considered a loan from the Partnership to that Partner. Such loan shall bear interest (which interest shall be treated as an item of income to the Partnership) at the "Applicable Federal Rate" (as defined in the Code), as determined hereunder from time to time, until discharged by that Partner by repayment, which may be made in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner out of distributions to which that Partner would otherwise be subsequently entitled. Any withholdings authorized by this Section 3.9(d) shall be made at the maximum applicable statutory rate under the applicable tax law unless the General Partner shall have received an opinion of counsel or other evidence satisfactory to the General Partner to the effect that a lower rate is applicable, or that no withholding is applicable.
- (f) <u>Special Tax Distributions</u>. The Partnership shall, upon request of such Founding Partner, make distributions to the Founding Partners (or loans, at the election of the General Partner) in an amount necessary for each of them to pay their respective federal income tax obligations incurred through the effective date of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., the predecessor to this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Tolling of Priority Distributions</u>. In the event of a "Honis Trigger Event," as defined in the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, the Partnership shall not make any distributions, including priority distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>, to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner until such time as a replacement trust administrator, manager and general partner,

as applicable, acceptable to the Partnership in its sole discretion, as indicated by an affirmative vote of consent by a Majority Interest, shall be appointed to the Class B Limited Partner/Class C Limited Partner and any of its direct or indirect owners that have governing documents directly affected by a Honis Trigger Event.

3.10. Compensation and Reimbursement of General Partner.

- (a) <u>Compensation</u>. The General Partner and any Affiliate of the General Partner shall receive no compensation from the Partnership for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreements unless approved by a Majority Interest; provided, however, that no compensation above five million dollars per year may be approved, even by a Majority Interest, during a NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- (b) <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. In addition to amounts paid under other Sections of this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall be reimbursed for all expenses, disbursements, and advances incurred or made, and all fees, deposits, and other sums paid in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership, the qualification of the Partnership to do business, and all related matters.

3.11. Books, Records, Accounting, and Reports.

- (a) Records and Accounting. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, which shall at all times be kept at the principal office of the Partnership or such other office as the General Partner may designate for such purpose. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained for financial reporting purposes on the accrual basis or on a cash basis, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law. Upon reasonable request, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may inspect the books and records of the Partnership.
- (b) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion.
- (c) Other Information. The General Partner may release information concerning the operations of the Partnership to any financial institution or other Person that has loaned or may loan funds to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, and may release such information to any other Person for reasons reasonably related to the business and operations of the Partnership or as required by law or regulation of any regulatory body.
- (d) <u>Distribution Reporting to Class B Limited Partner and Class C Limited Partner.</u> Upon request, the Partnership shall provide the Class B Limited Partner and/or the Class C Limited Partner information on any non-pro rata distributions made under <u>Section 3.9</u> to Partners other than the Partner requesting the information.

3.12. Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Tax Returns</u>. The General Partner shall arrange for the preparation and timely filing of all returns of Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and other items necessary for federal, state and local income tax purposes. The General Partner shall deliver to each Partner as copy of his/her/its IRS Form K-1 as soon as practicable after the end of the Fiscal Year, but in no event later than October 1. The classification, realization, and recognition of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and

other items shall be on the cash or accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion. The General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion may pay state and local income taxes attributable to operations of the Partnership and treat such taxes as an expense of the Partnership.

- (b) <u>Tax Elections</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determine whether to make any available tax election.
- (c) <u>Tax Controversies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in Code Section 6231), and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership, at the Partnership's expense, in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner in connection with such proceedings.
- (d) <u>Taxation as a Partnership</u>. No election shall be made by the Partnership or any Partner for the Partnership to be excluded from the application of any of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or from any similar provisions of any state tax laws.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERS

- **4.1. Rights and Obligations of the General Partner.** In addition to the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have the following rights and obligations:
- Management. The General Partner shall conduct, direct, and exercise full control of over all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and Limited Partners shall have no right of control over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted to a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any provision of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have full power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it to conduct the business of the Partnership, including, without limitation: (i) the determination of the activities in which the Partnership will participate; (ii) the performance of any and all acts necessary or appropriate to the operation of any business of the Partnership (including, without limitation, purchasing and selling any asset, any debt instruments, any equity interests, any commercial paper, any note receivables and any other obligations); (iii) the procuring and maintaining of such insurance as may be available in such amounts and covering such risks as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner; (iv) the acquisition, disposition, sale, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hyphothecation, of exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership; (v) the execution and delivery on behalf of, and in the name of the Partnership, deeds, deeds of trust, notes, leases, subleases, mortgages, bills of sale and any and all other contracts or instruments necessary or incidental to the conduct of the Partnership's business; (vi) the making of any expenditures, the borrowing of money, the guaranteeing of indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, and the incurrence of any obligations it deems necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the payment of compensation and reimbursement to the General Partner and its Affiliates pursuant to Section 3.10; (vii) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including, without limitation, cash on hand) for any Partnership purpose on any terms it sees fit, including, without limitation, the financing of operations of the Partnership, the lending of funds to other Persons, and the repayment of obligations

of the Partnership; (viii) the negotiation, execution, and performance of any contracts that it considers desirable, useful, or necessary to the conduct of the business or operations of the Partnership or the implementation of the General Partner's powers under this Agreement; (ix) the distribution of Partnership cash or other assets; (x) the selection, hiring and dismissal of employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants, contractors, agents and representatives and the determination of their compensation and other teens of employment or hiring; (xi) the formation of any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, or other relationships that it deems desirable and the contribution to such partnerships, ventures, or relationships of assets and properties of the Partnership; and (xii) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the conduct of any litigation, the incurring of legal expenses, and the settlement of claims and suits.

- (b) <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership</u>. The General Partner caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall cause to be filed such other certificates or documents (including, without limitation, copies, amendments, or restatements of this Agreement) as may be determined by the General Partner to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, qualification, or registration and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which Limited Partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in any other state where the Partnership may elect to do business.
- Reliance by Third Parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no lender or purchaser or other Person, including any purchaser of property from the Partnership or any other Person dealing with the Partnership, shall be required to verify any representation by the General Partner as to its authority to encumber, sell, or otherwise use any assess or properties of the Partnership, and any such lender, purchaser, or other Person shall be entitled to rely exclusively on such representations and shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner as if it were the sole party in interest therein, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against any such lender, purchaser, or other Person to contest, negate, or disaffirm any action of the General Partner in connection with any such sale or financing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with, and each such Person shall be entitled to rely on the assumptions that the Partnership has been duly formed and is validly in existence. In no event shall any such Person be obligated to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or the General Partner's representative, and every contract, agreement, deed, mortgage, security agreement, promissory note, or other instrument or document executed by the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (i), at the time of the execution and delivery thereof, this Agreement was in full force and effect; (ii) such instrument or document was duly executed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership; and (iii) the General Partner or the General Partner's representative was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and every such instrument or document for and on behalf of the Partnership.
- (d) <u>Partnership Funds</u>. The funds of the Partnership shall be deposited in such account or accounts as are designated by the General Partner. The General Partner may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, deposit funds of the Partnership in a central disbursing account maintained by or in the name of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any other Person into which funds of the General Partner, the Partnership, on other Persons are also deposited; *provided, however*, at all times books of account are maintained that show the amount of funds of the Partnership on deposit in such account and interest accrued with respect to such funds as credited to the Partnership. The General Partner may use the funds of the Partnership as compensating balances for its benefit; *provided, however*, such funds do

not directly or indirectly secure, and are not otherwise at risk on account of, any indebtedness or other obligation of the General Partner or any director, officer, employee, agent, representative, or Affiliate thereof. Nothing in this Section 4.1(d) shall be deemed to prohibit or limit in any manner the right of the Partnership to lend funds to the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof pursuant to Section 4.1(e)(i). All withdrawals from or charges against such accounts shall be made by the General Partner or by its representatives. Funds of the Partnership may be invested as determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Loans to or from General Partner: Contracts with Affiliates; Joint Ventures.

- (i) The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may lend to the Partnership funds needed by the Partnership for such periods of time as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, the General Partner or its Affiliate may not charge the Partnership interest at a rate greater than the rate (including points or other financing charges or fees) that would be charged the Partnership (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guaranties) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The Partnership shall reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliate, as the case may be, for any costs incurred by the General Partner or that Affiliate in connection with the borrowing of funds obtained by the General Partner or that Affiliate and loaned to the Partnership. The Partnership may loan funds to the General Partner and any member of the Founding Partner Group at the General Partner's sole and exclusive discretion.
- (ii) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may enter into an agreement with the Partnership to render services, including management services, for the Partnership. Any service rendered for the Partnership by the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership.
- (iii) The Partnership may Transfer any assets to joint ventures or other partnerships in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon terms and subject to such conditions consistent with applicable law as the General Partner deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Partnership may not transfer any asset to the General Partner or one of its Affiliates during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period for consideration less than such asset's fair market value.
- (f) <u>Outside Activities' Conflicts of Interest</u>. The General Partner or any Affiliate thereof and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including, without limitation, business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership. Neither the Partnership nor any of the Partners shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement or the partnership relationship created hereby in any business ventures of the General Partner, any Affiliate thereof, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of either the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof.
- (g) Resolution of Conflicts of Interest. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein, whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any Limited Partner, on the other hand, any action taken by the General Partner, in the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.
- (h) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless the General Partner and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner (collectively,

the "GP Party"), against all liabilities, losses, and damages incurred by any of them by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed in the name of or on behalf of the Partnership, or in connection with the Partnership's business, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and any amounts expended in the settlement of any claims or liabilities, losses, or damages, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act; provided, however, the Partnership shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless a GP Party for any action or inaction that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The Partnership, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner, may indemnify and hold harmless any Limited Partner, employee, agent, or representative of the Partnership, any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Partnership acting through the General Partner as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent, or representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and any other Person to the extent determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion, but in no event shall such indemnification exceed the indemnification permitted by the Delaware Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1(h) or elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendment to the Delaware Act after the date of this Agreement shall reduce or limit in any manner the indemnification provided for or permitted by this Section 4.1(h) unless such reduction or limitation is mandated by such amendment for limited partnerships formed prior to the enactment of such amendment. In no event shall Limited Partners be subject to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Liability of General Partner.

- (i) Neither the General Partner nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives shall be liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for errors in judgment or for any acts or omissions that do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (ii) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or representative appointed by the General Partner.

(j) Reliance by General Partner.

- (i) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, 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.
- (ii) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers, and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any opinion of any such Person as to matters which the General Partner believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by the General Partner hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such opinion.
- (k) The General Partner may, from time to time, designate one or more Persons to be officers of the Partnership. No officer need be a Partner. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the General Partner may, from time to time, delegate to them. The General Partner may assign titles to particular officers, including, without limitation, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until such Person's successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until such Person's death or

until such Person shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the officers and agents of the Partnership shall be fixed from time to time by the General Partner. Any officer may be removed as such, either with or without cause, by the General Partner whenever in the General Partner's judgment the best interests of the Partnership will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Partnership may be filled by the General Partner.

- **4.2. Rights and Obligations of Limited Partners**. In addition to the rights and obligations of Limited Partners set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Limited Partners shall have the following rights and obligations:
- (a) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as provided herein or under the Delaware Act.
- (b) <u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Return of Capital</u>. No Limited Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement</u>. Each Limited Partner shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (e) <u>Default on Priority Distributions</u>. If the Partnership fails to timely pay Priority Distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(b), and the Partnership does not subsequently make such Priority Distribution within ninety days of its due date, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may require the Partnership to liquidate publicly traded securities held by the Partnership or Highland Select Equity Master Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership controlled by the Partnership; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the General Partner may in its sole discretion elect instead to liquidate other non-publicly traded securities owned by the Partnership in order to satisfy the Partnership's obligations under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u> and this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>. In either case, Affiliates of the General Partner shall have the right of first offer to purchase any securities liquidated under this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>.

4.3. Transfer of Partnership Interests.

(a) <u>Transfer.</u> No Partnership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of any Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement shall be null and void. An alleged transferee shall have no right to require any information or account of the Partnership's transactions or to inspect the Partnership's books. The Partnership shall be entitled to treat the alleged transferor of a Partnership Interest as the absolute owner thereof in all respects, and shall incur no liability to any alleged transferee for distributions to the Partner owning that Partnership Interest of record or for allocations of Profits, Losses, deductions or credits or for transmittal of reports and notices required to be given to holders of Partnership Interests.

- (b) <u>Transfers by General Partner</u>. The General Partner may Transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest to any Person only with the approval of a Majority Interest; provided, however, that the General Partner may not Transfer its Partnership Interest during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period except to the extent such Transfers are for estate planning purposes or resulting from the death of the individual owner of the General Partner. Any Transfer by the General Partner of its Partnership Interest under this <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> to an Affiliate of the General Partner or any other Person shall not constitute a withdrawal of the General Partner under <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, or any other provision of this Agreement. If any such Transfer is deemed to constitute a withdrawal under such provisions or otherwise and results in the dissolution of the Partnership under this Agreement or the laws of any jurisdiction to which the Partnership of this Agreement is subject, the Partners hereby unanimously consent to the reconstitution and continuation of the Partnership immediately following such dissolution, pursuant to Section 5.2.
- (c) <u>Transfers by Limited Partners</u>. The Partnership Interest of a Limited Partner may not be Transferred without the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), and in accordance with the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- Distributions and Allocations in Respect of Transferred Partnership Interests. If (d) any Partnership Interest is Transferred during any Fiscal Year in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, Profits, Losses, and all other items attributable to the transferred interest for that period shall be divided and allocated between the transferor and the transferee by taking into account their varying interests during the period in accordance with Code Section 706(d), using any conventions permitted by law and selected by the General Partner; provided that no allocations shall be made under this Section 4.3(d) that would affect any special allocations made under Section 3.4. All distributions declared on or before the date of that Transfer shall be made to the transferor. Solely for purposes of making such allocations and distributions, the Partnership shall recognize that Transfer not later than the end of the calendar month during which it is given notice of that Transfer; provided, however, if the Partnership does not receive a notice stating the date that Partnership Interest was Transferred and such other information as the General Partner may reasonably require within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, then all of such items shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the person who, according to the books and records of the Partnership, on the last day of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, was the owner of the Partnership Interest. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner shall incur any liability for making allocations and distributions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.3(d), whether or not any Partner or the Partnership has knowledge of any Transfer of ownership of any Partnership Interest.
- (e) <u>Forfeiture of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Contribution Note</u>. In the event any Class B Limited Partnership Interests are forfeited in favor of the Partnership as a result of any default on the Contribution Note, the Capital Accounts and Percentage Interests associated with such Class B Limited Partnership Interests shall be allocated pro rata among the Class A Partners. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) made after the date of such forfeiture shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the Class B Limited Partnership Interest transferred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.3(e)</u> over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any forfeiture of such Class B Limited Partnership Interest.
- (f) <u>Transfers of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Purchase Notes.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Partnership shall respect, and the General Partner hereby provides automatic consent for, any transfers (in whole or transfers of partial interests) of

the Class C Limited Partnership Interests, or a portion thereof, if such transfer occurs as a result of a default on the Purchase Notes. Upon the transfer of any Class C Limited Partnership Interest to any member of the Founding Partner Group (or their assigns), such Class C Limited Partnership Interest shall automatically convert to a Class A Partnership Interest. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the transferred Class C Limited Partnership Interest over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests and Class C Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any transfer of such Class C Limited Partnership Interest.

4.4. Issuances of Partnership Interests to New and Existing Partners.

- (a) <u>Issuance of Partnership Interests to New Limited Partners.</u> The General Partner may admit one or more additional Persons as Limited Partners ("Additional Limited Partners") to the Partnership at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion; provided, however, that the General Partner may only admit additional Persons as Limited Partners in relation to the issuance of equity incentives to key employees of the Partnership; provided, further that the General Partner may not issue such equity incentives to the extent they entitle the holders, in the aggregate, to a Percentage Interest in excess of twenty percent without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner. All Class A Limited Partners, the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner shall be diluted proportionately by the issuance of such limited partnership interests. No Person may be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner until he/she/it executes an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (b) <u>Issuance of an Additional Partnership Interest to an Existing Partner</u>. The General Partner may issue an additional Partnership Interest to any existing Partner at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Upon the issuance of an additional Partnership Interest to an existing Partner, the Percentage Interests of the members of the Founding Partner Group shall be diluted proportionately. Any additional Partnership Interest shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.

4.5. Withdrawal of General Partner

- (a) Option. In the event of the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership, the departing General Partner (the "Departing Partner") shall, at the option of its successor (if any) exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of that Departing Partner, promptly receive from its successor in exchange for its Partnership Interest as the General Partner, an amount in cash equal to its Capital Account balance, determined as of the effective date of its departure.
- (b) <u>Conversion</u>. If the successor to a Departing Partner does not exercise the option described in <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, the Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner as the General Partner of the Partnership shall be converted into a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner.

4.6. Admission of Substitute Limited Partners and Successor General Partner.

(a) <u>Admission of Substitute Limited Partners</u>. A transferee (which may be the heir or legatee of a Limited Partner) or assignee of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest shall be entitled to receive only the distributive share of the Partnership's Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits attributable to that Partnership Interest. To become a substitute Limited Partner (a "Substitute Limited Partner"),

that transferee or assignee shall (1) obtain the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), (ii) comply with all the requirements of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement with respect to the Transfer of the Partnership Interest at issue, and (iii) execute an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Upon admission of a Substitute Limited Partner, that Limited Partner shall be subject to all of the restrictions applicable to, shall assume all of the obligations of, and shall attain the status of a Limited Partner under and pursuant to this Agreement with respect to the Partnership Interest held by that Limited Partner.

- (b) <u>Admission of Successor General Partner</u>. A successor General Partner selected pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or the transferee of or successor to all of the Partnership Interest of the General Partner pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective as of the date of the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor General Partner or the date of Transfer of that predecessor's Partnership Interest.
- (c) <u>Action by General Partner</u>. In connection with the admission of any substitute Limited Partner or successor General Partner or any additional Limited Partner, the General Partner shall have the authority to take all such actions as it deems necessary or advisable in connection therewith, including the amendment of <u>Exhibit A</u> and the execution and filing with appropriate authorities of any necessary documentation.

ARTICLE 5

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- **5.1. Dissolution.** The Partnership shall be dissolved upon:
- (a) The withdrawal, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the General Partner, or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the General Partner (other than by reason of a Transfer pursuant to Section 4.3(b));
- (b) An election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest; *provided, however*, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership without the approval of the Limited Partners in order to comply with Section 14 of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; or
 - (c) Any other event that, under the Delaware Act, would cause its dissolution.

For purposes of this Section 5.1, the bankruptcy of the General Partner shall be deemed to have occurred when the General Partner: (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief or is declared insolvent in any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding: (iv) files a petition or answer seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any law; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph; (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties; or (vii) one hundred twenty (120) days expire after the date of the commencement of a proceeding against the General Partner seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or

similar relief under any law if the proceeding has not been previously dismissed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of the appointment, without the General Partner's consent or acquiescence, of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties if the appointment has not previously been vacated or stayed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of expiration of a stay, if the appointment has not previously been vacated.

- 5.1(a), the Partnership shall be deemed to be dissolved and reconstituted if a Majority Interest elect to continue the Partnership within ninety (90) days of that event. If no election to continue the Partnership is made within ninety (90) days of that event, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If an election to continue the Partnership is made upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a), then:
- (a) Within that ninety (90)-day period a successor General Partner shall be selected by a Majority Interest;
- (b) The Partnership shall be deemed to be reconstituted and shall continue until the end of the term for which it is formed unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this <u>Article 5</u>;
- (c) The interest of the former General Partner shall be converted to an interest as a Limited Partner; and
- (d) All necessary steps shall be taken to amend or restate this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose amend this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, as appropriate, without the consent of any Partner.
- Liquidation. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued 5.3. under Section 5.2, the General Partner or, in the event the General Partner has been dissolved, becomes bankrupt (as defined in Section 5.1), or withdraws from the Partnership, a liquidator or liquidating committee selected by a Majority Interest, shall be the Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a Majority Interest. The Liquidator shall agree not to resign at any time without fifteen (15) days' prior written notice and (if other than the General Partner) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a Majority Interest. Upon dissolution, removal, or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers, and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within thirty (30) days thereafter be selected by a Majority Interest. The right to appoint a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be recurring and continuing for so long as the functions and services of the Liquidator are authorized to continue under the provisions hereof, and every reference herein to the Liquidator shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein. Except as expressly provided in this Article 5, the Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided herein. The Liquidator shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership and apply and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation in the following order of priority, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law:

- (a) To the payment of the expenses of the terminating transactions including, without limitation, brokerage commission, legal fees, accounting fees and closing costs;
- (b) To the payment of creditors of the Partnership, including Partners, in order of priority provided by law;
- (c) To the Partners and assignees to the extent of, and in proportion to, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(b)(2); provided, however, the Liquidator may place in escrow a reserve of cash or other assets of the Partnership for contingent liabilities in an amount determined by the Liquidator to be appropriate for such purposes; and
 - (d) To the Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- **5.4. Distribution in Kind.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3 that require the liquidation of the assets of the Partnership, but subject to the order of priorities set forth therein, if on dissolution of the Partnership the Liquidator determines that an immediate sale of part or all of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners and assignees, the Liquidator may defer for a reasonable time the liquidation of any assets except those necessary to satisfy liabilities of the Partnership (other than those to Partners) and/or may distribute to the Partners and assignees, in lieu of cash, as tenants in common and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3, undivided interests in such Partnership assets as the Liquidator deems not suitable for liquidation. Any such distributions in kind shall be subject to such conditions relating to the disposition and management of such properties as the Liquidator deems reasonable and equitable and to any joint operating agreements or other agreements governing the operation of such properties at such time. The Liquidator shall determine the fair market value of any property distributed in kind using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.
- 5.5. Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership property as provided in <u>Sections 5.3</u> and <u>5.4</u>, the Partnership shall be terminated, and the Liquidator (or the General Partner and Limited Partners if necessary) shall cause the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in the State of Delaware and of all qualifications and registrations of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other **than** the State of Delaware and shall take such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership.
- **5.6. Return of Capital.** The General Partner shall not be personally liable for the return of the Capital Contributions of Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be **made** solely from Partnership assets.
- **5.7. Waiver of Partition.** Each Partner hereby waives any rights to partition of the Partnership property.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Amendments to Agreement. The General Partner may amend this Agreement without the consent of any Partner if the General Partner reasonably determines that such amendment is necessary and appropriate; *provided, however, any* action taken by the General Partner shall be subject to its fiduciary duties to the Limited Partners under the Delaware Act; provided further that any amendments

that adversely affect the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may only be made with the consent of such Partner adversely affected.

- **6.2.** Addresses and Notices. Any notice, demand, request, or report required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by United States registered or certified mail to the Partner at his/her/its address as shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in any Partnership Interest by reason of an assignment or otherwise.
- **6.3. Titles and Captions.** All article and section titles and captions in the Agreement are for convenience only, shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, and in no way shall define, limit, extend, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Articles," "Sections" and "Exhibits" of this Agreement. All Exhibits hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- **6.4. Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.
- **6.5. Further Action.** The parties shall execute all documents, provide all information, and take or refrain from taking all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.
- **6.6. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns.
- **6.7. Integration.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.
- **6.8.** Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Partnership.
- **6.9. Waiver.** No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement, or condition.
- **6.10.** Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.
- **6.11. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- **6.12. Invalidity of Provisions.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, in whole or in part, then the parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under that provision, but only to the extent that it is illegal, unenforceable, or void, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying that provision to the extent necessary to make it legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if that is

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not possible, by substituting therefor another provision that is legal and enforceable and achieves the same objectives.

- **6.13.** General Partner Discretion. Whenever the General Partner may use its sole discretion, the General Partner may consider any items it deems relevant, including its own interest and that of its affiliates.
- Mandatory Arbitration. In the event there is an unresolved legal dispute between the 6.14. parties and/or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives that involves legal rights or remedies arising from this Agreement, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration under the authority of the Federal Arbitration Act; provided, however, that the Partnership or such applicable affiliate thereof may pursue a temporary restraining order and /or preliminary injunctive relief in connection with any confidentiality covenants or agreements binding on the other party, with related expedited discovery for the parties, in a court of law, and thereafter, require arbitration of all issues of final relief. The arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, or another mutually agreeable arbitration service. A panel of three arbitrators will preside over the arbitration and will together deliberate, decide and issue the final award. The arbitrators shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. The discovery process shall be limited to the following: Each side shall be permitted no more than (i) two party depositions of six hours each, each deposition to be taken pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; (ii) one non-party deposition of six hours; (iii) twenty-five interrogatories; (iv) twenty-five requests for admissions; (v) ten request for production (in response, the producing party shall not be obligated to produce in excess of 5,000 total pages of documents, including electronic documents); and (vi) one request for disclosure pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Any discovery not specifically provided for in this paragraph, whether to parties or non-parties, shall not be permitted. The arbitrators shall be required to state in a written opinion all facts and conclusions of law relied upon to support any decision rendered. The arbitrators will not have the authority to render a decision that contains an outcome based on error of state or federal law or to fashion a cause of action or remedy not otherwise provided for under applicable state or federal law. Any dispute over whether the arbitrators have failed to comply with the foregoing will be resolved by summary judgment in a court of law. In all other respects, the arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's dispute resolution rules or other mutually agreeable arbitration services rules. All proceedings shall be conducted in Dallas, Texas or another mutually agreeable site. Each party shall bear its own attorneys fees, costs and expenses, including any costs of experts, witnesses and /or travel, subject to a final arbitration award on who should bear costs and fees. The duty to arbitrate described above shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided above, the parties hereby waive trial in a court of law or by jury. All other rights, remedies, statutes of limitation and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law will apply in the arbitration.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND-ADVISORS, INC.,

a Delaware corporation.

By:

James D. Dondero,

President

LIMITED PARTNERS:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

Name: Nancy M. Dondero

lts: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST - EXEMPT TRUST #1

By:

Name: Lawrence Tonomura

Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST - EXEMPT TRUST #2

By:

Name: Lawrence Tonomura

lts: Trustee

Mark K. Okada

v	GENERAL PARTNER:
	STRAND ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: James D. Dondero, President
	LIMITED PARTNERS:
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	By: Name: Lawrence Tonom ra Its: Trastee
	MARK K. OKADA

HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST By: Beacon Mountain L.C., Administrator

EXHIBIT A

	Percentage Interest	
CLASS A PARTNERS	By Class	Effective %
GENERAL PARTNER:		
Strand Advisors	0.5573%	0.2508%
LIMITED PARTNERS:		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	74.4426%	0.1866%
Mark K. Okada	19.4268%	0.0487%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #1	3.9013%	0.0098%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #2	1.6720%	0.0042%
Total Class A Percentage Interest	100.0000%	0.500%
CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	55.0000%
CLASS C LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	44.500%
PROFIT AND LOSS AMONG CLASSES		
Class A Partners	0.5000%	
Class B Partners	55.0000%	
Class C Partners	44.5000%	

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO THE

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS ADDENDUM (this "Addendum") to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, as amended from time to time (the "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the day of, 20_, by and between Strand Advisors, Inc., as the sole General Partner (the "General Partner") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Partnership") and
("") (except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement).
RECITALS:
WHEREAS, the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and without the consent of any Limited Partner, has the authority under (i) Section 4.4 of the Agreement to admit Additional Limited Partners, (ii) Section 4.6 of the Agreement to admit Substitute Limited Partners and (iii) Section 6.1 of the Agreement to amend the Agreement;
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to admit as a Class Limited Partner holding a% Percentage Interest in the Partnership as of the date hereof;
WHEREAS,desires to become a Class Limited Partner and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement to add as a party thereto.
AGREEMENT:
RESOLVED, as a condition to receiving a Partnership Interest in the Partnership,acknowledges and agrees that he/she/it (i) has received and read a copy of the Agreement, (ii) shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and (iii) shall promptly execute an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Partner hereby amends the Agreement to add as a Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall attach this Addendum to the Agreement and make it a part thereof; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, this Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of

which together shall constitute one Addendum binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all

such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Addendum as of the day and year above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND ADVISORS, INC.

By:

Name:

Name:

NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

Title:

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

In consideration of the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, in consideration of the Partnership's allowing the above signed Person to become a Limited Partner of the Partnership, and for other good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement as though a party thereto.

SPOUSE OF NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

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PLAINTIFFS Highland Capital Management, L.P.	DEFENDANTS NexPoint Advisors, L.P., James Dondero,				
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ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)				
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PARTY (Check One Box Only)	PARTY (Check One Box Only)				
✓ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	□ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin				
□ Creditor □ Other	□ Creditor ☑ Other				
☐ Trustee CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE	□ Trustee				
Breach of Contract; Turnover Pursuant to 11 USC 542(b); Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer under 11 USC 548(a)(1)(A) and 550; Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer under 11 USC 544(b) and 550 and Tex. Bus. & C. Code 24.005(a)(1); Declaratory Relief; Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Aiding & Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty					
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21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property					
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Other Relief Sought Turnover of amounts due under note, avoidance of transfers to defendants, declaratory relief, punitive and exemplary damages, costs, attorneys' fees					

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES						
NAME OF DEBTOR Highland Capital Management, L.P.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 19-34054-sgj11				
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Stacey G. C. Jernigan			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)						
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.			
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE			
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)						
DATE August 27, 2021		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) Zachery Z. Annable				

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	\$ §	21-03006
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC, JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST	8 8 8	
Defendants.		

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¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT, (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY, (III) FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, AND (IV) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>"), and the plaintiff (the "<u>Plaintiff</u>") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), by its undersigned counsel, as and for its amended complaint (the "<u>Complaint</u>") against defendants Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. ("<u>HCMS</u>"), James Dondero ("<u>Mr. Dondero</u>"), Nancy Dondero ("<u>Ms. Dondero</u>"), and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("<u>Dugaboy</u>" and together with HCMS, Mr. Dondero, and Ms. Dondero, the "<u>Defendants</u>") alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against Defendants in connection with HCMS's defaults under (i) four demand notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$900,000, and payable upon the Debtor's demand, and (ii) one term note, in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,247,628.02, and payable in the event of default, all executed by HCMS in favor of the Debtor. HCMS has failed to pay amounts due and owing under the notes and the accrued but unpaid interest thereon.
- 2. In paragraph 56 of HCMS's First Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint [Docket No. 34], HCMS contends that the Debtor orally agreed to relieve it of the obligations under the Notes (as defined below) upon fulfillment of "conditions subsequent" (the "Alleged Agreement"). HCMS further contends that the Alleged Agreement was entered into between James Dondero, acting on behalf of HCMS, and his sister, Nancy Dondero, as representative of a majority of the Class A shareholders of the Plaintiff, including Dugaboy (the "Representative"),

acting on behalf of the Debtor. At the time Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCMS, he controlled both HCMS and the Debtor and was the lifetime beneficiary of Dugaboy.

- 3. Based on its books and records, discovery to date, and other facts, the Debtor believes that the Alleged Agreement is a fiction created after the commencement of this Adversary Proceeding for the purpose of avoiding or at least delaying paying the obligations due under the Notes.
- 4. Nevertheless, the Debtor amends its Complaint to add certain claims and name additional parties who would be liable to the Debtor if the Alleged Agreement were determined to exist and be enforceable. Specifically, in addition to pursuing claims against HCMS for breach of its obligations under the Notes and for turnover, the Debtor adds alternative claims (a) against HCMS for actual fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting Dugaboy in its breach of fiduciary duty, (b) against Dugaboy for declaratory relief and for breach of fiduciary duty, and (c) against Nancy Dondero for aiding and abetting Dugaboy in the breach of his fiduciary duties.
- 5. As remedies, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from HCMS in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Notes (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the notes), for HCMS's breach of its obligations under the Notes, (b) turnover by HCMS to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts; (c) avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovery of the funds transferred from the Plaintiff to, or for the benefit of, HCMS pursuant to the Notes; (d) declaratory relief, and (e) damages arising from the Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties or aiding and abetting thereof.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Court") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 8. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 10. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 11. Upon information and belief, HCMS is a company with offices located in Dallas, Texas, and is incorporated in the state of Delaware.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Mr. Dondero is an individual residing in Dallas, Texas. He is the co-founder of the Debtor and was the Debtor's President and Chief Executive Officer until his resignation on January 9, 2020. At all relevant times, Mr. Dondero controlled HCRE; Mr. Dondero also controlled the Debtor until January 9, 2020.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Dugaboy is (a) a limited partner of the Debtor, and (b) one of Mr. Dondero's family investment trusts for which is he a lifetime beneficiary.

14. Upon information and belief, Nancy Dondero is an individual residing in the state of Florida and who is Mr. Dondero's sister, and a trustee of Dugaboy.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 15. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 16. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund ("Redeemer"), (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP LLC (collectively, "Acis").
- 17. On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Trustee in this Court filed that certain *Notice of Amended Unsecured Creditors' Committee* [Docket No. 2485] notifying the Court that Acis and Redeemer had resigned from the Committee.
- 18. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 19. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Highland Bankruptcy Case maintained by this Court.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The HCMS Demand Notes

- 20. HCMS is the maker under a series of demand notes in favor of the Debtor.
- 21. Specifically, on March 28, 2018, HCMS executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$150,000 ("HCMS's First Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCMS's First Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 22. On June 25, 2018, HCMS executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$200,000 ("HCMS's Second Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCMS's Second Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**
- 23. On May 29, 2019, HCMS executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$400,000 ("HCMS's Third Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCMS's Third Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3.**
- 24. On June 26, 2019, HCMS executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$150,000 ("HCMS's Fourth Demand Note," and collectively, with HCMS's First Demand Note, HCMS's Second Demand Note, and HCMS's Third Demand Note, the "Demand Notes"). A true and correct copy of HCMS's Fourth Demand Note is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.
- 25. Section 2 of the Demand Notes provide: "Payment of Principal and Interest. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee."
 - 26. Section 4 of the Demand Notes provide:

<u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and

the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

27. Section 6 of the Demand Notes provide:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. HCMS's Defaults Under Each Demand Note

28. By letter dated December 3, 2020, the Debtor made demand on HCMS for payment under the Demand Notes by December 11, 2020 (the "<u>Demand Letter</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**. The Demand Letter provided:

By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$947,519.43, which represents all accrued interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 29. Despite the Debtor's demand, HCMS did not pay all or any portion of the amounts demanded by the Debtor on December 11, 2020.
- 30. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal amount of \$158,776.59 on HCMS's First Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$3,257.32, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$162,033.91.
- 31. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$212,403.37 on HCMS's Second Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$2,999.54, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$215,402.81.

- 32. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$409,586.19 on HCMS's Third Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$5,256.62, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$414,842.81.
- 33. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$153,564.74 on HCMS's Fourth Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$1,675.16, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$155,239.90.
- 34. Thus, as of December 11, 2020, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Demand Notes was \$947,519.43. Pursuant to Section 4 of each Demand Note, each Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

C. The HCMS Term Note

- 35. HCMS is the maker under a term note in favor of the Debtor.
- 36. Specifically, on May 31, 2017, HCMS executed a term note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$20,247,628.02 (the "<u>Term Note</u>," and together with the Demand Notes, the "<u>Notes</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Term Note is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 6</u>.
- 37. Section 2 of the Term Note provides: "Payment of Principal and Interest. Principal and interest under this Note shall be due and payable as follows:
 - **2.1** Annual Payment Dates. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "Annual Installment") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this note.
 - **2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>**. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "**Maturity Date**").

38. Section 3 of the Note provides:

<u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.

39. Section 4 of the Term Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

40. Section 6 of the Term Note provides:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

D. <u>HCMS's Default Under the Term Note</u>

- 41. HCMS failed to make the payment due under the Term Note on December 31, 2020.
- 42. By letter dated January 7, 2021, the Debtor made demand on HCMS for immediate payment under the Term Note (the "Second Demand Letter"). A true and correct copy of the Second Demand Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**. The Second Demand Letter provides:

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$6,757,248.95; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due immediately.

Second Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 43. As of January 8, 2021, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest under the Term Note was \$6,757,248.95.
- 44. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Term Note, the Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

E. The Debtor Files the Original Complaint

45. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1] (the "Original Complaint"). In the Original Complaint, the Debtor brought claims for (i) breach of contract for HCMS's breach of its obligations under the Notes and (ii) turnover by HCMS for the outstanding amounts under the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest until the date of payment plus the Debtor's costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

F. HCMS's Affirmative Defenses

- 46. On March 13, 2021, HCMS filed *Highland Capital Management Services*, *Inc.'s Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint* [Docket No. 6] (the "Original Answer"). In its Original Answer, HCMS asserted four affirmative defenses: (i) the claims are barred in whole or in part under the doctrines of justification or repudiation, (ii) waiver, (iii) estoppel, and (iv) offset and/or setoff (the "Setoff Defense"). *See id.* ¶¶ 53-56.
- 47. On June 11, 2021, HCMS filed its *First Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint* [Docket No. 34] (the "Amended Answer"), that omitted the Setoff Defense but asserted two affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor previously agreed that it would not collect on the Notes

"upon fulfillment of conditions subsequent" (i.e., the Alleged Agreement) id. \P 56, and (ii) the Notes are "ambiguous," id. \P 57.

- 48. According to HCMS, the Alleged Agreement was orally entered into "sometime between December of the year each note was made and February of the following year."
- 49. According to HCMS, Mr. Dondero, acting on its behalf, entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, acting as the Representative.
- 50. Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor at the time he entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCMS.
- 51. Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and records do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.

G. <u>Dugaboy Lacked Authority to Act on Behalf of the Debtor</u>

- 52. Under section 4.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), and attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**, Dugaboy was not authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, or otherwise bind the Partnership (as "Partnership" is defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement).
 - 53. Section 4.2(b) of the Limited Partnership Agreement states:

<u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Exhibit 8, § 4.2(b).

54. No provision in the Limited Partnership Agreement authorizes any of the Partnership's limited partners to bind the Partnership.

55. Nancy Dondero also lacked authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement or to otherwise bind the Debtor.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCMS)

(For Breach of Contract)

- 56. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 57. The Notes are binding and enforceable contracts.
- 58. HCMS breached each Demand Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon the Debtor's demand.
- 59. HCMS breached the Term Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon HCMS's default and acceleration.
- 60. Pursuant to each Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from HCMS in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for HCMS's breach of its obligations under each of the Demand Notes.
- 61. As a direct and proximate cause of HCMS's breach of each Demand Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$947,519.43, as of December 11, 2020, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.
- 62. As a direct and proximate cause of HCMS's breach of the Term Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$6,757,248.95, as of January 8, 2021, plus

an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCMS)

(Turnover by HCMS Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

- 63. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 64. HCMS owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each of the Notes, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for HCMS's breach of its obligations under each of the Notes
- 65. Each Demand Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under each Demand Note is matured and payable upon demand.
- 66. The Term Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under the Term Note is matured and payable upon default and acceleration.
- 67. The Debtor has made demand for turnover of the amounts due under each of the Notes
- 68. As of the date of filing this Complaint, HCMS has not turned over to the Debtor all or any of the amounts due under each of the Notes.
- 69. The Debtor is entitled to the turnover of all amounts due under each of the Notes.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCMS)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A) and 550)

- 70. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 71. The Debtor made the transfers pursuant to the Alleged Agreement within two years of the Petition Date.
- 72. HCMS entered into the Alleged Agreement with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (a) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, HCMS, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (b) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCMS with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (c) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditors about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (d) The Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (e) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (f) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 73. The pattern of conduct, series of transactions, and general chronology of events under inquiry in connection with the debt HCMS incurred under the Notes demonstrates a scheme of fraud.
- 74. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from HCMS.

75. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from HCMS an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Notes.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCMS)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and 550, and Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1))

- 76. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 77. The Debtor made the transfers pursuant to the Alleged Agreement after, or within a reasonable time before, creditors' claims arose.
- 78. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCMS with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor of the Debtor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (g) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, HCMS, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (h) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCMS with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (i) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (j) Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (k) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (l) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.

- 79. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from HCMS.
- 80. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from HCMS an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Notes.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero) (For Declaratory Relief: -- 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001)

- 81. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 82. A bona fide, actual, present dispute exists between the Debtor, on the one hand, and Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero on the other hand, concerning whether Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero, acting as the Representative, were authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on the Debtor's behalf.
- 83. A judgment declaring the parties' respective rights and obligations will resolve their dispute.
- 84. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001, the Debtor specifically seeks declarations that:
 - (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement,

- (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership,
- (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as

 Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged

 Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and
- (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero) (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 85. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 86. If Dugaboy, as a limited partner, or Ms. Dondero, as Representative, had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero would owe the Debtor a fiduciary duty.
- 87. If Dugaboy or Ms. Dondero (as Representative) had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero breached their fiduciary duty of care to the Debtor by entering into and authorizing the purported Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor.
- 88. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to recover from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero (a) actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against James Dondero and Nancy Dondero) (Aiding and Abetting a Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 89. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 90. James Dondero and Nancy Dondero (together, the "<u>Donderos</u>") were aware that Dugaboy would have fiduciary duties to the Debtor if it acted to bind the Debtor.
- 91. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duties to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 92. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duty to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 93. Accordingly, the Donderos are jointly and severally liable (a) for the actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dondero's breaches of fiduciary duties, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

- (i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial but includes (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's cost of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by HCMS to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the aggregate principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's cost of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);

- (iii) On its Third Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreements and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement of funds arising from actual fraudulent transfer under section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) On its Fourth Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement of funds arising from actual fraudulent transfer under Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1);
- (v) On its Fifth Claim for Relief, a declaration that: (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement, (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement is null and void;
- (vi) On its Sixth Claim for Relief, actual damages from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages;
- (vii) On its Seventh Claim for Relief, actual damages from the Donderos, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result

of aiding and abetting Dugaboy's breaches of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages; and

(iii) Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: As of July 13, 2021.

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EXHIBIT 1

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$150,000.00 March 28, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>: The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the long-term "applicable federal rate" (2.88 %) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. Payment of Principal and Interest. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary.</u> Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default.</u> Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

SERVICES, INC.

EXHIBIT 2

PROMISSORY NOTE

June 25, 2018

\$200,000,00

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$200,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the long-term "applicable federal rate" (3.05 %) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary.</u> Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

SERVICES, INC.

EXHIBIT 3

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$400,000 May 29, 2019

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the short-term "*applicable federal rate*" (2.39%) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

FRANK WATERHOUSE

EXHIBIT 4

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$150,000 June 26, 2019

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to the short-term "*applicable federal rate*" (2.37%) in effect on the date hereof for loans of such maturity as determined by Section 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

FRANK WATERHOUSE

EXHIBIT 5

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

December 3, 2020

Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. c/o Highland Capital Management, L.P. 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201

Attention: Frank Waterhouse, CFO

Re: Demand on Promissory Notes:

Dear Mr. Waterhouse,

Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. ("Maker") entered into the following promissory notes (collectively, the "Notes") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee"):

Date Issued	Original Principal Amount	Outstanding Principal Amount (12/11/20)	Accrued But Unpaid Interest	Total Amount Outstanding (12/11/20)
			(12/11/20)	
3/28/18	\$150,000	\$158,776.59	\$3,257.32	\$162,033.91
6/25/18	\$200,000	\$212,403.27	\$2,999.54	\$215,402.81
5/29/19	\$400,000	\$409,586.19	\$5,256.62	\$414,842.81
6/26/19	\$150,000	\$153,564.74	\$1,675.16	\$155,239.90
TOTALS	\$900.000	\$934,330.79	\$13,188.64	\$947,519.43

As set forth in Section 2 of each of the Notes, accrued interest and principal is due and payable upon the demand of Payee. By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$947,519.43, which represents all accrued and unpaid interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Payments on the Notes must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Notes or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Notes will continue to accrue until the Notes are paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr.
Highland Capital Management, L.P.
Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer

cc: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
Gregory Demo

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 6

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$20,247,628.02 May 31, 2017

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (this "<u>Note</u>") is in substitution for and supersedes in their entirety each of those certain promissory notes described in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, from Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., as Maker, and Highland Capital Management, L.P. as Payee (collectively, the "<u>Prior Notes</u>"), together with the aggregate outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interested represented thereby.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of TWENTY MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT AND 02/100 DOLLARS (\$20,247,628.02), together with interest, on the terms set forth below. All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of two and seventy-five hundredths percent (2.75%) per annum from the date hereof until Maturity Date (hereinafter defined), compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable annually.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be payable as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Annual Payment Dates</u>. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "<u>Annual Installment</u>") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this Note.
 - 2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No

failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.
- 9. <u>Prior Notes.</u> The original of each of the Prior Notes superseded hereby shall be marked "VOID" by Payee.

MAKER:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

SERVICES, ING.

By:___ Name:

Title:

EXHIBIT A

PRIOR NOTES

Loan Date	Initial Note Amount	Interest Rate	Principal and Interest Outstanding as of May 31, 2017
5/29/15	\$500,000	2.30%	\$523,095
10/1/15	\$350,000	2.58%	\$315,500
10/2/15	\$310,000	2.58%	\$323,301
10/27/15	\$200,000	2.58%	\$208,228
10/28/15	\$200,000	2.58%	\$208,214
10/30/15	\$100,000	2.58%	\$104,093
11/23/15	\$100,000	2.57%	\$103,908
11/24/15	\$250,000	2.57%	\$259,752
2/10/16	\$2,000,000	2.62%	\$ 83,390
2/11/16	\$250,000	2.62%	\$258,524
4/5/16	\$6,000,000	2.25%	\$6,155,712
5/4/16	\$2,700,000	2.24%	\$2,764,954
7/1/16	\$30,000	2.18%	\$30,598
8/5/16	\$525,000	2.18%	\$534,375
8/22/16	\$250,000	2.18%	\$254,465
9/22/16	\$185,000	2.18%	\$187,773
12/12/16	\$7,700,000	2.26%	\$7,781,050
3/31/17	\$150,000	2.78%	\$150,697
	\$21,800,000		\$20,247,628.02

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 7, 2021

Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. c/o Bonds Ellis Eppich Schafer Jones LLP 420 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1000 Fort Worth, Texas 76012 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Demand on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$20,247,628.02 (the "Note") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee").

As set forth in Section 2 of the Note, accrued interest and principal on the Note is due and payable in thirty equal annual payments with each payment due on December 31 of each calendar year. Maker failed to make the payment due on December 31, 2020.

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$6,757,248.95; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due <u>immediately</u>. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer cc: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
Gregory Demo
D. Michael Lynn

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

EXHIBIT 8

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OP 1933 OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES ACTS IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS UNDER THOSE ACTS. THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THAT SALE OR DISPOSITION IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SUCH APPLICABLE ACTS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP is entered into on this 24th day of December, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, by and among Strand Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Strand"), as General Partner, the Limited Partners party hereto, and any Person hereinafter admitted as a Limited Partner.

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

- 1.1. Continuation. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners hereby continue the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. Except as expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations of the Partners and the administration and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act.
- 1.2. Name. The name of the Partnership shall be, and the business of the Partnership shall be conducted under the name of Highland Capital Management, L.P. The General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall provide Limited Partners with written notice of such name change within twenty (20) days after such name change.
- 1.3. Purpose. The purpose and business of the Partnership shall be the conduct of any business or activity that may lawfully be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act. Any or all of the foregoing activities may be conducted directly by the Partnership or indirectly through another partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement.
- **1.4. Term.** The Partnership was formed as a limited partnership on July 7, 1997, and shall continue until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Partnership Offices; Addresses of Partners.

- (a) <u>Partnership Offices</u>. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1297, and its registered agent for service of process on the Partnership at that registered office shall be Corporation Service Company, or such other registered office or registered agent as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The principal office of the Partnership shall be 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places as the General Partner deems advisable.
- (b) <u>Addresses of Partners</u>. The address of the General Partner is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The address of each Limited Partner shall be the address of that Limited Partner appearing on the books and records of the Partnership. Each Limited Partner agrees to provide the General Partner with prompt written notice of any change in his/her/its address.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

- **2.1. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Agreement, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary in this Agreement:
- "Additional Capital Contribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Partner, the deficit balance, if any, in the Capital Account of that Partner as of the end of the relevant Fiscal Year, or other relevant period, giving effect to all adjustments previously made thereto pursuant to Section 3.7 and further adjusted as follows: (i) credit to that Capital Account, any amounts which that Partner is obligated or deemed obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c); (ii) debit to that Capital Account, the items described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6); and (iii) to the extent required under the Treasury Regulations, credit to that Capital Account (A) that Partner's share of "minimum gain" and (B) that Partner's share of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain." (Each Partner's share of the minimum gain and partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain shall be determined under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), respectively.)
- "Affiliate" means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Person in question. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "Agreement" means this Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States or the State of Texas shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 3.7(a).
- "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Partner, the amount of money or property contributed to the Partnership with respect to the interest in the Partnership held by that Person.
- "Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware by the General Partner, as that Certificate may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Class A Limited Partners" means those Partners holding a Class A Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class A Limited Partner."

- "Class B Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class B Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class B Limited Partner."
- "Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which the Class B Limited Partner's aggregate capital contributions, including the original principal balance of the Contribution Note, and reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class B Limited Partner, exceed 75 percent of the product of the Class B Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Class C Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class C Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class C Limited Partner."
- "Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which an amount equal to \$93,000,000.00 reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class C Limited Partner after the Effective Date exceeds 75 percent of the product of the Class C Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further the General Partner must complete the testing within 180 days of the end of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time.
- *"Contribution Note"* means that certain Secured Promissory Note dated December 21, 2015 by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and the Partnership as Payee.
 - "Default Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c)(i).
 - "Defaulting Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c).
- "*Delaware Act*" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Part IV, Title C, Chapter 17 of the Delaware Corporation Law Annotated, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to that Act.
 - "Effective Date" means the date first recited above.
 - "Fiscal Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.11(b).

- "Founding Partner Group" means, all partners holding partnership interests in the Partnership immediately before the Effective Date.
- "General Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) has not ceased to be a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- "Limited Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) has not ceased to be a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
 - "Liquidator" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.
- "Losses" means, for each Fiscal Year, the losses and deductions of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any expenditures described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B).
- "Majority Interest" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Percentage Interests of Class A Limited Partners.
- "NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period or a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts" means the excess of (i) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the end of the period being measured over (ii) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the beginning of the period being measured; provided, however, that amounts within each of the aforementioned categories shall be excluded from the calculation to the extent they are specifically identified as being derived from investing or financing activities. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership and appropriate adjustments may be made to the extent the Partnership adds new ledger accounts to its books and records that are current assets or current liabilities.
- "New Issues" means Securities that are considered to be "new issues," as defined in the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- "Nonrecourse Deduction" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1), as computed under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(c).
- "Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(3).
- "Operating Cash Flow" means Total Revenue less Total Operating Expenses plus Depreciation & Amortization less Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts year over year. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership.

- "Partner" means a General Partner or a Limited Partner.
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5).
- "Partnership" means Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Delaware limited partnership established pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Partnership Capital" means, as of any relevant date, the net book value of the Partnership's assets.
- "Partnership Interest" means the interest acquired by a Partner in the Partnership including, without limitation, that Partner's right: (a) to an allocable share of the Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits of the Partnership; (b) to a distributive share of the assets of the Partnership; (c) if a Limited Partner, to vote on those matters described in this Agreement; and (d) if the General Partner, to manage and operate the Partnership.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).
- "Percentage Interest" means the percentage set forth opposite each Partner's name on Exhibit A as such Exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Person" means an individual or a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other entity.
 - "Priority Distributions" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).
- "Profits" means, for each Fiscal Year, the income and gains of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any income described in Code Section 705(a)(1)(B).
- "Profits Interest Partner" means any Person who is issued a Partnership Interest that is treated as a "profits interest" for federal income tax purposes.
- *"Purchase Notes"* means those certain Secured Promissory Notes of even date herewith by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #1, and The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #2, each as Payees of the respective Secured Promissory Notes.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner for determining the identity of Limited Partners entitled to vote or give consent to Partnership action or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any other lawful action of Limited Partners.

"Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, dated December 21, 2015, to be effective as of December 21, 2015 by and between the Partnership and its Partners, as may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

"Securities" means the following: (i) securities of any kind (including, without limitation, "securities" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act; (ii) commodities of any kind (as that term is defined by the U.S. Securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder); (iii) any contracts for future or forward delivery of any security, commodity or currency; (iv) any contracts based on any securities or group of securities, commodities or currencies; (v) any options on any contracts referred to in clauses (iii) or (iv); or (vi) any evidences of indebtedness (including participations in or assignments of bank loans or trade credit claims). The items set forth in clauses (i) through (vi) herein include, but are not limited to, capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, reorganization certificates, subscriptions, warrants, rights, options, puts, calls, bonds, mutual fund interests, debentures, notes, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bankers acceptances, trust receipts and other securities of any corporation or other entity, whether readily marketable or not, rights and options, whether granted or written by the Partnership or by others, treasury bills, bonds and notes, any securities or obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any foreign country or any state or possession of the United States or any foreign country or any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and derivatives of any of the foregoing.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor to such statute.

"Substitute Limited Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(a).

"*Transfer*" or derivations thereof, of a Partnership Interest means, as a noun, the transfer, sale, assignment, exchange, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of a Partnership Interest, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, and as a verb, voluntarily or involuntarily to transfer, sell, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of.

"*Treasury Regulations*" means the Department of Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as amended and in effect (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

2.2. Other Definitions. All terms used in this Agreement that are not defined in this <u>Article 2</u> have the meanings contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1. Capital Contributions.

- (a) <u>Initial Capital Contributions</u>. The initial Capital Contribution of each Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership.
 - (b) Additional Capital Contributions.

- (i) The General Partner, in its reasonable discretion and for a *bona fide* business purpose, may request in writing that the Founding Partner Group make additional Capital Contributions in proportion to their Percentage Interests (each, an "Additional Capital Contribution").
- (ii) Any failure by a Partner to make an Additional Capital Contribution requested under Section 3.1(b)(i) on or before the date on which that Additional Capital Contribution was due shall result in the Partner being in default.
- (c) <u>Consequences to Defaulting Partners</u>. In the event a Partner is in default under <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> (a "*Defaulting Partner*"), the Defaulting Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may elect to take either one of the option set forth below.
- Default Loans. If the Defaulting Partner so elects, the General Partner shall make a loan to the Defaulting Partner in an amount equal to that Defaulting Partner's additional capital contribution (a "Default Loan"). A Default Loan shall be deemed advanced on the date actually advanced. Default Loans shall earn interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at a rate equal to the Applicable Federal Mid-Term Rate (determined by the Internal Revenue Service for the month in which the loan is deemed made) from the date actually advanced until the same is repaid in full. The term of any Default Loan shall be six (6) months, unless otherwise extended by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall not receive any distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(a) or Section 5.3 or any proceeds from the Transfer of all or any part of its Partnership Interest while the Default Loan remains unpaid. Instead, the Defaulting Partner's share of distributions or such other proceeds shall (until all Default Loans and interest thereon shall have been repaid in full) first be paid to the General Partner. Such payments shall be applied first to the payment of interest on such Default Loans and then to the repayment of the principal amounts thereof, but shall be considered, for all other purposes of this Agreement, to have been distributed to the Defaulting Partner. The Defaulting Partner shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) in connection with any enforcement or foreclosure upon any Default Loan and such costs shall, to the extent enforceable under applicable law, be added to the principal amount of the applicable Default Loan. In addition, at any time during the term of such Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall have the right to repay, in full, the Default Loan (including interest and any other charges). If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall be deemed to have pledged to the General Partner and granted to the General Partner a continuing first priority security interest in, all of the Defaulting Partner's Partnership Interest to secure the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Default Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and for such purpose this Agreement shall constitute a security agreement. The Defaulting Partner shall promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such financing statements, continuation statements or other documents and take such other actions as the General Partner shall request in writing in order to perfect or continue the perfection of such security interest; and, if the Defaulting Partner shall fail to do so within seven (7) days after the Defaulting Partner's receipt of a notice making demand therefor, the General Partner is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact of, and is hereby authorized on behalf of, the Defaulting Partner, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and take all such other actions as may be required to perfect such security interest. Such appointment and authorization are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable. The General Partner shall, prior to exercising any right or remedy (whether at law, in equity or pursuant to the terms hereof) available to it in connection with such security interest, provide to the Defaulting Partner a notice, in reasonable detail, of the right or remedy to be exercised and the intended timing of such exercise which shall not be less than five (5) days following the date of such notice.

(ii) <u>Reduction of Percentage Interest</u>. If the Defaulting Partner does not elect to obtain a Default Loan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)(i)</u>, the General Partner shall reduce the Defaulting Partner's Percentage Interest in accordance with the following formula:

The Defaulting Partner's new Percentage Interest shall equal the product of (1) the Defaulting Partner's current Percentage Interest, multiplied by (2) the quotient of (a) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), divided by (b) the sum of (i) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), plus (ii) the amount of the additional capital contribution that such Defaulting Partner failed to make when due.

To the extent any downward adjustment is made to the Percentage Interest of a Partner pursuant to this Section 3.1(c)(ii), any resulting benefit shall accrue to the Partners (other than the Defaulting Partner) in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

3.2. Allocations of Profits and Losses.

- (a) <u>Allocations of Profits</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Profits for any Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Partners as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this Section 3.2(a)(ii) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under Section 3.2(b)(ii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) <u>Allocations of Losses</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Losses for any Fiscal Year will be allocated as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Losses allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Profits allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Profits were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners in proportion to their respective positive Capital Account balances until the aggregate Capital Account balances of the Partners (excluding any negative Capital Account balances) equal zero; provided, however, losses shall first be allocated to reduce amounts that were last allocated to the Capital Accounts of the Partners; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

- (c) <u>Limitation on Loss Allocations</u>. If any allocation of Losses would cause a Limited Partner to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit, those Losses instead shall be allocated to the General Partner.
- **3.3.** Allocations on Transfers. Taxable items of the Partnership attributable to a Partnership Interest that has been Transferred (including the simultaneous decrease in the Partnership Interest of existing Partners resulting from the admission of a new Partner) shall be allocated in accordance with Section 4.3(d).
- **3.4. Special Allocations.** If the requisite stated conditions or facts are present, the following special allocations shall be made in the following order:
- (a) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, prior to any other allocation under this Agreement, each Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in proportion to, and to the extent of, an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(a) is intended to comply with the partnership minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (b) Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3 (other than Section 3.4(a)), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, any Partner with a share of such Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain as of the beginning of the year shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods in an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in the Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be so allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(b) is intended to comply with the partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations, shall be interpreted consistently with the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (c) Qualified Income Offset. If a Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (d)(5) or (d)(6), then items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to each such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations, the Adjusted Capital Account Deficit of the Partner as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(c) shall be made if and only to the extent that the Partner would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this Article 3 have been tentatively made without considering this Section 3.4(c).
- (d) Gross Income Allocation. If a Partner has a deficit Capital Account at the end of any Fiscal Year of the Partnership that exceeds the sum of (i) the amount the Partner is obligated to restore, and (ii) the amount the Partner is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), then each such Partner shall be specially allocated items of income and gain of the Partnership in the amount of the excess as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(d) shall be made if and only to

the extent that the Partner would have a deficit Capital Account in excess of that sum after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> or 3.4(d).

- (e) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made shall he allocated among the Partners in accordance with their Percentage interests.
- (f) <u>Partner Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made will be allocated to the Partner who bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which the Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i).
- (g) Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any asset of the Partnership under Code Section 734(b) or Code Section 743(b) is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of the adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases the basis of the asset) and that gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to that Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (h) <u>Section 481 Adjustments</u>. Any allocable items of income, gain, expense, deduction or credit required to be made by Section 481 of the Code as the result of the sale, transfer, exchange or issuance of a Partnership Interest will be specially allocated to the Partner receiving said Partnership Interest whether such items are positive or negative in amount.
- 3.5. Curative Allocations. The "Basic Regulatory Allocations" consist of (i) the allocations pursuant to Section 3.2(c), and (ii) the allocations pursuant to Sections 3.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Basic Regulatory Allocations shall be taken into account in allocating items of income, gain, loss and deduction among the Partners so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of the allocations of other items and the Basic Regulatory Allocations to each Partner shall be equal to the net amount that would have been allocated to each such Partner if the Basic Regulatory Allocations had not occurred. For purposes of applying the foregoing sentence, allocations pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall be made with respect to allocations pursuant to Section 3.4 (g) and (h) only to the extent that it is reasonably determined that those allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. To the extent that a special allocation under Section 3.4 is determined not to comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, then the Partners intend that the items shall be allocated in accordance with the Partners' varying Percentage Interests throughout each tax year during which such items are recognized for tax purposes.
- 3.6. Code Section 704(c) Allocations. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss and deduction with respect to property contributed to the capital of the Partnership shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Partners so as to take account of any variation at the time of the contribution between the tax basis of the property to the Partnership and the fair market value of that property. Except as otherwise provided herein, any elections or other decisions relating to those allocations shall be made by the General Partner in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intent of this Agreement. Allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction pursuant to this Section 3.6 are solely for purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, the Capital Account of any Partner or the share

of Profits, Losses, other tax items or distributions of any Partner pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

3.7. Capital Accounts.

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Capital Accounts</u>. The Partnership shall establish and maintain a separate capital account *("Capital Account")* for each Partner in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), subject to and in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 3.7.
- (i) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be credited (increased) by (A) the amount of cash contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that contributed property that the Partnership assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), and (C) that Partner's allocable share of Profits and any items in the nature of income or gain which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.4 and 3.5; and
- by (A) the amount of cash distributed to that Partner by the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property distributed to that Partner by the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that distributed property that such Partner assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), (C) that Partner's allocable share of expenditures of the Partnership described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B), and (D) that Partner's allocable share of Losses and any items in the nature of expenses or losses which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

The provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts have been included in this Agreement to comply with Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with those provisions. The General Partner may modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts are maintained under this <u>Section 3.7</u> in order to comply with those provisions, as well as upon the occurrence of events that might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with those provisions.

- (b) <u>Negative Capital Accounts</u>. If any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account, that Partner shall have no obligation to restore that negative balance or to make any Capital Contribution by reason thereof, and that negative balance shall not be considered an asset of the Partnership or of any Partner.
- (c) <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions or on balances in Capital Accounts.
- (d) <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw any part of his/her/its Capital Contribution or his/her/its Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Partnership, except as provided in <u>Section 3.9</u> and <u>Article 5</u>.
- (e) <u>Loans From Partners</u>. Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not be considered Capital Contributions.
- (f) <u>Revaluations</u>. The Capital Accounts of the Partners shall not be "booked-up" or "booked-down" to their fair market values under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704(c)-1(b)(2)(iv)(f) or otherwise.

Distributive Share for Tax Purpose. All items of income, deduction, gain, loss or 3.8. credit that are recognized for federal income tax purposes will be allocated among the Partners in accordance with the allocations of Profits and Losses hereunder as determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may (i) as to each New Issue, specially allocate to the Partners who were allocated New Issue Profit from that New Issue any short-term capital gains realized during the Fiscal Year upon the disposition of such New Issue during that Fiscal Year, and (ii) specially allocate items of gain (or loss) to Partners who withdraw capital during any Fiscal Year in a manner designed to ensure that each withdrawing Partner is allocated gain (or loss) in an amount equal to the difference between that Partner's Capital Account balance (or portion thereof being withdrawn) at the time of the withdrawal and the tax basis for his/her/ its Partnership Interest at that time (or proportionate amount thereof); provided, however, that the General Partner may, without the consent of any other Partner, (a) alter the allocation of any item of taxable income, gain, loss, deduction or credit in any specific instance where the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines such alteration to be necessary or appropriate to avoid a materially inequitable result (e.g., where the allocation would create an inappropriate tax liability); and/or (b) adopt whatever other method of allocating tax items as the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in order to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treasury Regulations under Code Sections 704(b) and 704(c).

3.9. Distributions.

- The General Partner may make such pro rata or non-pro rata (a) General. distributions as it may determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, without being limited to current or accumulated income or gains, but no such distribution shall be made out of funds required to make current payments on Partnership indebtedness; provided, however, that the General Partner may not make non-pro rata distributions under this Section 3.9(a) during an NAV Ratio Trigger Period without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner (in the case of a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period) and/or the Class C Limited Partner (in the case of a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period); provided, further this provision should not be interpreted to limit in any way the General Partner's ability to make non-pro rata tax distributions under Section 3.9(c) and Section 3.9(f). The Partnership has entered into one or more credit facilities with financial institutions that may limit the amount and timing of distributions to the Partners. Thus, the Partners acknowledge that distributions from the Partnership may be limited. Any distributions made to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.9(b) shall reduce distributions otherwise allocable to such Partners under this Section 3.9(a) until such aggregate reductions are equal to the aggregate distributions made to the Class B Partners and the Class C Partners under Section 3.9(b).
- (b) <u>Priority Distributions</u>. Prior to the distribution of any amounts to Partners pursuant to Section 3.9(a), and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership shall make the following distributions ("*Priority Distributions*") pro-rata among the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests:
- (i) No later than March 31st of each calendar year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to \$1,600,000.00;
- (ii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the Partnership's investment gain for the prior year, as reflected in the Partnership's books and records within ledger account number 90100 plus three percent (3%) of the gross realized investment gains for the prior year of Highland Select Equity Fund, as reflected in its books and records;

- (iii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Partnership's Operating Cash Flow for the prior year; and
- (iv) No later than December 24th of each year, commencing December 24, 2016, an amount equal to the aggregate annual principal and interest payments on the Purchase Notes for the then current year.
- (c) <u>Tax Distributions</u>. The General Partner may, in its sole discretion, declare and make cash distributions pursuant hereto to the Partners to allow the federal and state income tax attributable to the Partnership's taxable income that is passed through the Partnership to the Partners to be paid by such Partners (a "*Tax Distribution*"). The General Partner may, in its discretion, make Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group without also making Tax Distributions to other Partners; provided, however, that if the General Partner makes Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group, Tax Distributions must also be made the Class B Limited Partner to the extent the Class B Limited Partner provides the Partnership with documentation showing it is subject to an entity-level federal income tax obligation. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, the General Partner may declare and pay Tax Distributions even if such Tax Distributions cause the Partnership to be unable to make Priority Distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>.
- (d) <u>Payments Not Deemed Distributions</u>. Any amounts paid pursuant to <u>Sections 4.1(e)</u> or <u>4.1(h)</u> shall not be deemed to be distributions for purposes of this Agreement.
- Withheld Amounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.9 to the contrary, each Partner hereby authorizes the Partnership to withhold and to pay over, or otherwise pay, any withholding or other taxes payable by the Partnership with respect to that Partner as a result of that Partner's participation in the Partnership. If and to the extent that the Partnership shall be required to withhold or pay any such taxes, that Partner shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement to have received a payment from the Partnership as of the time that withholding or tax is paid, which payment shall be deemed to be a distribution with respect to that Partner's Partnership Interest to the extent that the Partner (or any successor to that Partner's Partnership Interest) is then entitled to receive a distribution. To the extent that the aggregate of such payments to a Partner for any period exceeds the distributions to which that Partner is entitled for that period, the amount of such excess shall be considered a loan from the Partnership to that Partner. Such loan shall bear interest (which interest shall be treated as an item of income to the Partnership) at the "Applicable Federal Rate" (as defined in the Code), as determined hereunder from time to time, until discharged by that Partner by repayment, which may be made in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner out of distributions to which that Partner would otherwise be subsequently entitled. Any withholdings authorized by this Section 3.9(d) shall be made at the maximum applicable statutory rate under the applicable tax law unless the General Partner shall have received an opinion of counsel or other evidence satisfactory to the General Partner to the effect that a lower rate is applicable, or that no withholding is applicable.
- (f) <u>Special Tax Distributions</u>. The Partnership shall, upon request of such Founding Partner, make distributions to the Founding Partners (or loans, at the election of the General Partner) in an amount necessary for each of them to pay their respective federal income tax obligations incurred through the effective date of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., the predecessor to this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Tolling of Priority Distributions</u>. In the event of a "Honis Trigger Event," as defined in the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, the Partnership shall not make any distributions, including priority distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>, to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner until such time as a replacement trust administrator, manager and general partner,

as applicable, acceptable to the Partnership in its sole discretion, as indicated by an affirmative vote of consent by a Majority Interest, shall be appointed to the Class B Limited Partner/Class C Limited Partner and any of its direct or indirect owners that have governing documents directly affected by a Honis Trigger Event.

3.10. Compensation and Reimbursement of General Partner.

- (a) <u>Compensation</u>. The General Partner and any Affiliate of the General Partner shall receive no compensation from the Partnership for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreements unless approved by a Majority Interest; provided, however, that no compensation above five million dollars per year may be approved, even by a Majority Interest, during a NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- (b) <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. In addition to amounts paid under other Sections of this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall be reimbursed for all expenses, disbursements, and advances incurred or made, and all fees, deposits, and other sums paid in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership, the qualification of the Partnership to do business, and all related matters.

3.11. Books, Records, Accounting, and Reports.

- (a) Records and Accounting. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, which shall at all times be kept at the principal office of the Partnership or such other office as the General Partner may designate for such purpose. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained for financial reporting purposes on the accrual basis or on a cash basis, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law. Upon reasonable request, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may inspect the books and records of the Partnership.
- (b) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion.
- (c) <u>Other Information</u>. The General Partner may release information concerning the operations of the Partnership to any financial institution or other Person that has loaned or may loan funds to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, and may release such information to any other Person for reasons reasonably related to the business and operations of the Partnership or as required by law or regulation of any regulatory body.
- (d) <u>Distribution Reporting to Class B Limited Partner and Class C Limited Partner.</u> Upon request, the Partnership shall provide the Class B Limited Partner and/or the Class C Limited Partner information on any non-pro rata distributions made under <u>Section 3.9</u> to Partners other than the Partner requesting the information.

3.12. Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Tax Returns</u>. The General Partner shall arrange for the preparation and timely filing of all returns of Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and other items necessary for federal, state and local income tax purposes. The General Partner shall deliver to each Partner as copy of his/her/its IRS Form K-1 as soon as practicable after the end of the Fiscal Year, but in no event later than October 1. The classification, realization, and recognition of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and

other items shall be on the cash or accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion. The General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion may pay state and local income taxes attributable to operations of the Partnership and treat such taxes as an expense of the Partnership.

- (b) <u>Tax Elections</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determine whether to make any available tax election.
- (c) <u>Tax Controversies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in Code Section 6231), and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership, at the Partnership's expense, in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner in connection with such proceedings.
- (d) <u>Taxation as a Partnership</u>. No election shall be made by the Partnership or any Partner for the Partnership to be excluded from the application of any of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or from any similar provisions of any state tax laws.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERS

- **4.1. Rights and Obligations of the General Partner.** In addition to the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have the following rights and obligations:
- Management. The General Partner shall conduct, direct, and exercise full control of over all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and Limited Partners shall have no right of control over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted to a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any provision of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have full power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it to conduct the business of the Partnership, including, without limitation: (i) the determination of the activities in which the Partnership will participate; (ii) the performance of any and all acts necessary or appropriate to the operation of any business of the Partnership (including, without limitation, purchasing and selling any asset, any debt instruments, any equity interests, any commercial paper, any note receivables and any other obligations); (iii) the procuring and maintaining of such insurance as may be available in such amounts and covering such risks as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner; (iv) the acquisition, disposition, sale, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hyphothecation, of exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership; (v) the execution and delivery on behalf of, and in the name of the Partnership, deeds, deeds of trust, notes, leases, subleases, mortgages, bills of sale and any and all other contracts or instruments necessary or incidental to the conduct of the Partnership's business; (vi) the making of any expenditures, the borrowing of money, the guaranteeing of indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, and the incurrence of any obligations it deems necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the payment of compensation and reimbursement to the General Partner and its Affiliates pursuant to Section 3.10; (vii) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including, without limitation, cash on hand) for any Partnership purpose on any terms it sees fit, including, without limitation, the financing of operations of the Partnership, the lending of funds to other Persons, and the repayment of obligations

of the Partnership; (viii) the negotiation, execution, and performance of any contracts that it considers desirable, useful, or necessary to the conduct of the business or operations of the Partnership or the implementation of the General Partner's powers under this Agreement; (ix) the distribution of Partnership cash or other assets; (x) the selection, hiring and dismissal of employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants, contractors, agents and representatives and the determination of their compensation and other teens of employment or hiring; (xi) the formation of any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, or other relationships that it deems desirable and the contribution to such partnerships, ventures, or relationships of assets and properties of the Partnership; and (xii) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the conduct of any litigation, the incurring of legal expenses, and the settlement of claims and suits.

- (b) <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership</u>. The General Partner caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall cause to be filed such other certificates or documents (including, without limitation, copies, amendments, or restatements of this Agreement) as may be determined by the General Partner to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, qualification, or registration and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which Limited Partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in any other state where the Partnership may elect to do business.
- Reliance by Third Parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no lender or purchaser or other Person, including any purchaser of property from the Partnership or any other Person dealing with the Partnership, shall be required to verify any representation by the General Partner as to its authority to encumber, sell, or otherwise use any assess or properties of the Partnership, and any such lender, purchaser, or other Person shall be entitled to rely exclusively on such representations and shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner as if it were the sole party in interest therein, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against any such lender, purchaser, or other Person to contest, negate, or disaffirm any action of the General Partner in connection with any such sale or financing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with, and each such Person shall be entitled to rely on the assumptions that the Partnership has been duly formed and is validly in existence. In no event shall any such Person be obligated to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or the General Partner's representative, and every contract, agreement, deed, mortgage, security agreement, promissory note, or other instrument or document executed by the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (i), at the time of the execution and delivery thereof, this Agreement was in full force and effect; (ii) such instrument or document was duly executed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership; and (iii) the General Partner or the General Partner's representative was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and every such instrument or document for and on behalf of the Partnership.
- (d) <u>Partnership Funds</u>. The funds of the Partnership shall be deposited in such account or accounts as are designated by the General Partner. The General Partner may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, deposit funds of the Partnership in a central disbursing account maintained by or in the name of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any other Person into which funds of the General Partner, the Partnership, on other Persons are also deposited; *provided, however*, at all times books of account are maintained that show the amount of funds of the Partnership on deposit in such account and interest accrued with respect to such funds as credited to the Partnership. The General Partner may use the funds of the Partnership as compensating balances for its benefit; *provided, however*, such funds do

not directly or indirectly secure, and are not otherwise at risk on account of, any indebtedness or other obligation of the General Partner or any director, officer, employee, agent, representative, or Affiliate thereof. Nothing in this Section 4.1(d) shall be deemed to prohibit or limit in any manner the right of the Partnership to lend funds to the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof pursuant to Section 4.1(e)(i). All withdrawals from or charges against such accounts shall be made by the General Partner or by its representatives. Funds of the Partnership may be invested as determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Loans to or from General Partner: Contracts with Affiliates; Joint Ventures.

- (i) The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may lend to the Partnership funds needed by the Partnership for such periods of time as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, the General Partner or its Affiliate may not charge the Partnership interest at a rate greater than the rate (including points or other financing charges or fees) that would be charged the Partnership (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guaranties) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The Partnership shall reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliate, as the case may be, for any costs incurred by the General Partner or that Affiliate in connection with the borrowing of funds obtained by the General Partner or that Affiliate and loaned to the Partnership. The Partnership may loan funds to the General Partner and any member of the Founding Partner Group at the General Partner's sole and exclusive discretion.
- (ii) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may enter into an agreement with the Partnership to render services, including management services, for the Partnership. Any service rendered for the Partnership by the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership.
- (iii) The Partnership may Transfer any assets to joint ventures or other partnerships in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon terms and subject to such conditions consistent with applicable law as the General Partner deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Partnership may not transfer any asset to the General Partner or one of its Affiliates during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period for consideration less than such asset's fair market value.
- (f) <u>Outside Activities' Conflicts of Interest</u>. The General Partner or any Affiliate thereof and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including, without limitation, business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership. Neither the Partnership nor any of the Partners shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement or the partnership relationship created hereby in any business ventures of the General Partner, any Affiliate thereof, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of either the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof.
- (g) Resolution of Conflicts of Interest. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein, whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any Limited Partner, on the other hand, any action taken by the General Partner, in the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.
- (h) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless the General Partner and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner (collectively,

the "GP Party"), against all liabilities, losses, and damages incurred by any of them by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed in the name of or on behalf of the Partnership, or in connection with the Partnership's business, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and any amounts expended in the settlement of any claims or liabilities, losses, or damages, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act; provided, however, the Partnership shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless a GP Party for any action or inaction that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The Partnership, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner, may indemnify and hold harmless any Limited Partner, employee, agent, or representative of the Partnership, any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Partnership acting through the General Partner as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent, or representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and any other Person to the extent determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion, but in no event shall such indemnification exceed the indemnification permitted by the Delaware Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1(h) or elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendment to the Delaware Act after the date of this Agreement shall reduce or limit in any manner the indemnification provided for or permitted by this Section 4.1(h) unless such reduction or limitation is mandated by such amendment for limited partnerships formed prior to the enactment of such amendment. In no event shall Limited Partners be subject to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Liability of General Partner.

- (i) Neither the General Partner nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives shall be liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for errors in judgment or for any acts or omissions that do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (ii) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or representative appointed by the General Partner.

(j) Reliance by General Partner.

- (i) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, 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.
- (ii) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers, and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any opinion of any such Person as to matters which the General Partner believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by the General Partner hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such opinion.
- (k) The General Partner may, from time to time, designate one or more Persons to be officers of the Partnership. No officer need be a Partner. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the General Partner may, from time to time, delegate to them. The General Partner may assign titles to particular officers, including, without limitation, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until such Person's successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until such Person's death or

until such Person shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the officers and agents of the Partnership shall be fixed from time to time by the General Partner. Any officer may be removed as such, either with or without cause, by the General Partner whenever in the General Partner's judgment the best interests of the Partnership will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Partnership may be filled by the General Partner.

- **4.2. Rights and Obligations of Limited Partners**. In addition to the rights and obligations of Limited Partners set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Limited Partners shall have the following rights and obligations:
- (a) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as provided herein or under the Delaware Act.
- (b) <u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Return of Capital</u>. No Limited Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement</u>. Each Limited Partner shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (e) <u>Default on Priority Distributions</u>. If the Partnership fails to timely pay Priority Distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(b), and the Partnership does not subsequently make such Priority Distribution within ninety days of its due date, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may require the Partnership to liquidate publicly traded securities held by the Partnership or Highland Select Equity Master Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership controlled by the Partnership; <u>provided, however</u>, that the General Partner may in its sole discretion elect instead to liquidate other non-publicly traded securities owned by the Partnership in order to satisfy the Partnership's obligations under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u> and this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>. In either case, Affiliates of the General Partner shall have the right of first offer to purchase any securities liquidated under this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>.

4.3. Transfer of Partnership Interests.

(a) <u>Transfer.</u> No Partnership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of any Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement shall be null and void. An alleged transferee shall have no right to require any information or account of the Partnership's transactions or to inspect the Partnership's books. The Partnership shall be entitled to treat the alleged transferor of a Partnership Interest as the absolute owner thereof in all respects, and shall incur no liability to any alleged transferee for distributions to the Partner owning that Partnership Interest of record or for allocations of Profits, Losses, deductions or credits or for transmittal of reports and notices required to be given to holders of Partnership Interests.

- (b) Transfers by General Partner. The General Partner may Transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest to any Person only with the approval of a Majority Interest; provided, however, that the General Partner may not Transfer its Partnership Interest during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period except to the extent such Transfers are for estate planning purposes or resulting from the death of the individual owner of the General Partner. Any Transfer by the General Partner of its Partnership Interest under this Section 4.3(b) to an Affiliate of the General Partner or any other Person shall not constitute a withdrawal of the General Partner under Section 4.5(a), Section 5.1(b), or any other provision of this Agreement. If any such Transfer is deemed to constitute a withdrawal under such provisions or otherwise and results in the dissolution of the Partnership under this Agreement or the laws of any jurisdiction to which the Partnership of this Agreement is subject, the Partners hereby unanimously consent to the reconstitution and continuation of the Partnership immediately following such dissolution, pursuant to Section 5.2.
- (c) <u>Transfers by Limited Partners</u>. The Partnership Interest of a Limited Partner may not be Transferred without the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), and in accordance with the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- Distributions and Allocations in Respect of Transferred Partnership Interests. If (d) any Partnership Interest is Transferred during any Fiscal Year in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, Profits, Losses, and all other items attributable to the transferred interest for that period shall be divided and allocated between the transferor and the transferee by taking into account their varying interests during the period in accordance with Code Section 706(d), using any conventions permitted by law and selected by the General Partner; provided that no allocations shall be made under this Section 4.3(d) that would affect any special allocations made under Section 3.4. All distributions declared on or before the date of that Transfer shall be made to the transferor. Solely for purposes of making such allocations and distributions, the Partnership shall recognize that Transfer not later than the end of the calendar month during which it is given notice of that Transfer; provided, however, if the Partnership does not receive a notice stating the date that Partnership Interest was Transferred and such other information as the General Partner may reasonably require within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, then all of such items shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the person who, according to the books and records of the Partnership, on the last day of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, was the owner of the Partnership Interest. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner shall incur any liability for making allocations and distributions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.3(d), whether or not any Partner or the Partnership has knowledge of any Transfer of ownership of any Partnership Interest.
- (e) <u>Forfeiture of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Contribution Note</u>. In the event any Class B Limited Partnership Interests are forfeited in favor of the Partnership as a result of any default on the Contribution Note, the Capital Accounts and Percentage Interests associated with such Class B Limited Partnership Interests shall be allocated pro rata among the Class A Partners. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) made after the date of such forfeiture shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the Class B Limited Partnership Interest transferred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.3(e)</u> over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any forfeiture of such Class B Limited Partnership Interest.
- (f) <u>Transfers of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Purchase Notes.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Partnership shall respect, and the General Partner hereby provides automatic consent for, any transfers (in whole or transfers of partial interests) of

the Class C Limited Partnership Interests, or a portion thereof, if such transfer occurs as a result of a default on the Purchase Notes. Upon the transfer of any Class C Limited Partnership Interest to any member of the Founding Partner Group (or their assigns), such Class C Limited Partnership Interest shall automatically convert to a Class A Partnership Interest. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the transferred Class C Limited Partnership Interest over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests and Class C Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any transfer of such Class C Limited Partnership Interest.

4.4. Issuances of Partnership Interests to New and Existing Partners.

- (a) <u>Issuance of Partnership Interests to New Limited Partners.</u> The General Partner may admit one or more additional Persons as Limited Partners ("Additional Limited Partners") to the Partnership at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion; provided, however, that the General Partner may only admit additional Persons as Limited Partners in relation to the issuance of equity incentives to key employees of the Partnership; provided, further that the General Partner may not issue such equity incentives to the extent they entitle the holders, in the aggregate, to a Percentage Interest in excess of twenty percent without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner. All Class A Limited Partners, the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner shall be diluted proportionately by the issuance of such limited partnership interests. No Person may be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner until he/she/it executes an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (b) <u>Issuance of an Additional Partnership Interest to an Existing Partner</u>. The General Partner may issue an additional Partnership Interest to any existing Partner at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Upon the issuance of an additional Partnership Interest to an existing Partner, the Percentage Interests of the members of the Founding Partner Group shall be diluted proportionately. Any additional Partnership Interest shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.

4.5. Withdrawal of General Partner

- (a) Option. In the event of the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership, the departing General Partner (the "Departing Partner") shall, at the option of its successor (if any) exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of that Departing Partner, promptly receive from its successor in exchange for its Partnership Interest as the General Partner, an amount in cash equal to its Capital Account balance, determined as of the effective date of its departure.
- (b) <u>Conversion</u>. If the successor to a Departing Partner does not exercise the option described in <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, the Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner as the General Partner of the Partnership shall be converted into a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner.

4.6. Admission of Substitute Limited Partners and Successor General Partner.

(a) <u>Admission of Substitute Limited Partners</u>. A transferee (which may be the heir or legatee of a Limited Partner) or assignee of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest shall be entitled to receive only the distributive share of the Partnership's Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits attributable to that Partnership Interest. To become a substitute Limited Partner (a "Substitute Limited Partner"),

that transferee or assignee shall (1) obtain the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), (ii) comply with all the requirements of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement with respect to the Transfer of the Partnership Interest at issue, and (iii) execute an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Upon admission of a Substitute Limited Partner, that Limited Partner shall be subject to all of the restrictions applicable to, shall assume all of the obligations of, and shall attain the status of a Limited Partner under and pursuant to this Agreement with respect to the Partnership Interest held by that Limited Partner.

- (b) <u>Admission of Successor General Partner</u>. A successor General Partner selected pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or the transferee of or successor to all of the Partnership Interest of the General Partner pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective as of the date of the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor General Partner or the date of Transfer of that predecessor's Partnership Interest.
- (c) <u>Action by General Partner</u>. In connection with the admission of any substitute Limited Partner or successor General Partner or any additional Limited Partner, the General Partner shall have the authority to take all such actions as it deems necessary or advisable in connection therewith, including the amendment of <u>Exhibit A</u> and the execution and filing with appropriate authorities of any necessary documentation.

ARTICLE 5

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- **5.1. Dissolution.** The Partnership shall be dissolved upon:
- (a) The withdrawal, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the General Partner, or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the General Partner (other than by reason of a Transfer pursuant to Section 4.3(b));
- (b) An election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest; *provided, however*, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership without the approval of the Limited Partners in order to comply with Section 14 of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; or
 - (c) Any other event that, under the Delaware Act, would cause its dissolution.

For purposes of this Section 5.1, the bankruptcy of the General Partner shall be deemed to have occurred when the General Partner: (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief or is declared insolvent in any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding: (iv) files a petition or answer seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any law; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph; (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties; or (vii) one hundred twenty (120) days expire after the date of the commencement of a proceeding against the General Partner seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or

similar relief under any law if the proceeding has not been previously dismissed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of the appointment, without the General Partner's consent or acquiescence, of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties if the appointment has not previously been vacated or stayed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of expiration of a stay, if the appointment has not previously been vacated.

- 5.1(a), the Partnership shall be deemed to be dissolved and reconstituted if a Majority Interest elect to continue the Partnership within ninety (90) days of that event. If no election to continue the Partnership is made within ninety (90) days of that event, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If an election to continue the Partnership is made upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a), then:
- (a) Within that ninety (90)-day period a successor General Partner shall be selected by a Majority Interest;
- (b) The Partnership shall be deemed to be reconstituted and shall continue until the end of the term for which it is formed unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this <u>Article 5</u>;
- (c) The interest of the former General Partner shall be converted to an interest as a Limited Partner; and
- (d) All necessary steps shall be taken to amend or restate this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose amend this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, as appropriate, without the consent of any Partner.
- Liquidation. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued 5.3. under Section 5.2, the General Partner or, in the event the General Partner has been dissolved, becomes bankrupt (as defined in Section 5.1), or withdraws from the Partnership, a liquidator or liquidating committee selected by a Majority Interest, shall be the Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a Majority Interest. The Liquidator shall agree not to resign at any time without fifteen (15) days' prior written notice and (if other than the General Partner) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a Majority Interest. Upon dissolution, removal, or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers, and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within thirty (30) days thereafter be selected by a Majority Interest. The right to appoint a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be recurring and continuing for so long as the functions and services of the Liquidator are authorized to continue under the provisions hereof, and every reference herein to the Liquidator shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein. Except as expressly provided in this Article 5, the Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided herein. The Liquidator shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership and apply and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation in the following order of priority, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law:

- (a) To the payment of the expenses of the terminating transactions including, without limitation, brokerage commission, legal fees, accounting fees and closing costs;
- (b) To the payment of creditors of the Partnership, including Partners, in order of priority provided by law;
- (c) To the Partners and assignees to the extent of, and in proportion to, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(b)(2); provided, however, the Liquidator may place in escrow a reserve of cash or other assets of the Partnership for contingent liabilities in an amount determined by the Liquidator to be appropriate for such purposes; and
 - (d) To the Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- **5.4. Distribution in Kind.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3 that require the liquidation of the assets of the Partnership, but subject to the order of priorities set forth therein, if on dissolution of the Partnership the Liquidator determines that an immediate sale of part or all of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners and assignees, the Liquidator may defer for a reasonable time the liquidation of any assets except those necessary to satisfy liabilities of the Partnership (other than those to Partners) and/or may distribute to the Partners and assignees, in lieu of cash, as tenants in common and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3, undivided interests in such Partnership assets as the Liquidator deems not suitable for liquidation. Any such distributions in kind shall be subject to such conditions relating to the disposition and management of such properties as the Liquidator deems reasonable and equitable and to any joint operating agreements or other agreements governing the operation of such properties at such time. The Liquidator shall determine the fair market value of any property distributed in kind using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.
- 5.5. Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership property as provided in <u>Sections 5.3</u> and <u>5.4</u>, the Partnership shall be terminated, and the Liquidator (or the General Partner and Limited Partners if necessary) shall cause the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in the State of Delaware and of all qualifications and registrations of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other **than** the State of Delaware and shall take such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership.
- **5.6. Return of Capital.** The General Partner shall not be personally liable for the return of the Capital Contributions of Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be **made** solely from Partnership assets.
- **5.7. Waiver of Partition.** Each Partner hereby waives any rights to partition of the Partnership property.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Amendments to Agreement. The General Partner may amend this Agreement without the consent of any Partner if the General Partner reasonably determines that such amendment is necessary and appropriate; *provided, however, any* action taken by the General Partner shall be subject to its fiduciary duties to the Limited Partners under the Delaware Act; provided further that any amendments

that adversely affect the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may only be made with the consent of such Partner adversely affected.

- **6.2.** Addresses and Notices. Any notice, demand, request, or report required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by United States registered or certified mail to the Partner at his/her/its address as shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in any Partnership Interest by reason of an assignment or otherwise.
- **6.3. Titles and Captions.** All article and section titles and captions in the Agreement are for convenience only, shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, and in no way shall define, limit, extend, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Articles," "Sections" and "Exhibits" of this Agreement. All Exhibits hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- **6.4. Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.
- **6.5. Further Action.** The parties shall execute all documents, provide all information, and take or refrain from taking all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.
- **6.6. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns.
- **6.7. Integration.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.
- **6.8.** Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Partnership.
- **6.9. Waiver.** No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement, or condition.
- **6.10.** Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.
- **6.11. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- **6.12. Invalidity of Provisions.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, in whole or in part, then the parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under that provision, but only to the extent that it is illegal, unenforceable, or void, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying that provision to the extent necessary to make it legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if that is

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not possible, by substituting therefor another provision that is legal and enforceable and achieves the same objectives.

- **6.13.** General Partner Discretion. Whenever the General Partner may use its sole discretion, the General Partner may consider any items it deems relevant, including its own interest and that of its affiliates.
- Mandatory Arbitration. In the event there is an unresolved legal dispute between the 6.14. parties and/or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives that involves legal rights or remedies arising from this Agreement, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration under the authority of the Federal Arbitration Act; provided, however, that the Partnership or such applicable affiliate thereof may pursue a temporary restraining order and /or preliminary injunctive relief in connection with any confidentiality covenants or agreements binding on the other party, with related expedited discovery for the parties, in a court of law, and thereafter, require arbitration of all issues of final relief. The arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, or another mutually agreeable arbitration service. A panel of three arbitrators will preside over the arbitration and will together deliberate, decide and issue the final award. The arbitrators shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. The discovery process shall be limited to the following: Each side shall be permitted no more than (i) two party depositions of six hours each, each deposition to be taken pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; (ii) one non-party deposition of six hours; (iii) twenty-five interrogatories; (iv) twenty-five requests for admissions; (v) ten request for production (in response, the producing party shall not be obligated to produce in excess of 5,000 total pages of documents, including electronic documents); and (vi) one request for disclosure pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Any discovery not specifically provided for in this paragraph, whether to parties or non-parties, shall not be permitted. The arbitrators shall be required to state in a written opinion all facts and conclusions of law relied upon to support any decision rendered. The arbitrators will not have the authority to render a decision that contains an outcome based on error of state or federal law or to fashion a cause of action or remedy not otherwise provided for under applicable state or federal law. Any dispute over whether the arbitrators have failed to comply with the foregoing will be resolved by summary judgment in a court of law. In all other respects, the arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's dispute resolution rules or other mutually agreeable arbitration services rules. All proceedings shall be conducted in Dallas, Texas or another mutually agreeable site. Each party shall bear its own attorneys fees, costs and expenses, including any costs of experts, witnesses and /or travel, subject to a final arbitration award on who should bear costs and fees. The duty to arbitrate described above shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided above, the parties hereby waive trial in a court of law or by jury. All other rights, remedies, statutes of limitation and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law will apply in the arbitration.

Remainder of Page intentionally Left Blank. Signature Page Follows. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND-ADVISORS, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By:

James D. Dondero,

President

LIMITED PARTNERS:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

Name: Nancy M. Dondero

lts: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1

By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura

Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2

lts: Trustee

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v	GENERAL PARTNER:
	STRAND ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: James D. Dondero, President
	LIMITED PARTNERS:
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	MARK K. OKADA

HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST By: Beacon Mountain L.C., Administrator

EXHIBIT A

	Percentage Interest	
CLASS A PARTNERS	By Class	Effective %
GENERAL PARTNER:		
Strand Advisors	0.5573%	0.2508%
LIMITED PARTNERS:		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	74.4426%	0.1866%
Mark K. Okada	19.4268%	0.0487%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #1	3.9013%	0.0098%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #2	1.6720%	0.0042%
Total Class A Percentage Interest	100.0000%	0.500%
CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	55.0000%
CLASS C LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	44.500%
PROFIT AND LOSS AMONG CLASSES		
Class A Partners	0.5000%	
Class B Partners	55.0000%	
Class C Partners	44.5000%	

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO THE

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS ADDENDUM (this "Addendum") to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, as amended from time to time (the "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the day of, 20_, by and between Strand Advisors, Inc., as the sole General Partner (the "General Partner") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Partnership") and ("") (except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement).
RECITALS:
WHEREAS, the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and without the consent of any Limited Partner, has the authority under (i) Section 4.4 of the Agreement to admit Additional Limited Partners, (ii) Section 4.6 of the Agreement to admit Substitute Limited Partners and (iii) Section 6.1 of the Agreement to amend the Agreement;
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to admit as a Class Limited Partner holding a% Percentage Interest in the Partnership as of the date hereof;
WHEREAS,desires to become a Class Limited Partner and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement to add as a party thereto.
AGREEMENT:
RESOLVED, as a condition to receiving a Partnership Interest in the Partnership, acknowledges and agrees that he/she/it (i) has received and read a copy of the Agreement, (ii) shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and (iii) shall promptly execute an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Partner hereby amends the Agreement to add as a Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall attach this Addendum to the Agreement and make it a part thereof; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, this Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of

which together shall constitute one Addendum binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all

such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Addendum as of the day and year above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND ADVISORS, INC.

By:

Name:

Title:

NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

[_____]

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

In consideration of the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, in consideration of the Partnership's allowing the above signed Person to become a Limited Partner of the Partnership, and for other good and

valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned shall be bound by the

terms and conditions of the Agreement as though a party thereto.

SPOUSE OF NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

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PLAINTIFFS	DEFENDANTS			
Highland Capital Management, L.P.	Highland Capital Management Services, Inc.,			
	James Dondero, Nancy Dondero, and The			
	Dugaboy Investment Trust			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
Hayward PLLC	Stinson LLP (for Highland Capital Management			
10501 N. Central Expressway, Suite 106	Services, Inc. and Nancy Dondero); Heller, Drapel			
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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES						
NAME OF DEBTOR Highland Capital Management, L.P.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 19-34054-sgj11				
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Stacey G. C. Jernigan			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)						
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.			
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)						
DATE August 27, 2021		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE Zachery Z. Annable	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)			

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff, vs.	§ § § §	Adversary Proceeding No. 21-03007
HCRE PARTERS, LLC (N/K/A/ NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC), JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST	§ § §	
Defendants.		

Exhibi *1*

¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT, (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY, (III) FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, AND (IV) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>"), and the plaintiff (the "<u>Plaintiff</u>") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), by its undersigned counsel, as and for its amended complaint (the "<u>Complaint</u>") against defendants HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint Real Estate Partners, LLC) ("<u>HCRE</u>"), James Dondero ("<u>Mr. Dondero</u>"), Nancy Dondero ("<u>Ms. Dondero</u>"), and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("<u>Dugaboy</u>" and together with HCRE, Mr. Dondero, and Ms. Dondero, the "<u>Defendants</u>"), alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against Defendants in connection with HCRE's defaults under (i) four demand notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,250,000, and payable upon the Debtor's demand, and (ii) one term note, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,059,831.51, payable in the event of default, all executed by HCRE in favor of the Debtor. HCRE has failed to pay amounts due and owing under the notes and the accrued but unpaid interest thereon.
- 2. In paragraph 58 of HCRE's First Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint [Docket No. 34], HCMS contends that the Debtor orally agreed to relieve it of the obligations under the Notes (as defined below) upon fulfillment of "conditions subsequent" (the "Alleged Agreement"). HCRE further contends that the Alleged Agreement was entered into between James Dondero and his sister, Nancy Dondero, as representative of a majority of the Class A

shareholders of the Plaintiff, including Dugaboy (the "Representative"), acting on behalf of the Debtor. At the time Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE, he controlled both HCRE and the Debtor and was the lifetime beneficiary of Dugaboy.

- 3. Based on its books and records, discovery to date, and other facts, the Debtor believes that the Alleged Agreement is a fiction created after the commencement of this Adversary Proceeding for the purpose of avoiding or at least delaying paying the obligations due under the Notes.
- 4. Nevertheless, the Debtor amends its Complaint to add certain claims and name additional parties who would be liable to the Debtor if the Alleged Agreement were determined to exist and be enforceable. Specifically, in addition to pursuing claims against HCMS for breach of its obligations under the Notes and for turnover, the Debtor adds alternative claims (a) against HCMS for actual fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting Dugaboy in its breach of fiduciary duty, (b) against Dugaboy for declaratory relief and for breach of fiduciary duty, and (c) against Nancy Dondero for aiding and abetting Dugaboy in the breach of his fiduciary duties.
- 5. As remedies, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from HCRE in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Notes (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the notes), for HCRE's breach of its obligations under the Notes, and (b) turnover by HCRE to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts; (c) avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovery of the funds transferred from the Plaintiff to, or for the benefit of, HCRE pursuant to the Notes; (d) declaratory relief, and (e) damages arising from the Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties or aiding and abetting thereof.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Court") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 8. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 9. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 10. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 11. Upon information and belief, HCRE is a limited liability company with offices located in Dallas, Texas, and is organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Mr. Dondero is an individual residing in Dallas, Texas. He is the co-founder of the Debtor and was the Debtor's President and Chief Executive Officer until his resignation on January 9, 2020. At all relevant times, Mr. Dondero controlled HCRE; Mr. Dondero also controlled the Debtor until January 9, 2020.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Dugaboy is (a) a limited partner of the Debtor, and (b) one of Mr. Dondero's family investment trusts for which is he a lifetime beneficiary.

14. Upon information and belief, Nancy Dondero is an individual residing in the state of Florida and who is Mr. Dondero's sister, and a trustee of Dugaboy.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 15. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 16. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund ("Redeemer"), (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) Acis Capital Management, L.P. and Acis Capital Management GP LLC (collectively, "Acis").
- 17. On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Trustee in this Court filed that certain *Notice of Amended Unsecured Creditors' Committee* [Docket No. 2485] notifying the Court that Acis and Redeemer had resigned from the Committee.
- 18. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 19. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

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² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Highland Bankruptcy Case maintained by this Court.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The HCRE Demand Notes

- 20. HCRE is the maker under a series of demand notes in favor of the Debtor.
- 21. Specifically, on November 27, 2013, HCRE executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$100,000 ("HCRE's First Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCRE's First Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 22. On October 12, 2017, HCRE executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 ("HCRE's Second Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCRE's Second Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**
- 23. On October 15, 2018, 2017, HCRE executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$750,000 ("HCRE's Third Demand Note"). A true and correct copy of HCRE's Third Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**
- 24. On September 25, 2019, HCRE executed a demand note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$900,000 ("HCRE's Fourth Demand Note," and collectively, with HCRE's First Demand Note, HCRE's Second Demand Note, and HCRE's Third Demand Note, the "Demand Notes"). A true and correct copy of HCRE's Fourth Demand Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4.**
- 25. Section 2 of the Demand Notes provide: "Payment of Principal and Interest. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee."
 - 26. Section 4 of the Demand Notes provide:

<u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice

of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

27. Section 6 of the Demand Notes provide:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. HCRE's Defaults Under Each Demand Note

28. By letter dated December 3, 2020, the Debtor made demand on HCRE for payment of the Demand Note Repayment Amount by December 11, 2020 (the "<u>Demand Letter</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>. The Demand Letter provides:

By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$5,012,260.96, which represents all accrued interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 29. Despite the Debtor's demand, HCRE did not pay all or any portion of the amount demanded by the Debtor on December 11, 2020, or at any time thereafter.
- 30. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal amount of \$171,542 on HCRE's First Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$526.10, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$172,068.10.

- 31. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$3,149,919.12 on HCRE's Second Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$41,423.60, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$3,191,342.72.
- 32. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$874,977.53 on HCRE's Third Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$10,931.23, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$885,908.76.
- 33. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$750,279.14 on HCRE's Fourth Demand Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$12,662.24, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$762,941.38.
- 34. Thus, as of December 11, 2020, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Demand Notes was \$5,012,260.96.
- 35. Pursuant to Section 4 of each Note, each Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

C. The HCRE Term Note

- 36. HCRE is the maker under a term note in favor of the Debtor.
- 37. Specifically, on May 31, 2017, HCRE executed a term note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$6,059,831 (the "<u>Term Note</u>," and together with the Demand Notes, the "<u>Notes</u>"). A true and correct copy of the Term Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.
- 38. Section 2 of the Term Note provides: "Payment of Principal and Interest. Principal and interest under this Note shall be due and payable as follows:
 - **2.1** Annual Payment Dates. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "Annual Installment") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of

this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this note.

- **2.2** <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "Maturity Date").
- 39. Section 3 of the Term Note provides:

<u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.

40. Section 4 of the Term Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

41. Section 6 of the Term Note provides:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

D. HCRE's Default Under the Term Note

- 42. HCRE failed to make the payment due under the Term Note on December 31, 2020.
- 43. By letter dated January 7, 2021, the Debtor made demand on HCRE for immediate payment under the Term Note (the "Second Demand Letter"). A true and correct copy of the Second Demand Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 7**. The Demand Letter provides:

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$6,145,466.84; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Term Note is in default, and payment is due immediately.

Second Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 44. Despite the Debtor's demands, HCRE did not pay the amount demanded by the debtor on January 7, 2021, or at any time thereafter.
- 45. As of January 8, 2021, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest under the Term Note was 6,145,466.84.
- 46. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Term Note, the Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

E. The Debtor Files the Original Complaint

47. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1] (the "Original Complaint"). In the Original Complaint, the Debtor brought claims for (i) breach of contract for HCRE's breach of its obligations under the Notes and (ii) turnover by HCRE for the outstanding amounts under the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest until the date of payment plus the Debtor's costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

F. HCRE's Affirmative Defenses

48. On March 13, 2021, HCMS filed *Highland Capital Management Services*, *Inc.'s Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint* [Docket No. 6] (the "Original Answer"). In its Original Answer, HCMS asserted four affirmative defenses: (i) the claims are barred in whole or in part under the doctrines of justification or repudiation, (ii) waiver, (iii) estoppel, and (iv) offset and/or setoff (the "Setoff Defense"). *See id.* ¶¶ 55-58.

- 49. On June 11, 2021, HCRE filed its *First Amended Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint* [Docket No. 34] (the "Amended Answer"), that omitted the Setoff Defense but asserted two affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor previously agreed that it would not collect on the Notes "upon fulfillment of conditions subsequent" (*i.e.*, the Alleged Agreement) *id.* ¶ 58, and (ii) the Notes are "ambiguous," *id.* ¶ 59.
- 50. According to HCRE, the Alleged Agreement was orally entered into "sometime between December of the year each note was made and February of the following year."
- 51. According to HCRE, Mr. Dondero, acting on its behalf, entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, acting as the Representative.
- 52. Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor at the time he entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE.
- 53. Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and records do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.

G. <u>Dugaboy Lacked Authority to Act on Behalf of the Debtor</u>

- 54. Under section 4.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), and attached hereto as **Exhibit 8**, Dugaboy was not authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, or otherwise bind the Partnership (as "Partnership" is defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement).
 - 55. Section 4.2(b) of the Limited Partnership Agreement states:

<u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Exhibit 8, § 4.2(b).

- 56. No provision in the Limited Partnership Agreement authorizes any of the Partnership's limited partners to bind the Partnership.
- 57. Nancy Dondero also lacked authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement or to otherwise bind the Debtor.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against HCRE)

(For Breach of Contract)

- 58. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 59. Each Note is a binding and enforceable contract.
- 60. HCRE breached each Demand Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon the Debtor's demand.
- 61. HCRE breached the Term Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon HCRE's default and acceleration.
- 62. Pursuant to each Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from HCRE in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for HCRE's breach of its obligations under each of the Notes.
- 63. As a direct and proximate cause of HCRE's breach of each Demand Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$5,012,260.96, as of December 11, 2020, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

64. As a direct and proximate cause of HCRE's breach of the Term Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the amount of at least \$6,145,466.84, as of January 8, 2021, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date, plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against HCRE) (Turnover by HCRE Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

- 65. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 66. HCRE owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each of the Notes, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for HCRE's breach of its obligations under each of the Notes
- 67. Each Demand Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under each Demand Note is matured and payable upon demand.
- 68. The Term Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under the Term Note is matured and payable upon default and acceleration.
- 69. The Debtor has made demand for turnover of the amounts due under each of the Notes.
- 70. As of the date of filing this Complaint, HCRE has not turned over to the Debtor all or any of the amounts due under each of the Notes.
- 71. The Debtor is entitled to the turnover of all amounts due under each of the Notes.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCRE)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A) and 550)

- 72. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 73. The Debtor made the transfers pursuant to the Alleged Agreement within two years of the Petition Date.
- 74. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (a) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, HCRE, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (b) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (c) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditors about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (d) The Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (e) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (f) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 75. The pattern of conduct, series of transactions, and general chronology of events under inquiry in connection with the debt HCRE incurred under the Notes demonstrates a scheme of fraud.
- 76. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from HCRE.

77. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfer thereunder, and (ii) recovering from HCRE an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Notes.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against HCRE)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and 550, and Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1))

- 78. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 79. The Debtor made the transfers pursuant to the Alleged Agreement after, or within a reasonable time before, creditors' claims arose.
- 80. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor of the Debtor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (g) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, HCRE, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (h) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of HCRE with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (i) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (j) Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (k) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (l) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.

- 81. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from HCRE.
- 82. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfer thereunder, and (ii) recovering from HCRE an amount equal to all obligations remaining under the Notes.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero) (For Declaratory Relief: -- 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001)

- 83. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 84. A bona fide, actual, present dispute exists between the Debtor, on the one hand, and Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero on the other hand, concerning whether Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero, acting as the Representative, were authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on the Debtor's behalf.
- 85. A judgment declaring the parties' respective rights and obligations will resolve their dispute.
- 86. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001, the Debtor specifically seeks declarations that:
 - (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement,

- (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership,
- (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as

 Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged

 Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and
- (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Against Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero)

- (Breach of Fiduciary Duty)
- 87. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 88. If Dugaboy, as a limited partner, or Ms. Dondero, as Representative, had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero would owe the Debtor a fiduciary duty.
- 89. If Dugaboy or Ms. Dondero (as Representative) had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy and/or Ms. Dondero breached their fiduciary duty of care to the Debtor by entering into and authorizing the purported Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor.
- 90. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to recover from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero (a) actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against James Dondero and Nancy Dondero) (Aiding and Abetting a Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- 91. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 92. James Dondero and Nancy Dondero (together, the "<u>Donderos</u>") were aware that Dugaboy would have fiduciary duties to the Debtor if it acted to bind the Debtor.
- 93. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duties to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 94. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duty to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 95. Accordingly, the Donderos are jointly and severally liable (a) for the actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dondero's breaches of fiduciary duties, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

- (i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial but includes (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's cost of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by HCRE to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the aggregate principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's cost of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);

- (iii) On its Third Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement arising from actual fraudulent transfer under section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) On its Fourth Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder pursuant to the Alleged Agreement of funds arising from actual fraudulent transfer under Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1);
- (v) On its Fifth Claim for Relief, a declaration that: (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement, (b) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) was authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, (c) neither Dugaboy nor Ms. Dondero (whether individually or as Representative) otherwise had any right or authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void;
- (vi) On its Sixth Claim for Relief, actual damages from Dugaboy and Ms. Dondero, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of their breach of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages;
- (vii) On its Seventh Claim for Relief, actual damages from the Donderos, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered

as a result of aiding and abetting Dugaboy's breaches of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages; and

(iii) Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: As of July 13, 2021.

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Counsel for Highland Capital Management, L.P.

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$100,000 November 27, 2013

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HCRE PARTNERS, LLC ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to 8.00% per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or

performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.

8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HCREPARTNERS, LLO

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$2,500,000 October 12, 2017

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HCRE PARTNERS, LLC ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to 8.00% per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. Payment of Principal and Interest. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed: Renegotiation Discretionary.</u> Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or

performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.

8. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HCREPARTNERS, LLC

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$750,000 October 15, 2018

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HCRE PARTNERS, LLC ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$750,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to 8.00% per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or

performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.

8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HCREPARTNERS, LLC

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$900,000 September 25, 2019

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HCRE PARTNERS, LLC ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND and 00/100 Dollars (\$900,000.00), together with interest, on the terms set forth below (the "Note"). All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, TX 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at a rate equal to 8.00% per annum from the date hereof until maturity, compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable on demand of the Payee.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee.
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or

performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.

8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.

MAKER:

HCREPARTNERS, LLC

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December 3, 2020

HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint Real Estate Partners, LLC) c/o NexPoint Advisors, LP 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Demand on Promissory Notes:

Dear Mr. Dondero,

HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint Real Estate Partners, LLC) ("Maker") entered into the following promissory notes (collectively, the "Notes") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee"):

Date Issued	Original Principal Amount	Outstanding Principal Amount (12/11/20)	Accrued But Unpaid Interest (12/11/20)	Total Amount Outstanding (12/11/20)
11/27/13	\$100,000	\$171,542.00	\$526.10	\$172,068.10
10/12/17	\$2,500,000	\$3,149,919.12	\$41,423.60	\$3,191,342.72
10/15/18	\$750,000	\$874,977.53	\$10,931.23	\$885,908.76
9/25/19	\$900,000	\$750,279.14	\$12,662.24	\$762,941.38
TOTALS	\$4,250,000	\$4,946,717.79	\$65,543.17	\$5,012,260.96

As set forth in Section 2 of each of the Notes, accrued interest and principal is due and payable upon the demand of Payee. By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$5,012,260.96, which represents all accrued and unpaid interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Payments on the Notes must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Notes or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Notes will continue to accrue until the Notes are paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

James P. Seery, Jr. Highland Capital Management, L.P. Chief Executive Officer/Chief Restructuring Officer

cc: Fred Caruso
James Romey
Jeffrey Pomerantz
Ira Kharasch
Gregory Demo
DC Sauter

Appendix A

ABA #: 322070381
Bank Name: East West Bank

Account Name: Highland Capital Management, LP

Account #: 5500014686

PROMISSORY NOTE

\$6,059,831.51 May 31, 2017

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE (this "<u>Note</u>") is in substitution for and supersedes in their entirety each of those certain promissory notes described in <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto, from HCRE Partners, LLC, as Maker, and Highland Capital Management, L.P. as Payee (collectively, the "<u>Prior Notes</u>"), together with the aggregate outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interested represented thereby.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, HCREA PARTNERS, LLC ("Maker") promises to pay to the order of HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P. ("Payee"), in legal and lawful tender of the United States of America, the principal sum of SIX MILLION, FIFTY NINE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY ONE AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$6,059,831.51), together with interest, on the terms set forth below. All sums hereunder are payable to Payee at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other address as Payee may specify to Maker in writing from time to time.

- 1. <u>Interest Rate</u>. The unpaid principal balance of this Note from time to time outstanding shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent (8.00%) per annum from the date hereof until Maturity Date (hereinafter defined), compounded annually on the anniversary of the date of this Note. Interest shall be calculated at a daily rate equal to 1/365th (1/366 in a leap year) of the rate per annum, shall be charged and collected on the actual number of days elapsed, and shall be payable annually.
- 2. <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. Principal and interest under this Note shall be payable as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Annual Payment Dates</u>. During the term of this Note, Borrower shall pay the outstanding principal amount of the Note (and all unpaid accrued interest through the date of each such payment) in thirty (30) equal annual payments (the "<u>Annual Installment</u>") until the Note is paid in full. Borrower shall pay the Annual Installment on the 31st day of December of each calendar year during the term of this Note, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of execution of this Note.
 - 2.2 <u>Final Payment Date</u>. The final payment in the aggregate amount of the then outstanding and unpaid Note, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, shall become immediately due and payable in full on December 31, 2047 (the "<u>Maturity Date</u>").
- 3. <u>Prepayment Allowed; Renegotiation Discretionary</u>. Maker may prepay in whole or in part the unpaid principal or accrued interest of this Note. Any payments on this Note shall be applied first to unpaid accrued interest hereon, and then to unpaid principal hereof.
- 4. <u>Acceleration Upon Default</u>. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same

shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of Payee in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof.

- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. Maker hereby waives grace, demand, presentment for payment, notice of nonpayment, protest, notice of protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration and all other notices of any kind hereunder.
- 6. <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.
- 7. <u>Limitation on Agreements</u>. All agreements between Maker and Payee, whether now existing or hereafter arising, are hereby limited so that in no event shall the amount paid, or agreed to be paid to Payee for the use, forbearance, or detention of money or for the payment or performance of any covenant or obligation contained herein or in any other document evidencing, securing or pertaining to this Note, exceed the maximum interest rate allowed by law. The terms and provisions of this paragraph shall control and supersede every other provision of all agreements between Payee and Maker in conflict herewith.
- 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Note and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and by the laws of the State of Texas, and is performable in Dallas County, Texas.
- 9. <u>Prior Notes.</u> The original of each of the Prior Notes superseded hereby shall be marked "VOID" by Payee.

MAKER:

HCRE PARTNERS, LI

Name: James Dondero

Title:

EXHIBIT A

PRIOR NOTES

Loan Date	Initial Note Amount	Interest Rate	Principal and Interest Outstanding as of May 31, 2017
1/9/14	\$100,000.00	8.00%	\$108,000.00
1/29/14	\$600,000.00	8.00%	\$648,000.00
3/10/14	\$2,000,000.00	8.00%	\$2,009,643.84
3/28/14	\$50,000.00	8.00%	\$54,000.00
1/26/15	\$1,500,000.00	8.00%	\$1,545,356.16
4/2/15	\$1,500,000.00	8.00%	\$1,545,356
	\$5,750,000.00		\$6,059,831.51

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

January 7, 2021

HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint Real Estate Partners, LLC) c/o NexPoint Advisors, LP 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700 Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: James Dondero

Re: Demand on Promissory Note

Dear Mr. Dondero,

On May 31, 2017, HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint Real Estate Partners, LLC) ("Maker") entered into that certain promissory note in the original principal amount of \$6,059,831.51 (the "Note") in favor of Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("Payee").

As set forth in Section 2 of the Note, accrued interest and principal on the Note is due and payable in thirty equal annual payments with each payment due on December 31 of each calendar year. Maker failed to make the payment due on December 31, 2020.

Because of Maker's failure to pay, the Note is in default. Pursuant to Section 4 of the Note, all principal, interest, and any other amounts due on the Note are immediately due and payable. The amount due and payable on the Note as of January 8, 2021 is \$6,145,466.84; however, interest continues to accrue under the Note.

The Note is in default, and payment is due <u>immediately</u>. Payments on the Note must be made in immediately available funds. Payee's wire information is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.

Nothing contained herein constitutes a waiver of any rights or remedies of Payee under the Note or otherwise and all such rights and remedies, whether at law, equity, contract, or otherwise, are expressly reserved. Interest, including default interest if applicable, on the Note will continue to accrue until the Note is paid in full. Any such interest will remain the obligation of Maker.

Sincerely,

/s/ James P. Seery, Jr.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OP 1933 OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES ACTS IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS UNDER THOSE ACTS. THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THAT SALE OR DISPOSITION IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SUCH APPLICABLE ACTS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP is entered into on this 24th day of December, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, by and among Strand Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Strand"), as General Partner, the Limited Partners party hereto, and any Person hereinafter admitted as a Limited Partner.

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

- 1.1. Continuation. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners hereby continue the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. Except as expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations of the Partners and the administration and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act.
- 1.2. Name. The name of the Partnership shall be, and the business of the Partnership shall be conducted under the name of Highland Capital Management, L.P. The General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall provide Limited Partners with written notice of such name change within twenty (20) days after such name change.
- 1.3. Purpose. The purpose and business of the Partnership shall be the conduct of any business or activity that may lawfully be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act. Any or all of the foregoing activities may be conducted directly by the Partnership or indirectly through another partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement.
- **1.4. Term.** The Partnership was formed as a limited partnership on July 7, 1997, and shall continue until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Partnership Offices; Addresses of Partners.

- (a) <u>Partnership Offices</u>. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1297, and its registered agent for service of process on the Partnership at that registered office shall be Corporation Service Company, or such other registered office or registered agent as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The principal office of the Partnership shall be 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places as the General Partner deems advisable.
- (b) <u>Addresses of Partners</u>. The address of the General Partner is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The address of each Limited Partner shall be the address of that Limited Partner appearing on the books and records of the Partnership. Each Limited Partner agrees to provide the General Partner with prompt written notice of any change in his/her/its address.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

- **2.1. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Agreement, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary in this Agreement:
- "Additional Capital Contribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Partner, the deficit balance, if any, in the Capital Account of that Partner as of the end of the relevant Fiscal Year, or other relevant period, giving effect to all adjustments previously made thereto pursuant to Section 3.7 and further adjusted as follows: (i) credit to that Capital Account, any amounts which that Partner is obligated or deemed obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c); (ii) debit to that Capital Account, the items described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6); and (iii) to the extent required under the Treasury Regulations, credit to that Capital Account (A) that Partner's share of "minimum gain" and (B) that Partner's share of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain." (Each Partner's share of the minimum gain and partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain shall be determined under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), respectively.)
- "Affiliate" means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Person in question. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "Agreement" means this Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States or the State of Texas shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 3.7(a).
- "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Partner, the amount of money or property contributed to the Partnership with respect to the interest in the Partnership held by that Person.
- "Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware by the General Partner, as that Certificate may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Class A Limited Partners" means those Partners holding a Class A Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class A Limited Partner."

- "Class B Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class B Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class B Limited Partner."
- "Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which the Class B Limited Partner's aggregate capital contributions, including the original principal balance of the Contribution Note, and reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class B Limited Partner, exceed 75 percent of the product of the Class B Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Class C Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class C Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class C Limited Partner."
- "Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which an amount equal to \$93,000,000.00 reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class C Limited Partner after the Effective Date exceeds 75 percent of the product of the Class C Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further the General Partner must complete the testing within 180 days of the end of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time.
- *"Contribution Note"* means that certain Secured Promissory Note dated December 21, 2015 by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and the Partnership as Payee.
 - "Default Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c)(i).
 - "Defaulting Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c).
- "*Delaware Act*" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Part IV, Title C, Chapter 17 of the Delaware Corporation Law Annotated, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to that Act.
 - "Effective Date" means the date first recited above.
 - "Fiscal Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.11(b).

- "Founding Partner Group" means, all partners holding partnership interests in the Partnership immediately before the Effective Date.
- "General Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) has not ceased to be a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- "Limited Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) has not ceased to be a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
 - "Liquidator" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.
- "Losses" means, for each Fiscal Year, the losses and deductions of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any expenditures described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B).
- "Majority Interest" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Percentage Interests of Class A Limited Partners.
- "NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period or a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- "Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts" means the excess of (i) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the end of the period being measured over (ii) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the beginning of the period being measured; provided, however, that amounts within each of the aforementioned categories shall be excluded from the calculation to the extent they are specifically identified as being derived from investing or financing activities. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership and appropriate adjustments may be made to the extent the Partnership adds new ledger accounts to its books and records that are current assets or current liabilities.
- "New Issues" means Securities that are considered to be "new issues," as defined in the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.
- "Nonrecourse Deduction" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1), as computed under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(c).
- "Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(3).
- "Operating Cash Flow" means Total Revenue less Total Operating Expenses plus Depreciation & Amortization less Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts year over year. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership.

- "Partner" means a General Partner or a Limited Partner.
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5).
- "Partnership" means Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Delaware limited partnership established pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Partnership Capital" means, as of any relevant date, the net book value of the Partnership's assets.
- "Partnership Interest" means the interest acquired by a Partner in the Partnership including, without limitation, that Partner's right: (a) to an allocable share of the Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits of the Partnership; (b) to a distributive share of the assets of the Partnership; (c) if a Limited Partner, to vote on those matters described in this Agreement; and (d) if the General Partner, to manage and operate the Partnership.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).
- "Percentage Interest" means the percentage set forth opposite each Partner's name on Exhibit A as such Exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Person" means an individual or a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other entity.
 - "Priority Distributions" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).
- "Profits" means, for each Fiscal Year, the income and gains of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any income described in Code Section 705(a)(1)(B).
- "Profits Interest Partner" means any Person who is issued a Partnership Interest that is treated as a "profits interest" for federal income tax purposes.
- *"Purchase Notes"* means those certain Secured Promissory Notes of even date herewith by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #1, and The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #2, each as Payees of the respective Secured Promissory Notes.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner for determining the identity of Limited Partners entitled to vote or give consent to Partnership action or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any other lawful action of Limited Partners.

"Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, dated December 21, 2015, to be effective as of December 21, 2015 by and between the Partnership and its Partners, as may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

"Securities" means the following: (i) securities of any kind (including, without limitation, "securities" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act; (ii) commodities of any kind (as that term is defined by the U.S. Securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder); (iii) any contracts for future or forward delivery of any security, commodity or currency; (iv) any contracts based on any securities or group of securities, commodities or currencies; (v) any options on any contracts referred to in clauses (iii) or (iv); or (vi) any evidences of indebtedness (including participations in or assignments of bank loans or trade credit claims). The items set forth in clauses (i) through (vi) herein include, but are not limited to, capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, reorganization certificates, subscriptions, warrants, rights, options, puts, calls, bonds, mutual fund interests, debentures, notes, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bankers acceptances, trust receipts and other securities of any corporation or other entity, whether readily marketable or not, rights and options, whether granted or written by the Partnership or by others, treasury bills, bonds and notes, any securities or obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any foreign country or any state or possession of the United States or any foreign country or any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and derivatives of any of the foregoing.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor to such statute.

"Substitute Limited Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(a).

"*Transfer*" or derivations thereof, of a Partnership Interest means, as a noun, the transfer, sale, assignment, exchange, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of a Partnership Interest, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, and as a verb, voluntarily or involuntarily to transfer, sell, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of.

"Treasury Regulations" means the Department of Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as amended and in effect (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

2.2. Other Definitions. All terms used in this Agreement that are not defined in this <u>Article 2</u> have the meanings contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1. Capital Contributions.

- (a) <u>Initial Capital Contributions</u>. The initial Capital Contribution of each Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership.
 - (b) Additional Capital Contributions.

- (i) The General Partner, in its reasonable discretion and for a *bona fide* business purpose, may request in writing that the Founding Partner Group make additional Capital Contributions in proportion to their Percentage Interests (each, an "Additional Capital Contribution").
- (ii) Any failure by a Partner to make an Additional Capital Contribution requested under Section 3.1(b)(i) on or before the date on which that Additional Capital Contribution was due shall result in the Partner being in default.
- (c) <u>Consequences to Defaulting Partners</u>. In the event a Partner is in default under <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> (a "*Defaulting Partner*"), the Defaulting Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may elect to take either one of the option set forth below.
- Default Loans. If the Defaulting Partner so elects, the General Partner shall make a loan to the Defaulting Partner in an amount equal to that Defaulting Partner's additional capital contribution (a "Default Loan"). A Default Loan shall be deemed advanced on the date actually advanced. Default Loans shall earn interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at a rate equal to the Applicable Federal Mid-Term Rate (determined by the Internal Revenue Service for the month in which the loan is deemed made) from the date actually advanced until the same is repaid in full. The term of any Default Loan shall be six (6) months, unless otherwise extended by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall not receive any distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(a) or Section 5.3 or any proceeds from the Transfer of all or any part of its Partnership Interest while the Default Loan remains unpaid. Instead, the Defaulting Partner's share of distributions or such other proceeds shall (until all Default Loans and interest thereon shall have been repaid in full) first be paid to the General Partner. Such payments shall be applied first to the payment of interest on such Default Loans and then to the repayment of the principal amounts thereof, but shall be considered, for all other purposes of this Agreement, to have been distributed to the Defaulting Partner. The Defaulting Partner shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) in connection with any enforcement or foreclosure upon any Default Loan and such costs shall, to the extent enforceable under applicable law, be added to the principal amount of the applicable Default Loan. In addition, at any time during the term of such Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall have the right to repay, in full, the Default Loan (including interest and any other charges). If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall be deemed to have pledged to the General Partner and granted to the General Partner a continuing first priority security interest in, all of the Defaulting Partner's Partnership Interest to secure the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Default Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and for such purpose this Agreement shall constitute a security agreement. The Defaulting Partner shall promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such financing statements, continuation statements or other documents and take such other actions as the General Partner shall request in writing in order to perfect or continue the perfection of such security interest; and, if the Defaulting Partner shall fail to do so within seven (7) days after the Defaulting Partner's receipt of a notice making demand therefor, the General Partner is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact of, and is hereby authorized on behalf of, the Defaulting Partner, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and take all such other actions as may be required to perfect such security interest. Such appointment and authorization are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable. The General Partner shall, prior to exercising any right or remedy (whether at law, in equity or pursuant to the terms hereof) available to it in connection with such security interest, provide to the Defaulting Partner a notice, in reasonable detail, of the right or remedy to be exercised and the intended timing of such exercise which shall not be less than five (5) days following the date of such notice.

(ii) <u>Reduction of Percentage Interest</u>. If the Defaulting Partner does not elect to obtain a Default Loan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)(i)</u>, the General Partner shall reduce the Defaulting Partner's Percentage Interest in accordance with the following formula:

The Defaulting Partner's new Percentage Interest shall equal the product of (1) the Defaulting Partner's current Percentage Interest, multiplied by (2) the quotient of (a) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), divided by (b) the sum of (i) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), plus (ii) the amount of the additional capital contribution that such Defaulting Partner failed to make when due.

To the extent any downward adjustment is made to the Percentage Interest of a Partner pursuant to this <u>Section 3.1(c)(ii)</u>, any resulting benefit shall accrue to the Partners (other than the Defaulting Partner) in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

3.2. Allocations of Profits and Losses.

- (a) <u>Allocations of Profits</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4, 3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Profits for any Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Partners as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this Section 3.2(a)(ii) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under Section 3.2(b)(ii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) <u>Allocations of Losses</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Losses for any Fiscal Year will be will be allocated as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Losses allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Profits allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Profits were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners in proportion to their respective positive Capital Account balances until the aggregate Capital Account balances of the Partners (excluding any negative Capital Account balances) equal zero; provided, however, losses shall first be allocated to reduce amounts that were last allocated to the Capital Accounts of the Partners; and
- (iii) <u>Then,</u> to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

- (c) <u>Limitation on Loss Allocations</u>. If any allocation of Losses would cause a Limited Partner to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit, those Losses instead shall be allocated to the General Partner.
- **3.3.** Allocations on Transfers. Taxable items of the Partnership attributable to a Partnership Interest that has been Transferred (including the simultaneous decrease in the Partnership Interest of existing Partners resulting from the admission of a new Partner) shall be allocated in accordance with Section 4.3(d).
- **3.4. Special Allocations.** If the requisite stated conditions or facts are present, the following special allocations shall be made in the following order:
- (a) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, prior to any other allocation under this Agreement, each Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in proportion to, and to the extent of, an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(a) is intended to comply with the partnership minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (b) Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3 (other than Section 3.4(a)), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, any Partner with a share of such Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain as of the beginning of the year shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods in an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in the Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be so allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(b) is intended to comply with the partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations, shall be interpreted consistently with the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (c) <u>Qualified Income Offset</u>. If a Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (d)(5) or (d)(6), then items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to each such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations, the Adjusted Capital Account Deficit of the Partner as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> shall be made if and only to the extent that the Partner would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering this <u>Section 3.4(c)</u>.
- (d) Gross Income Allocation. If a Partner has a deficit Capital Account at the end of any Fiscal Year of the Partnership that exceeds the sum of (i) the amount the Partner is obligated to restore, and (ii) the amount the Partner is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), then each such Partner shall be specially allocated items of income and gain of the Partnership in the amount of the excess as quickly as possible; *provided, however*, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(d) shall be made if and only to

the extent that the Partner would have a deficit Capital Account in excess of that sum after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> or 3.4(d).

- (e) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made shall he allocated among the Partners in accordance with their Percentage interests.
- (f) <u>Partner Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made will be allocated to the Partner who bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which the Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i).
- (g) Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any asset of the Partnership under Code Section 734(b) or Code Section 743(b) is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of the adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases the basis of the asset) and that gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to that Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (h) <u>Section 481 Adjustments</u>. Any allocable items of income, gain, expense, deduction or credit required to be made by Section 481 of the Code as the result of the sale, transfer, exchange or issuance of a Partnership Interest will be specially allocated to the Partner receiving said Partnership Interest whether such items are positive or negative in amount.
- 3.5. Curative Allocations. The "Basic Regulatory Allocations" consist of (i) the allocations pursuant to Section 3.2(c), and (ii) the allocations pursuant to Sections 3.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Basic Regulatory Allocations shall be taken into account in allocating items of income, gain, loss and deduction among the Partners so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of the allocations of other items and the Basic Regulatory Allocations to each Partner shall be equal to the net amount that would have been allocated to each such Partner if the Basic Regulatory Allocations had not occurred. For purposes of applying the foregoing sentence, allocations pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall be made with respect to allocations pursuant to Section 3.4 (g) and (h) only to the extent that it is reasonably determined that those allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. To the extent that a special allocation under Section 3.4 is determined not to comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, then the Partners intend that the items shall be allocated in accordance with the Partners' varying Percentage Interests throughout each tax year during which such items are recognized for tax purposes.
- 3.6. Code Section 704(c) Allocations. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss and deduction with respect to property contributed to the capital of the Partnership shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Partners so as to take account of any variation at the time of the contribution between the tax basis of the property to the Partnership and the fair market value of that property. Except as otherwise provided herein, any elections or other decisions relating to those allocations shall be made by the General Partner in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intent of this Agreement. Allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction pursuant to this Section 3.6 are solely for purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, the Capital Account of any Partner or the share

of Profits, Losses, other tax items or distributions of any Partner pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

3.7. Capital Accounts.

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Capital Accounts</u>. The Partnership shall establish and maintain a separate capital account *("Capital Account")* for each Partner in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), subject to and in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 3.7.
- (i) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be credited (increased) by (A) the amount of cash contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that contributed property that the Partnership assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), and (C) that Partner's allocable share of Profits and any items in the nature of income or gain which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.4 and 3.5; and
- by (A) the amount of cash distributed to that Partner by the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property distributed to that Partner by the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that distributed property that such Partner assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), (C) that Partner's allocable share of expenditures of the Partnership described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B), and (D) that Partner's allocable share of Losses and any items in the nature of expenses or losses which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

The provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts have been included in this Agreement to comply with Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with those provisions. The General Partner may modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts are maintained under this <u>Section 3.7</u> in order to comply with those provisions, as well as upon the occurrence of events that might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with those provisions.

- (b) <u>Negative Capital Accounts</u>. If any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account, that Partner shall have no obligation to restore that negative balance or to make any Capital Contribution by reason thereof, and that negative balance shall not be considered an asset of the Partnership or of any Partner.
- (c) <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions or on balances in Capital Accounts.
- (d) <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw any part of his/her/its Capital Contribution or his/her/its Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Partnership, except as provided in <u>Section 3.9</u> and <u>Article 5</u>.
- (e) <u>Loans From Partners</u>. Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not be considered Capital Contributions.
- (f) <u>Revaluations</u>. The Capital Accounts of the Partners shall not be "booked-up" or "booked-down" to their fair market values under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704(c)-1(b)(2)(iv)(f) or otherwise.

Distributive Share for Tax Purpose. All items of income, deduction, gain, loss or 3.8. credit that are recognized for federal income tax purposes will be allocated among the Partners in accordance with the allocations of Profits and Losses hereunder as determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may (i) as to each New Issue, specially allocate to the Partners who were allocated New Issue Profit from that New Issue any short-term capital gains realized during the Fiscal Year upon the disposition of such New Issue during that Fiscal Year, and (ii) specially allocate items of gain (or loss) to Partners who withdraw capital during any Fiscal Year in a manner designed to ensure that each withdrawing Partner is allocated gain (or loss) in an amount equal to the difference between that Partner's Capital Account balance (or portion thereof being withdrawn) at the time of the withdrawal and the tax basis for his/her/ its Partnership Interest at that time (or proportionate amount thereof); provided, however, that the General Partner may, without the consent of any other Partner, (a) alter the allocation of any item of taxable income, gain, loss, deduction or credit in any specific instance where the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines such alteration to be necessary or appropriate to avoid a materially inequitable result (e.g., where the allocation would create an inappropriate tax liability); and/or (b) adopt whatever other method of allocating tax items as the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in order to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treasury Regulations under Code Sections 704(b) and 704(c).

3.9. Distributions.

- The General Partner may make such pro rata or non-pro rata (a) General. distributions as it may determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, without being limited to current or accumulated income or gains, but no such distribution shall be made out of funds required to make current payments on Partnership indebtedness; provided, however, that the General Partner may not make non-pro rata distributions under this Section 3.9(a) during an NAV Ratio Trigger Period without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner (in the case of a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period) and/or the Class C Limited Partner (in the case of a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period); provided, further this provision should not be interpreted to limit in any way the General Partner's ability to make non-pro rata tax distributions under Section 3.9(c) and Section 3.9(f). The Partnership has entered into one or more credit facilities with financial institutions that may limit the amount and timing of distributions to the Partners. Thus, the Partners acknowledge that distributions from the Partnership may be limited. Any distributions made to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.9(b) shall reduce distributions otherwise allocable to such Partners under this Section 3.9(a) until such aggregate reductions are equal to the aggregate distributions made to the Class B Partners and the Class C Partners under Section 3.9(b).
- (b) <u>Priority Distributions</u>. Prior to the distribution of any amounts to Partners pursuant to Section 3.9(a), and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership shall make the following distributions ("*Priority Distributions*") pro-rata among the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests:
- (i) No later than March 31st of each calendar year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to \$1,600,000.00;
- (ii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the Partnership's investment gain for the prior year, as reflected in the Partnership's books and records within ledger account number 90100 plus three percent (3%) of the gross realized investment gains for the prior year of Highland Select Equity Fund, as reflected in its books and records;

- (iii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Partnership's Operating Cash Flow for the prior year; and
- (iv) No later than December 24th of each year, commencing December 24, 2016, an amount equal to the aggregate annual principal and interest payments on the Purchase Notes for the then current year.
- (c) <u>Tax Distributions</u>. The General Partner may, in its sole discretion, declare and make cash distributions pursuant hereto to the Partners to allow the federal and state income tax attributable to the Partnership's taxable income that is passed through the Partnership to the Partners to be paid by such Partners (a "*Tax Distribution*"). The General Partner may, in its discretion, make Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group without also making Tax Distributions to other Partners; provided, however, that if the General Partner makes Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group, Tax Distributions must also be made the Class B Limited Partner to the extent the Class B Limited Partner provides the Partnership with documentation showing it is subject to an entity-level federal income tax obligation. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, the General Partner may declare and pay Tax Distributions even if such Tax Distributions cause the Partnership to be unable to make Priority Distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>.
- (d) <u>Payments Not Deemed Distributions</u>. Any amounts paid pursuant to <u>Sections 4.1(e)</u> or <u>4.1(h)</u> shall not be deemed to be distributions for purposes of this Agreement.
- Withheld Amounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.9 to the contrary, each Partner hereby authorizes the Partnership to withhold and to pay over, or otherwise pay, any withholding or other taxes payable by the Partnership with respect to that Partner as a result of that Partner's participation in the Partnership. If and to the extent that the Partnership shall be required to withhold or pay any such taxes, that Partner shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement to have received a payment from the Partnership as of the time that withholding or tax is paid, which payment shall be deemed to be a distribution with respect to that Partner's Partnership Interest to the extent that the Partner (or any successor to that Partner's Partnership Interest) is then entitled to receive a distribution. To the extent that the aggregate of such payments to a Partner for any period exceeds the distributions to which that Partner is entitled for that period, the amount of such excess shall be considered a loan from the Partnership to that Partner. Such loan shall bear interest (which interest shall be treated as an item of income to the Partnership) at the "Applicable Federal Rate" (as defined in the Code), as determined hereunder from time to time, until discharged by that Partner by repayment, which may be made in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner out of distributions to which that Partner would otherwise be subsequently entitled. Any withholdings authorized by this Section 3.9(d) shall be made at the maximum applicable statutory rate under the applicable tax law unless the General Partner shall have received an opinion of counsel or other evidence satisfactory to the General Partner to the effect that a lower rate is applicable, or that no withholding is applicable.
- (f) <u>Special Tax Distributions</u>. The Partnership shall, upon request of such Founding Partner, make distributions to the Founding Partners (or loans, at the election of the General Partner) in an amount necessary for each of them to pay their respective federal income tax obligations incurred through the effective date of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., the predecessor to this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Tolling of Priority Distributions</u>. In the event of a "Honis Trigger Event," as defined in the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, the Partnership shall not make any distributions, including priority distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>, to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner until such time as a replacement trust administrator, manager and general partner,

as applicable, acceptable to the Partnership in its sole discretion, as indicated by an affirmative vote of consent by a Majority Interest, shall be appointed to the Class B Limited Partner/Class C Limited Partner and any of its direct or indirect owners that have governing documents directly affected by a Honis Trigger Event.

3.10. Compensation and Reimbursement of General Partner.

- (a) <u>Compensation</u>. The General Partner and any Affiliate of the General Partner shall receive no compensation from the Partnership for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreements unless approved by a Majority Interest; provided, however, that no compensation above five million dollars per year may be approved, even by a Majority Interest, during a NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- (b) <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. In addition to amounts paid under other Sections of this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall be reimbursed for all expenses, disbursements, and advances incurred or made, and all fees, deposits, and other sums paid in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership, the qualification of the Partnership to do business, and all related matters.

3.11. Books, Records, Accounting, and Reports.

- (a) Records and Accounting. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, which shall at all times be kept at the principal office of the Partnership or such other office as the General Partner may designate for such purpose. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained for financial reporting purposes on the accrual basis or on a cash basis, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law. Upon reasonable request, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may inspect the books and records of the Partnership.
- (b) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion.
- (c) <u>Other Information</u>. The General Partner may release information concerning the operations of the Partnership to any financial institution or other Person that has loaned or may loan funds to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, and may release such information to any other Person for reasons reasonably related to the business and operations of the Partnership or as required by law or regulation of any regulatory body.
- (d) <u>Distribution Reporting to Class B Limited Partner and Class C Limited Partner</u>. Upon request, the Partnership shall provide the Class B Limited Partner and/or the Class C Limited Partner information on any non-pro rata distributions made under <u>Section 3.9</u> to Partners other than the Partner requesting the information.

3.12. Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Tax Returns</u>. The General Partner shall arrange for the preparation and timely filing of all returns of Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and other items necessary for federal, state and local income tax purposes. The General Partner shall deliver to each Partner as copy of his/her/its IRS Form K-1 as soon as practicable after the end of the Fiscal Year, but in no event later than October 1. The classification, realization, and recognition of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and

other items shall be on the cash or accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion. The General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion may pay state and local income taxes attributable to operations of the Partnership and treat such taxes as an expense of the Partnership.

- (b) <u>Tax Elections</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determine whether to make any available tax election.
- (c) <u>Tax Controversies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in Code Section 6231), and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership, at the Partnership's expense, in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner in connection with such proceedings.
- (d) <u>Taxation as a Partnership</u>. No election shall be made by the Partnership or any Partner for the Partnership to be excluded from the application of any of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or from any similar provisions of any state tax laws.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERS

- **4.1. Rights and Obligations of the General Partner.** In addition to the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have the following rights and obligations:
- Management. The General Partner shall conduct, direct, and exercise full control of over all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and Limited Partners shall have no right of control over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted to a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any provision of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have full power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it to conduct the business of the Partnership, including, without limitation: (i) the determination of the activities in which the Partnership will participate; (ii) the performance of any and all acts necessary or appropriate to the operation of any business of the Partnership (including, without limitation, purchasing and selling any asset, any debt instruments, any equity interests, any commercial paper, any note receivables and any other obligations); (iii) the procuring and maintaining of such insurance as may be available in such amounts and covering such risks as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner; (iv) the acquisition, disposition, sale, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hyphothecation, of exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership; (v) the execution and delivery on behalf of, and in the name of the Partnership, deeds, deeds of trust, notes, leases, subleases, mortgages, bills of sale and any and all other contracts or instruments necessary or incidental to the conduct of the Partnership's business; (vi) the making of any expenditures, the borrowing of money, the guaranteeing of indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, and the incurrence of any obligations it deems necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the payment of compensation and reimbursement to the General Partner and its Affiliates pursuant to Section 3.10; (vii) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including, without limitation, cash on hand) for any Partnership purpose on any terms it sees fit, including, without limitation, the financing of operations of the Partnership, the lending of funds to other Persons, and the repayment of obligations

of the Partnership; (viii) the negotiation, execution, and performance of any contracts that it considers desirable, useful, or necessary to the conduct of the business or operations of the Partnership or the implementation of the General Partner's powers under this Agreement; (ix) the distribution of Partnership cash or other assets; (x) the selection, hiring and dismissal of employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants, contractors, agents and representatives and the determination of their compensation and other teens of employment or hiring; (xi) the formation of any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, or other relationships that it deems desirable and the contribution to such partnerships, ventures, or relationships of assets and properties of the Partnership; and (xii) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the conduct of any litigation, the incurring of legal expenses, and the settlement of claims and suits.

- (b) <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership</u>. The General Partner caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall cause to be filed such other certificates or documents (including, without limitation, copies, amendments, or restatements of this Agreement) as may be determined by the General Partner to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, qualification, or registration and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which Limited Partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in any other state where the Partnership may elect to do business.
- Reliance by Third Parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no lender or purchaser or other Person, including any purchaser of property from the Partnership or any other Person dealing with the Partnership, shall be required to verify any representation by the General Partner as to its authority to encumber, sell, or otherwise use any assess or properties of the Partnership, and any such lender, purchaser, or other Person shall be entitled to rely exclusively on such representations and shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner as if it were the sole party in interest therein, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against any such lender, purchaser, or other Person to contest, negate, or disaffirm any action of the General Partner in connection with any such sale or financing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with, and each such Person shall be entitled to rely on the assumptions that the Partnership has been duly formed and is validly in existence. In no event shall any such Person be obligated to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or the General Partner's representative, and every contract, agreement, deed, mortgage, security agreement, promissory note, or other instrument or document executed by the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (i), at the time of the execution and delivery thereof, this Agreement was in full force and effect; (ii) such instrument or document was duly executed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership; and (iii) the General Partner or the General Partner's representative was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and every such instrument or document for and on behalf of the Partnership.
- (d) <u>Partnership Funds</u>. The funds of the Partnership shall be deposited in such account or accounts as are designated by the General Partner. The General Partner may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, deposit funds of the Partnership in a central disbursing account maintained by or in the name of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any other Person into which funds of the General Partner, the Partnership, on other Persons are also deposited; *provided, however*, at all times books of account are maintained that show the amount of funds of the Partnership on deposit in such account and interest accrued with respect to such funds as credited to the Partnership. The General Partner may use the funds of the Partnership as compensating balances for its benefit; *provided, however*, such funds do

not directly or indirectly secure, and are not otherwise at risk on account of, any indebtedness or other obligation of the General Partner or any director, officer, employee, agent, representative, or Affiliate thereof. Nothing in this Section 4.1(d) shall be deemed to prohibit or limit in any manner the right of the Partnership to lend funds to the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof pursuant to Section 4.1(e)(i). All withdrawals from or charges against such accounts shall be made by the General Partner or by its representatives. Funds of the Partnership may be invested as determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Loans to or from General Partner; Contracts with Affiliates; Joint Ventures.

- (i) The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may lend to the Partnership funds needed by the Partnership for such periods of time as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, the General Partner or its Affiliate may not charge the Partnership interest at a rate greater than the rate (including points or other financing charges or fees) that would be charged the Partnership (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guaranties) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The Partnership shall reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliate, as the case may be, for any costs incurred by the General Partner or that Affiliate in connection with the borrowing of funds obtained by the General Partner or that Affiliate and loaned to the Partnership. The Partnership may loan funds to the General Partner and any member of the Founding Partner Group at the General Partner's sole and exclusive discretion.
- (ii) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may enter into an agreement with the Partnership to render services, including management services, for the Partnership. Any service rendered for the Partnership by the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership.
- (iii) The Partnership may Transfer any assets to joint ventures or other partnerships in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon terms and subject to such conditions consistent with applicable law as the General Partner deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Partnership may not transfer any asset to the General Partner or one of its Affiliates during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period for consideration less than such asset's fair market value.
- (f) <u>Outside Activities' Conflicts of Interest</u>. The General Partner or any Affiliate thereof and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including, without limitation, business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership. Neither the Partnership nor any of the Partners shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement or the partnership relationship created hereby in any business ventures of the General Partner, any Affiliate thereof, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of either the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof.
- (g) Resolution of Conflicts of Interest. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein, whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any Limited Partner, on the other hand, any action taken by the General Partner, in the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.
- (h) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless the General Partner and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner (collectively,

the "GP Party"), against all liabilities, losses, and damages incurred by any of them by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed in the name of or on behalf of the Partnership, or in connection with the Partnership's business, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and any amounts expended in the settlement of any claims or liabilities, losses, or damages, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act; provided, however, the Partnership shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless a GP Party for any action or inaction that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The Partnership, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner, may indemnify and hold harmless any Limited Partner, employee, agent, or representative of the Partnership, any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Partnership acting through the General Partner as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent, or representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and any other Person to the extent determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion, but in no event shall such indemnification exceed the indemnification permitted by the Delaware Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1(h) or elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendment to the Delaware Act after the date of this Agreement shall reduce or limit in any manner the indemnification provided for or permitted by this Section 4.1(h) unless such reduction or limitation is mandated by such amendment for limited partnerships formed prior to the enactment of such amendment. In no event shall Limited Partners be subject to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Liability of General Partner.

- (i) Neither the General Partner nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives shall be liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for errors in judgment or for any acts or omissions that do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (ii) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or representative appointed by the General Partner.

(j) Reliance by General Partner.

- (i) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, 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.
- (ii) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers, and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any opinion of any such Person as to matters which the General Partner believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by the General Partner hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such opinion.
- (k) The General Partner may, from time to time, designate one or more Persons to be officers of the Partnership. No officer need be a Partner. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the General Partner may, from time to time, delegate to them. The General Partner may assign titles to particular officers, including, without limitation, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until such Person's successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until such Person's death or

until such Person shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the officers and agents of the Partnership shall be fixed from time to time by the General Partner. Any officer may be removed as such, either with or without cause, by the General Partner whenever in the General Partner's judgment the best interests of the Partnership will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Partnership may be filled by the General Partner.

- **4.2. Rights and Obligations of Limited Partners**. In addition to the rights and obligations of Limited Partners set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Limited Partners shall have the following rights and obligations:
- (a) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as provided herein or under the Delaware Act.
- (b) <u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Return of Capital</u>. No Limited Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement</u>. Each Limited Partner shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (e) <u>Default on Priority Distributions</u>. If the Partnership fails to timely pay Priority Distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(b), and the Partnership does not subsequently make such Priority Distribution within ninety days of its due date, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may require the Partnership to liquidate publicly traded securities held by the Partnership or Highland Select Equity Master Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership controlled by the Partnership; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the General Partner may in its sole discretion elect instead to liquidate other non-publicly traded securities owned by the Partnership in order to satisfy the Partnership's obligations under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u> and this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>. In either case, Affiliates of the General Partner shall have the right of first offer to purchase any securities liquidated under this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>.

4.3. Transfer of Partnership Interests.

(a) <u>Transfer</u>. No Partnership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of any Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement shall be null and void. An alleged transferee shall have no right to require any information or account of the Partnership's transactions or to inspect the Partnership's books. The Partnership shall be entitled to treat the alleged transferor of a Partnership Interest as the absolute owner thereof in all respects, and shall incur no liability to any alleged transferee for distributions to the Partner owning that Partnership Interest of record or for allocations of Profits, Losses, deductions or credits or for transmittal of reports and notices required to be given to holders of Partnership Interests.

- (b) Transfers by General Partner. The General Partner may Transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest to any Person only with the approval of a Majority Interest; provided, however, that the General Partner may not Transfer its Partnership Interest during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period except to the extent such Transfers are for estate planning purposes or resulting from the death of the individual owner of the General Partner. Any Transfer by the General Partner of its Partnership Interest under this Section 4.3(b) to an Affiliate of the General Partner or any other Person shall not constitute a withdrawal of the General Partner under Section 4.5(a), Section 5.1(b), or any other provision of this Agreement. If any such Transfer is deemed to constitute a withdrawal under such provisions or otherwise and results in the dissolution of the Partnership under this Agreement or the laws of any jurisdiction to which the Partnership of this Agreement is subject, the Partners hereby unanimously consent to the reconstitution and continuation of the Partnership immediately following such dissolution, pursuant to Section 5.2.
- (c) <u>Transfers by Limited Partners</u>. The Partnership Interest of a Limited Partner may not be Transferred without the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), and in accordance with the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- Distributions and Allocations in Respect of Transferred Partnership Interests. If (d) any Partnership Interest is Transferred during any Fiscal Year in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, Profits, Losses, and all other items attributable to the transferred interest for that period shall be divided and allocated between the transferor and the transferee by taking into account their varying interests during the period in accordance with Code Section 706(d), using any conventions permitted by law and selected by the General Partner; provided that no allocations shall be made under this Section 4.3(d) that would affect any special allocations made under Section 3.4. All distributions declared on or before the date of that Transfer shall be made to the transferor. Solely for purposes of making such allocations and distributions, the Partnership shall recognize that Transfer not later than the end of the calendar month during which it is given notice of that Transfer; provided, however, if the Partnership does not receive a notice stating the date that Partnership Interest was Transferred and such other information as the General Partner may reasonably require within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, then all of such items shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the person who, according to the books and records of the Partnership, on the last day of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, was the owner of the Partnership Interest. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner shall incur any liability for making allocations and distributions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.3(d), whether or not any Partner or the Partnership has knowledge of any Transfer of ownership of any Partnership Interest.
- (e) <u>Forfeiture of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Contribution Note</u>. In the event any Class B Limited Partnership Interests are forfeited in favor of the Partnership as a result of any default on the Contribution Note, the Capital Accounts and Percentage Interests associated with such Class B Limited Partnership Interests shall be allocated pro rata among the Class A Partners. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) made after the date of such forfeiture shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the Class B Limited Partnership Interest transferred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.3(e)</u> over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any forfeiture of such Class B Limited Partnership Interest.
- (f) <u>Transfers of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Purchase Notes.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Partnership shall respect, and the General Partner hereby provides automatic consent for, any transfers (in whole or transfers of partial interests) of

the Class C Limited Partnership Interests, or a portion thereof, if such transfer occurs as a result of a default on the Purchase Notes. Upon the transfer of any Class C Limited Partnership Interest to any member of the Founding Partner Group (or their assigns), such Class C Limited Partnership Interest shall automatically convert to a Class A Partnership Interest. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the transferred Class C Limited Partnership Interest over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests and Class C Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any transfer of such Class C Limited Partnership Interest.

4.4. Issuances of Partnership Interests to New and Existing Partners.

- (a) <u>Issuance of Partnership Interests to New Limited Partners.</u> The General Partner may admit one or more additional Persons as Limited Partners ("Additional Limited Partners") to the Partnership at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion; provided, however, that the General Partner may only admit additional Persons as Limited Partners in relation to the issuance of equity incentives to key employees of the Partnership; provided, further that the General Partner may not issue such equity incentives to the extent they entitle the holders, in the aggregate, to a Percentage Interest in excess of twenty percent without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner. All Class A Limited Partners, the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner shall be diluted proportionately by the issuance of such limited partnership interests. No Person may be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner until he/she/it executes an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (b) <u>Issuance of an Additional Partnership Interest to an Existing Partner</u>. The General Partner may issue an additional Partnership Interest to any existing Partner at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Upon the issuance of an additional Partnership Interest to an existing Partner, the Percentage Interests of the members of the Founding Partner Group shall be diluted proportionately. Any additional Partnership Interest shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.

4.5. Withdrawal of General Partner

- (a) Option. In the event of the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership, the departing General Partner (the "Departing Partner") shall, at the option of its successor (if any) exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of that Departing Partner, promptly receive from its successor in exchange for its Partnership Interest as the General Partner, an amount in cash equal to its Capital Account balance, determined as of the effective date of its departure.
- (b) <u>Conversion</u>. If the successor to a Departing Partner does not exercise the option described in <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, the Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner as the General Partner of the Partnership shall be converted into a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner.

4.6. Admission of Substitute Limited Partners and Successor General Partner.

(a) <u>Admission of Substitute Limited Partners</u>. A transferee (which may be the heir or legatee of a Limited Partner) or assignee of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest shall be entitled to receive only the distributive share of the Partnership's Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits attributable to that Partnership Interest. To become a substitute Limited Partner (a "Substitute Limited Partner"),

that transferee or assignee shall (1) obtain the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), (ii) comply with all the requirements of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement with respect to the Transfer of the Partnership Interest at issue, and (iii) execute an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Upon admission of a Substitute Limited Partner, that Limited Partner shall be subject to all of the restrictions applicable to, shall assume all of the obligations of, and shall attain the status of a Limited Partner under and pursuant to this Agreement with respect to the Partnership Interest held by that Limited Partner.

- (b) <u>Admission of Successor General Partner</u>. A successor General Partner selected pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or the transferee of or successor to all of the Partnership Interest of the General Partner pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective as of the date of the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor General Partner or the date of Transfer of that predecessor's Partnership Interest.
- (c) <u>Action by General Partner</u>. In connection with the admission of any substitute Limited Partner or successor General Partner or any additional Limited Partner, the General Partner shall have the authority to take all such actions as it deems necessary or advisable in connection therewith, including the amendment of <u>Exhibit A</u> and the execution and filing with appropriate authorities of any necessary documentation.

ARTICLE 5

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- **5.1. Dissolution.** The Partnership shall be dissolved upon:
- (a) The withdrawal, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the General Partner, or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the General Partner (other than by reason of a Transfer pursuant to Section 4.3(b));
- (b) An election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest; *provided, however*, the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership without the approval of the Limited Partners in order to comply with Section 14 of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; or
 - (c) Any other event that, under the Delaware Act, would cause its dissolution.

For purposes of this Section 5.1, the bankruptcy of the General Partner shall be deemed to have occurred when the General Partner: (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief or is declared insolvent in any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding: (iv) files a petition or answer seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any law; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph; (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties; or (vii) one hundred twenty (120) days expire after the date of the commencement of a proceeding against the General Partner seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or

similar relief under any law if the proceeding has not been previously dismissed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of the appointment, without the General Partner's consent or acquiescence, of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties if the appointment has not previously been vacated or stayed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of expiration of a stay, if the appointment has not previously been vacated.

- 5.1(a), the Partnership shall be deemed to be dissolved and reconstituted if a Majority Interest elect to continue the Partnership within ninety (90) days of that event. If no election to continue the Partnership is made within ninety (90) days of that event, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If an election to continue the Partnership is made upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a), then:
- (a) Within that ninety (90)-day period a successor General Partner shall be selected by a Majority Interest;
- (b) The Partnership shall be deemed to be reconstituted and shall continue until the end of the term for which it is formed unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this <u>Article 5</u>;
- (c) The interest of the former General Partner shall be converted to an interest as a Limited Partner; and
- (d) All necessary steps shall be taken to amend or restate this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose amend this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, as appropriate, without the consent of any Partner.
- Liquidation. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued 5.3. under Section 5.2, the General Partner or, in the event the General Partner has been dissolved, becomes bankrupt (as defined in Section 5.1), or withdraws from the Partnership, a liquidator or liquidating committee selected by a Majority Interest, shall be the Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a Majority Interest. The Liquidator shall agree not to resign at any time without fifteen (15) days' prior written notice and (if other than the General Partner) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a Majority Interest. Upon dissolution, removal, or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers, and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within thirty (30) days thereafter be selected by a Majority Interest. The right to appoint a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be recurring and continuing for so long as the functions and services of the Liquidator are authorized to continue under the provisions hereof, and every reference herein to the Liquidator shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein. Except as expressly provided in this Article 5, the Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided herein. The Liquidator shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership and apply and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation in the following order of priority, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law:

- (a) To the payment of the expenses of the terminating transactions including, without limitation, brokerage commission, legal fees, accounting fees and closing costs;
- (b) To the payment of creditors of the Partnership, including Partners, in order of priority provided by law;
- (c) To the Partners and assignees to the extent of, and in proportion to, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(b)(2); provided, however, the Liquidator may place in escrow a reserve of cash or other assets of the Partnership for contingent liabilities in an amount determined by the Liquidator to be appropriate for such purposes; and
 - (d) To the Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- **5.4. Distribution in Kind.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3 that require the liquidation of the assets of the Partnership, but subject to the order of priorities set forth therein, if on dissolution of the Partnership the Liquidator determines that an immediate sale of part or all of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners and assignees, the Liquidator may defer for a reasonable time the liquidation of any assets except those necessary to satisfy liabilities of the Partnership (other than those to Partners) and/or may distribute to the Partners and assignees, in lieu of cash, as tenants in common and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3, undivided interests in such Partnership assets as the Liquidator deems not suitable for liquidation. Any such distributions in kind shall be subject to such conditions relating to the disposition and management of such properties as the Liquidator deems reasonable and equitable and to any joint operating agreements or other agreements governing the operation of such properties at such time. The Liquidator shall determine the fair market value of any property distributed in kind using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.
- 5.5. Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership property as provided in <u>Sections 5.3</u> and <u>5.4</u>, the Partnership shall be terminated, and the Liquidator (or the General Partner and Limited Partners if necessary) shall cause the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in the State of Delaware and of all qualifications and registrations of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other **than** the State of Delaware and shall take such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership.
- **5.6. Return of Capital.** The General Partner shall not be personally liable for the return of the Capital Contributions of Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be **made** solely from Partnership assets.
- **5.7. Waiver of Partition.** Each Partner hereby waives any rights to partition of the Partnership property.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Amendments to Agreement. The General Partner may amend this Agreement without the consent of any Partner if the General Partner reasonably determines that such amendment is necessary and appropriate; *provided, however, any* action taken by the General Partner shall be subject to its fiduciary duties to the Limited Partners under the Delaware Act; provided further that any amendments

that adversely affect the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may only be made with the consent of such Partner adversely affected.

- **6.2.** Addresses and Notices. Any notice, demand, request, or report required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by United States registered or certified mail to the Partner at his/her/its address as shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in any Partnership Interest by reason of an assignment or otherwise.
- **6.3. Titles and Captions.** All article and section titles and captions in the Agreement are for convenience only, shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, and in no way shall define, limit, extend, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Articles," "Sections" and "Exhibits" of this Agreement. All Exhibits hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- **6.4. Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.
- **6.5. Further Action.** The parties shall execute all documents, provide all information, and take or refrain from taking all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.
- **6.6. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns.
- **6.7. Integration.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.
- **6.8.** Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Partnership.
- **6.9. Waiver.** No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement, or condition.
- **6.10.** Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.
- **6.11. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- **6.12. Invalidity of Provisions.** If any provision of this Agreement is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, in whole or in part, then the parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under that provision, but only to the extent that it is illegal, unenforceable, or void, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying that provision to the extent necessary to make it legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if that is

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not possible, by substituting therefor another provision that is legal and enforceable and achieves the same objectives.

- **6.13.** General Partner Discretion. Whenever the General Partner may use its sole discretion, the General Partner may consider any items it deems relevant, including its own interest and that of its affiliates.
- Mandatory Arbitration. In the event there is an unresolved legal dispute between the 6.14. parties and/or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives that involves legal rights or remedies arising from this Agreement, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration under the authority of the Federal Arbitration Act; provided, however, that the Partnership or such applicable affiliate thereof may pursue a temporary restraining order and /or preliminary injunctive relief in connection with any confidentiality covenants or agreements binding on the other party, with related expedited discovery for the parties, in a court of law, and thereafter, require arbitration of all issues of final relief. The arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, or another mutually agreeable arbitration service. A panel of three arbitrators will preside over the arbitration and will together deliberate, decide and issue the final award. The arbitrators shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. The discovery process shall be limited to the following: Each side shall be permitted no more than (i) two party depositions of six hours each, each deposition to be taken pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; (ii) one non-party deposition of six hours; (iii) twenty-five interrogatories; (iv) twenty-five requests for admissions; (v) ten request for production (in response, the producing party shall not be obligated to produce in excess of 5,000 total pages of documents, including electronic documents); and (vi) one request for disclosure pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Any discovery not specifically provided for in this paragraph, whether to parties or non-parties, shall not be permitted. The arbitrators shall be required to state in a written opinion all facts and conclusions of law relied upon to support any decision rendered. The arbitrators will not have the authority to render a decision that contains an outcome based on error of state or federal law or to fashion a cause of action or remedy not otherwise provided for under applicable state or federal law. Any dispute over whether the arbitrators have failed to comply with the foregoing will be resolved by summary judgment in a court of law. In all other respects, the arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's dispute resolution rules or other mutually agreeable arbitration services rules. All proceedings shall be conducted in Dallas, Texas or another mutually agreeable site. Each party shall bear its own attorneys fees, costs and expenses, including any costs of experts, witnesses and /or travel, subject to a final arbitration award on who should bear costs and fees. The duty to arbitrate described above shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided above, the parties hereby waive trial in a court of law or by jury. All other rights, remedies, statutes of limitation and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law will apply in the arbitration.

Remainder of Page intentionally Left Blank. Signature Page Follows. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND-ADVISORS, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By:

James D. Dondero,

President

LIMITED PARTNERS:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

Name: Nancy M. Dondero

lts: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1

By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura

Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2

By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura

lts: Trustee

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Mark K. Okada

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HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST By: Beacon Mountain L.C., Administrator

EXHIBIT A

	Percenta	ge Interest
CLASS A PARTNERS	By Class	Effective %
GENERAL PARTNER:		
Strand Advisors	0.5573%	0.2508%
LIMITED PARTNERS:		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	74.4426%	0.1866%
Mark K. Okada	19.4268%	0.0487%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #1	3.9013%	0.0098%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #2	1.6720%	0.0042%
Total Class A Percentage Interest	100.0000%	0.500%
CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	55.0000%
CLASS C LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	44.500%
PROFIT AND LOSS AMONG CLASSES		
Class A Partners	0.5000%	
Class B Partners	55.0000%	
Class C Partners	44.5000%	

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO THE

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS ADDENDUM (this "Addendum") to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, as amended from time to time (the "Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the day of, 20_, by and between Strand Advisors, Inc., as the sole General Partner (the "General Partner") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Partnership") and ("") (except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement).
RECITALS:
WHEREAS, the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and without the consent of any Limited Partner, has the authority under (i) Section 4.4 of the Agreement to admit Additional Limited Partners, (ii) Section 4.6 of the Agreement to admit Substitute Limited Partners and (iii) Section 6.1 of the Agreement to amend the Agreement;
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to admit as a Class Limited Partner holding a% Percentage Interest in the Partnership as of the date hereof;
WHEREAS,desires to become a Class Limited Partner and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement to add as a party thereto.
AGREEMENT:
RESOLVED, as a condition to receiving a Partnership Interest in the Partnership,acknowledges and agrees that he/she/it (i) has received and read a copy of the Agreement, (ii) shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and (iii) shall promptly execute an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Partner hereby amends the Agreement to add as a Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall attach this Addendum to the Agreement and make it a part thereof; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of

which together shall constitute one Addendum binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all

such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Addendum as of the day and year above written.

GENERAL PARTNER:

STRAND ADVISORS, INC.

By:

NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

In consideration of the terms of this Addendum and the Agreement, in consideration of the Partnership's allowing the above signed Person to become a Limited Partner of the Partnership, and for other good and valuable consideration receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement as though a party thereto.

SPOUSE OF NEW LIMITED PARTNER:

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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER		
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PLAINTIFFS	DEFEND	ANTS		
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ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	No.) ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
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10501 N. Central Expressway, Suite 106	LLC and Nancy Dondero); Heller, Draper &			
Dallas, Texas 75231 Tel.: (972) 755-7100	L.L.C. (for The Dugaboy Investment Trust)			
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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES				
NAME OF DEBTOR Highland Capital Management, L.P.		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 19-34054-sgj11		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING Northern District of Texas		DIVISION OFFICE Dallas	NAME OF JUDGE Stacey G. C. Jernigan	
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	7	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.	
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE	
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)				
DATE August 27, 2021		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) Zachery Z. Annable		

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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In re:	§	Case No. 19-34054
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Exhibit 5

APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND STAY LITIGATION

Defendants James Dondero, Nancy Dondero and The Dugaboy Investment Trust file this Appendix in Support of their Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation and request the Court take judicial notice of the documents contained herein.

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A	Declaration of Michael P. Aigen in Support of Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation, dated September 1, 2021	App. 1-3
1	Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P.	App. 4-40
2	Excerpts from the Transcript of the Remote Deposition of James Dondero on May 28, 2021, Adversary Proceeding No. 21-3003	App. 41-54
3	Acceptance of Appointment of Family Trustee, executed by Nancy Marie Dondero on October 13, 2015	App. 55-60
4	Trust Agreement Between Dana Scott Breault, Settlor and James D. Dondero and Commonwealth Trust Company, Trustees, The Dugaboy Investment, dated November 15, 2010	App. 61-97

Dated: September 1, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on September 1, 2021, a true and correct copy of this document was served via the Court's CM/ECF system to the parties that are registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

/s/Deborah Deitsch-Perez

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Exhibit 6

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JAMES D. DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO,	§	
AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST	, §	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL P. AIGEN IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND STAY LITIGATION

- I, Michael P. Aigen, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(a), under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:
- 1. I am a member of the law firm of Stinson LLP, counsel to Defendants James Dondero and Nancy Dondero, and I submit this Declaration in support of the *Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation* being filed concurrently with this Declaration. I submit this Declaration based on my personal knowledge and review of the documents listed below.

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2. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of The Fourth Amended and

Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P.

3. Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of excerpts of the May 28, 2021

Remote Deposition of James Dondero Transcript at 176-178; 212:18-25; 213:1-17.

4. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the *Acceptance of Appointment*

of Family Trustee, executed by Nancy Marie Dondero on October 13, 2015.

5. Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of *Trust Agreement Between Dana*

Scott Breault, Settlor and James D. Dondero and Commonwealth Trust Company, Trustees The

Dugaboy Investment, entered November 15, 2010 at Article 5.2.

Dated: September 1, 2021.

/s/ Michael P. Aigen

Michael P. Aigen

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OP 1933 OR UNDER ANY STATE SECURITIES ACTS IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS UNDER THOSE ACTS. THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IS PROHIBITED UNLESS THAT SALE OR DISPOSITION IS MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL SUCH APPLICABLE ACTS. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP is entered into on this 24th day of December, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, by and among Strand Advisors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Strand"), as General Partner, the Limited Partners party hereto, and any Person hereinafter admitted as a Limited Partner.

Certain terms used in this Agreement are defined in Article 2.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

- 1.1. Continuation. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners hereby continue the Partnership as a limited partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act. Except as expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations of the Partners and the administration and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act.
- 1.2. Name. The name of the Partnership shall be, and the business of the Partnership shall be conducted under the name of Highland Capital Management, L.P. The General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall provide Limited Partners with written notice of such name change within twenty (20) days after such name change.
- 1.3. Purpose. The purpose and business of the Partnership shall be the conduct of any business or activity that may lawfully be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act. Any or all of the foregoing activities may be conducted directly by the Partnership or indirectly through another partnership, joint venture, or other arrangement.
- **1.4.** Term. The Partnership was formed as a limited partnership on July 7, 1997, and shall continue until terminated pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5. Partnership Offices; Addresses of Partners.

- (a) <u>Partnership Offices</u>. The registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be 1013 Centre Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1297, and its registered agent for service of process on the Partnership at that registered office shall be Corporation Service Company, or such other registered office or registered agent as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The principal office of the Partnership shall be 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201, or such other place as the General Partner may from time to time designate. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places as the General Partner deems advisable.
- (b) <u>Addresses of Partners</u>. The address of the General Partner is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The address of each Limited Partner shall be the address of that Limited Partner appearing on the books and records of the Partnership. Each Limited Partner agrees to provide the General Partner with prompt written notice of any change in his/her/its address.

ARTICLE 2

DEFINITIONS

- **2.1. Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this Agreement, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary in this Agreement:
- "Additional Capital Contribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b) of this Agreement.
- "Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Partner, the deficit balance, if any, in the Capital Account of that Partner as of the end of the relevant Fiscal Year, or other relevant period, giving effect to all adjustments previously made thereto pursuant to Section 3.7 and further adjusted as follows: (i) credit to that Capital Account, any amounts which that Partner is obligated or deemed obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c); (ii) debit to that Capital Account, the items described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5) and (6); and (iii) to the extent required under the Treasury Regulations, credit to that Capital Account (A) that Partner's share of "minimum gain" and (B) that Partner's share of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain." (Each Partner's share of the minimum gain and partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain shall be determined under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), respectively.)
- "Affiliate" means any Person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Person in question. As used in this definition, the term "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.
- "Agreement" means this Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States or the State of Texas shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 3.7(a).
- "Capital Contribution" means, with respect to any Partner, the amount of money or property contributed to the Partnership with respect to the interest in the Partnership held by that Person.
- "Certificate of Limited Partnership" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware by the General Partner, as that Certificate may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Class A Limited Partners" means those Partners holding a Class A Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.
- "Class A Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class A Limited Partner."

"Class B Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class B Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on Exhibit A.

"Class B Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class B Limited Partner."

"Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which the Class B Limited Partner's aggregate capital contributions, including the original principal balance of the Contribution Note, and reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class B Limited Partner, exceed 75 percent of the product of the Class B Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period.

"Class C Limited Partner" means those Partners holding a Class C Limited Partnership Interest, as shown on $\underline{\text{Exhibit A}}$.

"Class C Limited Partnership Interest" means a Partnership Interest held by a Partner in its capacity as a Class C Limited Partner."

"Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means any period during which an amount equal to \$93,000,000.00 reduced by the aggregate amount of distributions to the Class C Limited Partner after the Effective Date exceeds 75 percent of the product of the Class C Limited Partner's Percentage Interest multiplied by the total book value of the Partnership; provided, however, that the General Partner shall only be required to test for a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period annually, as of the last day of each calendar year; provided further the General Partner must complete the testing within 180 days of the end of each calendar year; provided further that if the test results in a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period, the General Partner may, at its own election, retest at any time to determine the end date of the Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time.

"Contribution Note" means that certain Secured Promissory Note dated December 21, 2015 by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and the Partnership as Payee.

"Default Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(c)(i).

"Defaulting Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(e).

"Delaware Act" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Part IV, Title C, Chapter 17 of the Delaware Corporation Law Annotated, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to that Act.

"Effective Date" means the date first recited above.

"Fiscal Year" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.11(b).

"Founding Partner Group" means, all partners holding partnership interests in the Partnership immediately before the Effective Date.

"General Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; and (ii) has not ceased to be a General Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

"Limited Partner" means any Person who (i) is referred to as such in the first paragraph of this Agreement, or has become a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) has not ceased to be a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

"Liquidator" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.3.

"Losses" means, for each Fiscal Year, the losses and deductions of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any expenditures described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B).

"Majority Interest" means the owners of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Percentage Interests of Class A Limited Partners.

"NAV Ratio Trigger Period" means a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period or a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period.

"Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts" means the excess of (i) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the end of the period being measured over (ii) Restricted Cash plus Management and Incentive Fees Receivable plus Other Assets plus Deferred Incentive Fees Receivable less Accounts Payable less Accrued and Other Liabilities as of the beginning of the period being measured; provided, however, that amounts within each of the aforementioned categories shall be excluded from the calculation to the extent they are specifically identified as being derived from investing or financing activities. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership and appropriate adjustments may be made to the extent the Partnership adds new ledger accounts to its books and records that are current assets or current liabilities.

"New Issues" means Securities that are considered to be "new issues," as defined in the Conduct Rules of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

"Nonrecourse Deduction" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1), as computed under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(c).

"Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(3).

"Operating Cash Flow" means Total Revenue less Total Operating Expenses plus Depreciation & Amortization less Net Increase in Working Capital Accounts year over year. Each of the capitalized terms in this definition shall have the meaning given them in the books and records of the Partnership.

- "Partner" means a General Partner or a Limited Partner.
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(4).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(5).
- "Partnership" means Highland Capital Management, L.P., the Delaware limited partnership established pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Partnership Capital" means, as of any relevant date, the net book value of the Partnership's assets.
- "Partnership Interest" means the interest acquired by a Partner in the Partnership including, without limitation, that Partner's right: (a) to an allocable share of the Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits of the Partnership; (b) to a distributive share of the assets of the Partnership; (c) if a Limited Partner, to vote on those matters described in this Agreement; and (d) if the General Partner, to manage and operate the Partnership.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).
- "Percentage Interest" means the percentage set forth opposite each Partner's name on Exhibit A as such Exhibit may be amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Person" means an individual or a corporation, partnership, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or other entity.
 - "Priority Distributions" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.9(b).
- "Profits" means, for each Fiscal Year, the income and gains of the Partnership determined in accordance with accounting principles consistently applied from year to year employed under the Partnership's method of accounting and as reported, separately or in the aggregate, as appropriate, on the Partnership's information tax return filed for federal income tax purposes, plus any income described in Code Section 705(a)(1)(B).
- "Profits Interest Partner" means any Person who is issued a Partnership Interest that is treated as a "profits interest" for federal income tax purposes.
- "Purchase Notes" means those certain Secured Promissory Notes of even date herewith by and among Hunter Mountain Investment Trust, as maker, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust, The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #1, and The Mark K. Okada, The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust Exempt Trust #2, each as Payees of the respective Secured Promissory Notes.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner for determining the identity of Limited Partners entitled to vote or give consent to Partnership action or entitled to exercise rights in respect of any other lawful action of Limited Partners.

"Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, dated December 21, 2015, to be effective as of December 21, 2015 by and between the Partnership and its Partners, as may be amended, supplemented, or restated from time to time.

"Securities" means the following: (i) securities of any kind (including, without limitation, "securities" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act; (ii) commodities of any kind (as that term is defined by the U.S. Securities Laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder); (iii) any contracts for future or forward delivery of any security, commodity or currency; (iv) any contracts based on any securities or group of securities, commodities or currencies; (v) any options on any contracts referred to in clauses (iii) or (iv); or (vi) any evidences of indebtedness (including participations in or assignments of bank loans or trade credit claims). The items set forth in clauses (i) through (vi) herein include, but are not limited to, capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, reorganization certificates, subscriptions, warrants, rights, options, puts, calls, bonds, mutual fund interests, debentures, notes, certificates of deposit, letters of credit, bankers acceptances, trust receipts and other securities of any corporation or other entity, whether readily marketable or not, rights and options, whether granted or written by the Partnership or by others, treasury bills, bonds and notes, any securities or obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States or any foreign country or any state or possession of the United States or any foreign country or any political subdivision or agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, and derivatives of any of the foregoing.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any successor to such statute.

"Substitute Limited Partner" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.6(a).

"Transfer" or derivations thereof, of a Partnership Interest means, as a noun, the transfer, sale, assignment, exchange, pledge, hypothecation or other disposition of a Partnership Interest, or any part thereof, directly or indirectly, and as a verb, voluntarily or involuntarily to transfer, sell, assign, exchange, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of.

"Treasury Regulations" means the Department of Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, as amended and in effect (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

2.2. Other Definitions. All terms used in this Agreement that are not defined in this <u>Article 2</u> have the meanings contained elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 3

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1. Capital Contributions.

- (a) <u>Initial Capital Contributions</u>. The initial Capital Contribution of each Partner shall be set forth in the books and records of the Partnership.
 - (b) <u>Additional Capital Contributions</u>.

- (i) The General Partner, in its reasonable discretion and for a *bona fide* business purpose, may request in writing that the Founding Partner Group make additional Capital Contributions in proportion to their Percentage Interests (each, an "Additional Capital Contribution").
- (ii) Any failure by a Partner to make an Additional Capital Contribution requested under Section 3.1(b)(i) on or before the date on which that Additional Capital Contribution was due shall result in the Partner being in default.
- (c) <u>Consequences to Defaulting Partners</u>. In the event a Partner is in default under <u>Section 3.1(b)</u> (a "*Defaulting Partner*"), the Defaulting Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, may elect to take either one of the option set forth below.
- Default Loans. If the Defaulting Partner so elects, the General Partner shall make a loan to the Defaulting Partner in an amount equal to that Defaulting Partner's additional capital contribution (a "Default Loan"). A Default Loan shall be deemed advanced on the date actually advanced. Default Loans shall earn interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof at a rate equal to the Applicable Federal Mid-Term Rate (determined by the Internal Revenue Service for the month in which the loan is deemed made) from the date actually advanced until the same is repaid in full. The term of any Default Loan shall be six (6) months, unless otherwise extended by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall not receive any distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(a) or Section 5.3 or any proceeds from the Transfer of all or any part of its Partnership Interest while the Default Loan remains unpaid. Instead, the Defaulting Partner's share of distributions or such other proceeds shall (until all Default Loans and interest thereon shall have been repaid in full) first be paid to the General Partner. Such payments shall be applied first to the payment of interest on such Default Loans and then to the repayment of the principal amounts thereof, but shall be considered, for all other purposes of this Agreement, to have been distributed to the Defaulting Partner. The Defaulting Partner shall be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the General Partner (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements) in connection with any enforcement or foreclosure upon any Default Loan and such costs shall, to the extent enforceable under applicable law, be added to the principal amount of the applicable Default Loan. In addition, at any time during the term of such Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall have the right to repay, in full, the Default Loan (including interest and any other charges). If the General Partner makes a Default Loan, the Defaulting Partner shall be deemed to have pledged to the General Partner and granted to the General Partner a continuing first priority security interest in, all of the Defaulting Partner's Partnership Interest to secure the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Default Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and for such purpose this Agreement shall constitute a security agreement. The Defaulting Partner shall promptly execute, acknowledge and deliver such financing statements, continuation statements or other documents and take such other actions as the General Partner shall request in writing in order to perfect or continue the perfection of such security interest; and, if the Defaulting Partner shall fail to do so within seven (7) days after the Defaulting Partner's receipt of a notice making demand therefor, the General Partner is hereby appointed the attorney-in-fact of, and is hereby authorized on behalf of, the Defaulting Partner, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and take all such other actions as may be required to perfect such security interest. Such appointment and authorization are coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable. The General Partner shall, prior to exercising any right or remedy (whether at law, in equity or pursuant to the terms hereof) available to it in connection with such security interest, provide to the Defaulting Partner a notice, in reasonable detail, of the right or remedy to be exercised and the intended timing of such exercise which shall not be less than five (5) days following the date of such notice.

(ii) <u>Reduction of Percentage Interest</u>. If the Defaulting Partner does not elect to obtain a Default Loan pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)(i)</u>, the General Partner shall reduce the Defaulting Partner's Percentage Interest in accordance with the following formula:

The Defaulting Partner's new Percentage Interest shall equal the product of (1) the Defaulting Partner's current Percentage Interest, multiplied by (2) the quotient of (a) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), divided by (b) the sum of (i) the current Capital Account of the Defaulting Partner (with such Capital Account determined after taking into account a revaluation of the Capital Accounts immediately prior to such determination), plus (ii) the amount of the additional capital contribution that such Defaulting Partner failed to make when due.

To the extent any downward adjustment is made to the Percentage Interest of a Partner pursuant to this Section 3.1(c)(ii), any resulting benefit shall accrue to the Partners (other than the Defaulting Partner) in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

3.2. Allocations of Profits and Losses.

- (a) <u>Allocations of Profits</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Profits for any Fiscal Year will be allocated to the Partners as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners until cumulative Profits allocated under this Section 3.2(a)(ii) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Losses allocated to the Partners under Section 3.2(b)(ii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Losses were allocated; and
- (iii) <u>Then</u>, to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- (b) <u>Allocations of Losses</u>. Except as provided in <u>Sections 3.4</u>, <u>3.5</u>, and <u>3.6</u>, Losses for any Fiscal Year will be allocated as follows:
- (i) <u>First</u>, to the Partners until cumulative Losses allocated under this <u>Section</u> 3.2(b)(i) for all prior periods equal the cumulative Profits allocated to the Partners under <u>Section</u> 3.2(a)(iii) for all prior periods in the inverse order in which such Profits were allocated; and
- (ii) Next, to the Partners in proportion to their respective positive Capital Account balances until the aggregate Capital Account balances of the Partners (excluding any negative Capital Account balances) equal zero; *provided, however,* losses shall first be allocated to reduce amounts that were last allocated to the Capital Accounts of the Partners; and
- (iii) <u>Then</u>, to all Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.

- (c) <u>Limitation on Loss Allocations</u>. If any allocation of Losses would cause a Limited Partner to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit, those Losses instead shall be allocated to the General Partner.
- 3.3. Allocations on Transfers. Taxable items of the Partnership attributable to a Partnership Interest that has been Transferred (including the simultaneous decrease in the Partnership Interest of existing Partners resulting from the admission of a new Partner) shall be allocated in accordance with Section 4.3(d).
- **3.4. Special Allocations.** If the requisite stated conditions or facts are present, the following special allocations shall be made in the following order:
- (a) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, prior to any other allocation under this Agreement, each Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in proportion to, and to the extent of, an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(a) is intended to comply with the partnership minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (b) Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 3 (other than Section 3.4(a)), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt during any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made, any Partner with a share of such Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain as of the beginning of the year shall be specially allocated items of Partnership income and gain for that period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods in an amount equal to that Partner's share of the net decrease in the Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during that year determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g)(2). The items to be so allocated shall be determined in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(g). This Section 3.4(b) is intended to comply with the partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain chargeback requirements of the Treasury Regulations, shall be interpreted consistently with the Treasury Regulations and shall be subject to all exceptions provided therein.
- (c) Qualified Income Offset. If a Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (d)(5) or (d)(6), then items of Partnership income and gain shall be specially allocated to each such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations, the Adjusted Capital Account Deficit of the Partner as quickly as possible; provided, however, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(c) shall be made if and only to the extent that the Partner would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this Article 3 have been tentatively made without considering this Section 3.4(c).
- (d) Gross Income Allocation. If a Partner has a deficit Capital Account at the end of any Fiscal Year of the Partnership that exceeds the sum of (i) the amount the Partner is obligated to restore, and (ii) the amount the Partner is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), then each such Partner shall be specially allocated items of income and gain of the Partnership in the amount of the excess as quickly as possible; provided, however, an allocation pursuant to this Section 3.4(d) shall be made if and only to

the extent that the Partner would have a deficit Capital Account in excess of that sum after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Article 3</u> have been tentatively made without considering <u>Section 3.4(c)</u> or 3.4(d).

- (e) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made shall he allocated among the Partners in accordance with their Percentage interests.
- (f) <u>Partner Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable year or other period for which allocations are made will be allocated to the Partner who bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which the Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i).
- (g) Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any asset of the Partnership under Code Section 734(b) or Code Section 743(b) is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of the adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases the basis of the asset) and that gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to that Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (h) <u>Section 481 Adjustments</u>. Any allocable items of income, gain, expense, deduction or credit required to be made by Section 481 of the Code as the result of the sale, transfer, exchange or issuance of a Partnership Interest will be specially allocated to the Partner receiving said Partnership Interest whether such items are positive or negative in amount.
- 3.5. Curative Allocations. The "Basic Regulatory Allocations" consist of (i) the allocations pursuant to Section 3.2(c), and (ii) the allocations pursuant to Sections 3.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Basic Regulatory Allocations shall be taken into account in allocating items of income, gain, loss and deduction among the Partners so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of the allocations of other items and the Basic Regulatory Allocations to each Partner shall be equal to the net amount that would have been allocated to each such Partner if the Basic Regulatory Allocations had not occurred. For purposes of applying the foregoing sentence, allocations pursuant to this Section 3.5 shall be made with respect to allocations pursuant to Section 3.4 (g) and (h) only to the extent that it is reasonably determined that those allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. To the extent that a special allocation under Section 3.4 is determined not to comply with applicable Treasury Regulations, then the Partners intend that the items shall be allocated in accordance with the Partners' varying Percentage Interests throughout each tax year during which such items are recognized for tax purposes.
- 3.6. Code Section 704(c) Allocations. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss and deduction with respect to property contributed to the capital of the Partnership shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Partners so as to take account of any variation at the time of the contribution between the tax basis of the property to the Partnership and the fair market value of that property. Except as otherwise provided herein, any elections or other decisions relating to those allocations shall be made by the General Partner in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intent of this Agreement. Allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction pursuant to this Section 3.6 are solely for purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, the Capital Account of any Partner or the share

of Profits, Losses, other tax items or distributions of any Partner pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

3.7. Capital Accounts.

- (a) <u>Maintenance of Capital Accounts</u>. The Partnership shall establish and maintain a separate capital account *("Capital Account")* for each Partner in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), subject to and in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Section 3.7.
- (i) The Capital Account balance of each Partner shall be credited (increased) by (A) the amount of cash contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property contributed by that Partner to the capital of the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that contributed property that the Partnership assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), and (C) that Partner's allocable share of Profits and any items in the nature of income or gain which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.4 and 3.5; and
- by (A) the amount of cash distributed to that Partner by the Partnership, (B) the fair market value of property distributed to that Partner by the Partnership (net of liabilities secured by that distributed property that such Partner assumes or takes subject to under Code Section 752), (C) that Partner's allocable share of expenditures of the Partnership described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B), and (D) that Partner's allocable share of Losses and any items in the nature of expenses or losses which are specially allocated pursuant to Sections 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5.

The provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts have been included in this Agreement to comply with Code Section 704(b) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with those provisions. The General Partner may modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts are maintained under this <u>Section 3.7</u> in order to comply with those provisions, as well as upon the occurrence of events that might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with those provisions.

- (b) <u>Negative Capital Accounts</u>. If any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account, that Partner shall have no obligation to restore that negative balance or to make any Capital Contribution by reason thereof, and that negative balance shall not be considered an asset of the Partnership or of any Partner.
- (c) <u>Interest.</u> No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions or on balances in Capital Accounts.
- (d) <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Partner shall be entitled to withdraw any part of his/her/its Capital Contribution or his/her/its Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Partnership, except as provided in <u>Section 3.9</u> and <u>Article 5</u>.
- (e) <u>Loans From Partners</u>. Loans by a Partner to the Partnership shall not be considered Capital Contributions.
- (f) <u>Revaluations</u>. The Capital Accounts of the Partners shall not be "booked-up" or "booked-down" to their fair market values under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704(c)-1(b)(2)(iv)(f) or otherwise.

Distributive Share for Tax Purpose. All items of income, deduction, gain, loss or 3.8. credit that are recognized for federal income tax purposes will be allocated among the Partners in accordance with the allocations of Profits and Losses hereunder as determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the General Partner may (i) as to each New Issue, specially allocate to the Partners who were allocated New Issue Profit from that New Issue any short-term capital gains realized during the Fiscal Year upon the disposition of such New Issue during that Fiscal Year, and (ii) specially allocate items of gain (or loss) to Partners who withdraw capital during any Fiscal Year in a manner designed to ensure that each withdrawing Partner is allocated gain (or loss) in an amount equal to the difference between that Partner's Capital Account balance (or portion thereof being withdrawn) at the time of the withdrawal and the tax basis for his/her/ its Partnership Interest at that time (or proportionate amount thereof); provided, however, that the General Partner may, without the consent of any other Partner, (a) alter the allocation of any item of taxable income, gain, loss, deduction or credit in any specific instance where the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines such alteration to be necessary or appropriate to avoid a materially inequitable result (e.g., where the allocation would create an inappropriate tax liability); and/or (b) adopt whatever other method of allocating tax items as the General Partner determines is necessary or appropriate in order to be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treasury Regulations under Code Sections 704(b) and 704(c).

3.9. Distributions.

- The General Partner may make such pro rata or non-pro rata (a) General. distributions as it may determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, without being limited to current or accumulated income or gains, but no such distribution shall be made out of funds required to make current payments on Partnership indebtedness; provided, however, that the General Partner may not make non-pro rata distributions under this Section 3.9(a) during an NAV Ratio Trigger Period without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner (in the case of a Class B NAV Ratio Trigger Period) and/or the Class C Limited Partner (in the case of a Class C NAV Ratio Trigger Period); provided, further this provision should not be interpreted to limit in any way the General Partner's ability to make non-pro rata tax distributions under Section 3.9(c) and Section 3.9(f). The Partnership has entered into one or more credit facilities with financial institutions that may limit the amount and timing of distributions to the Partners. Thus, the Partners acknowledge that distributions from the Partnership may be limited. Any distributions made to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner pursuant to Section 3.9(b) shall reduce distributions otherwise allocable to such Partners under this Section 3.9(a) until such aggregate reductions are equal to the aggregate distributions made to the Class B Partners and the Class C Partners under Section 3.9(b).
- (b) <u>Priority Distributions</u>. Prior to the distribution of any amounts to Partners pursuant to Section 3.9(a), and notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership shall make the following distributions ("*Priority Distributions*") pro-rata among the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests:
- (i) No later than March 31st of each calendar year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to \$1,600,000.00;
- (ii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the Partnership's investment gain for the prior year, as reflected in the Partnership's books and records within ledger account number 90100 plus three percent (3%) of the gross realized investment gains for the prior year of Highland Select Equity Fund, as reflected in its books and records;

- (iii) No later than March 31st of each year, commencing March 31, 2017, an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the Partnership's Operating Cash Flow for the prior year; and
- (iv) No later than December 24th of each year, commencing December 24, 2016, an amount equal to the aggregate annual principal and interest payments on the Purchase Notes for the then current year.
- (c) <u>Tax Distributions</u>. The General Partner may, in its sole discretion, declare and make cash distributions pursuant hereto to the Partners to allow the federal and state income tax attributable to the Partnership's taxable income that is passed through the Partnership to the Partners to be paid by such Partners (a "*Tax Distribution*"). The General Partner may, in its discretion, make Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group without also making Tax Distributions to other Partners; provided, however, that if the General Partner makes Tax Distributions to the Founding Partner Group, Tax Distributions must also be made the Class B Limited Partner to the extent the Class B Limited Partner provides the Partnership with documentation showing it is subject to an entity-level federal income tax obligation. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement, the General Partner may declare and pay Tax Distributions even if such Tax Distributions cause the Partnership to be unable to make Priority Distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>.
- (d) <u>Payments Not Deemed Distributions</u>. Any amounts paid pursuant to <u>Sections 4.1(e)</u> or <u>4.1(h)</u> shall not be deemed to be distributions for purposes of this Agreement.
- Withheld Amounts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 3.9 to the contrary, each Partner hereby authorizes the Partnership to withhold and to pay over, or otherwise pay, any withholding or other taxes payable by the Partnership with respect to that Partner as a result of that Partner's participation in the Partnership. If and to the extent that the Partnership shall be required to withhold or pay any such taxes, that Partner shall be deemed for all purposes of this Agreement to have received a payment from the Partnership as of the time that withholding or tax is paid, which payment shall be deemed to be a distribution with respect to that Partner's Partnership Interest to the extent that the Partner (or any successor to that Partner's Partnership Interest) is then entitled to receive a distribution. To the extent that the aggregate of such payments to a Partner for any period exceeds the distributions to which that Partner is entitled for that period, the amount of such excess shall be considered a loan from the Partnership to that Partner. Such loan shall bear interest (which interest shall be treated as an item of income to the Partnership) at the "Applicable Federal Rate" (as defined in the Code), as determined hereunder from time to time, until discharged by that Partner by repayment, which may be made in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner out of distributions to which that Partner would otherwise be subsequently entitled. Any withholdings authorized by this Section 3.9(d) shall be made at the maximum applicable statutory rate under the applicable tax law unless the General Partner shall have received an opinion of counsel or other evidence satisfactory to the General Partner to the effect that a lower rate is applicable, or that no withholding is applicable.
- (f) Special Tax Distributions. The Partnership shall, upon request of such Founding Partner, make distributions to the Founding Partners (or loans, at the election of the General Partner) in an amount necessary for each of them to pay their respective federal income tax obligations incurred through the effective date of the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., the predecessor to this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Tolling of Priority Distributions</u>. In the event of a "Honis Trigger Event," as defined in the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, the Partnership shall not make any distributions, including priority distributions under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u>, to the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner until such time as a replacement trust administrator, manager and general partner,

as applicable, acceptable to the Partnership in its sole discretion, as indicated by an affirmative vote of consent by a Majority Interest, shall be appointed to the Class B Limited Partner/Class C Limited Partner and any of its direct or indirect owners that have governing documents directly affected by a Honis Trigger Event.

3.10. Compensation and Reimbursement of General Partner.

- (a) <u>Compensation</u>. The General Partner and any Affiliate of the General Partner shall receive no compensation from the Partnership for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreements unless approved by a Majority Interest; provided, however, that no compensation above five million dollars per year may be approved, even by a Majority Interest, during a NAV Ratio Trigger Period.
- (b) <u>Reimbursement for Expenses</u>. In addition to amounts paid under other Sections of this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall be reimbursed for all expenses, disbursements, and advances incurred or made, and all fees, deposits, and other sums paid in connection with the organization and operation of the Partnership, the qualification of the Partnership to do business, and all related matters.

3.11. Books, Records, Accounting, and Reports.

- (a) Records and Accounting. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, which shall at all times be kept at the principal office of the Partnership or such other office as the General Partner may designate for such purpose. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained for financial reporting purposes on the accrual basis or on a cash basis, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable law. Upon reasonable request, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may inspect the books and records of the Partnership.
- (b) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion.
- (c) Other Information. The General Partner may release information concerning the operations of the Partnership to any financial institution or other Person that has loaned or may loan funds to the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, and may release such information to any other Person for reasons reasonably related to the business and operations of the Partnership or as required by law or regulation of any regulatory body.
- (d) <u>Distribution Reporting to Class B Limited Partner and Class C Limited Partner.</u>
 Upon request, the Partnership shall provide the Class B Limited Partner and/or the Class C Limited Partner information on any non-pro rata distributions made under <u>Section 3.9</u> to Partners other than the Partner requesting the information.

3.12. Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Tax Returns</u>. The General Partner shall arrange for the preparation and timely filing of all returns of Partnership income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and other items necessary for federal, state and local income tax purposes. The General Partner shall deliver to each Partner as copy of his/her/its IRS Form K-1 as soon as practicable after the end of the Fiscal Year, but in no event later than October 1. The classification, realization, and recognition of income, gain, loss, deduction, credit and

other items shall be on the cash or accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes, as the General Partner shall determine in its sole and unfettered discretion. The General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion may pay state and local income taxes attributable to operations of the Partnership and treat such taxes as an expense of the Partnership.

- (b) <u>Tax Elections</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determine whether to make any available tax election.
- (c) <u>Tax Controversies</u>. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated the Tax Matters Partner (as defined in Code Section 6231), and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership, at the Partnership's expense, in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner in connection with such proceedings.
- (d) <u>Taxation as a Partnership</u>. No election shall be made by the Partnership or any Partner for the Partnership to be excluded from the application of any of the provisions of Subchapter K, Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code or from any similar provisions of any state tax laws.

ARTICLE 4

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNERS

- 4.1. Rights and Obligations of the General Partner. In addition to the rights and obligations set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall have the following rights and obligations:
- Management. The General Partner shall conduct, direct, and exercise full control of over all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and Limited Partners shall have no right of control over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted to a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any provision of this Agreement, the General Partner shall have full power and authority to do all things deemed necessary or desirable by it to conduct the business of the Partnership, including, without limitation: (i) the determination of the activities in which the Partnership will participate; (ii) the performance of any and all acts necessary or appropriate to the operation of any business of the Partnership (including, without limitation, purchasing and selling any asset, any debt instruments, any equity interests, any commercial paper, any note receivables and any other obligations); (iii) the procuring and maintaining of such insurance as may be available in such amounts and covering such risks as are deemed appropriate by the General Partner; (iv) the acquisition, disposition, sale, mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, hyphothecation, of exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership; (v) the execution and delivery on behalf of, and in the name of the Partnership, deeds, deeds of trust, notes, leases, subleases, mortgages, bills of sale and any and all other contracts or instruments necessary or incidental to the conduct of the Partnership's business: (vi) the making of any expenditures, the borrowing of money, the guaranteeing of indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, and the incurrence of any obligations it deems necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the payment of compensation and reimbursement to the General Partner and its Affiliates pursuant to Section 3.10; (vii) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including, without limitation, cash on hand) for any Partnership purpose on any terms it sees fit, including, without limitation, the financing of operations of the Partnership, the lending of funds to other Persons, and the repayment of obligations

of the Partnership; (viii) the negotiation, execution, and performance of any contracts that it considers desirable, useful, or necessary to the conduct of the business or operations of the Partnership or the implementation of the General Partner's powers under this Agreement; (ix) the distribution of Partnership cash or other assets; (x) the selection, hiring and dismissal of employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants, contractors, agents and representatives and the determination of their compensation and other teens of employment or hiring; (xi) the formation of any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, or other relationships that it deems desirable and the contribution to such partnerships, ventures, or relationships of assets and properties of the Partnership; and (xii) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including, without limitation, the conduct of any litigation, the incurring of legal expenses, and the settlement of claims and suits.

- (b) <u>Certificate of Limited Partnership</u>. The General Partner caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act and shall cause to be filed such other certificates or documents (including, without limitation, copies, amendments, or restatements of this Agreement) as may be determined by the General Partner to be reasonable and necessary or appropriate for the formation, qualification, or registration and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which Limited Partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in any other state where the Partnership may elect to do business.
- Reliance by Third Parties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this (c) Agreement to the contrary, no lender or purchaser or other Person, including any purchaser of property from the Partnership or any other Person dealing with the Partnership, shall be required to verify any representation by the General Partner as to its authority to encumber, sell, or otherwise use any assess or properties of the Partnership, and any such lender, purchaser, or other Person shall be entitled to rely exclusively on such representations and shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner as if it were the sole party in interest therein, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against any such lender, purchaser, or other Person to contest, negate, or disaffirm any action of the General Partner in connection with any such sale or financing. In no event shall any Person dealing with the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with, and each such Person shall be entitled to rely on the assumptions that the Partnership has been duly formed and is validly in existence. In no event shall any such Person be obligated to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or the General Partner's representative, and every contract, agreement, deed, mortgage, security agreement, promissory note, or other instrument or document executed by the General Partner or the General Partner's representative with respect to any business or property of the Partnership shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (i), at the time of the execution and delivery thereof, this Agreement was in full force and effect; (ii) such instrument or document was duly executed in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership; and (iii) the General Partner or the General Partner's representative was duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any and every such instrument or document for and on behalf of the Partnership.
- (d) <u>Partnership Funds</u>. The funds of the Partnership shall be deposited in such account or accounts as are designated by the General Partner. The General Partner may, in its sole and unfettered discretion, deposit funds of the Partnership in a central disbursing account maintained by or in the name of the General Partner, the Partnership, or any other Person into which funds of the General Partner, the Partnership, on other Persons are also deposited; *provided, however*, at all times books of account are maintained that show the amount of funds of the Partnership on deposit in such account and interest accrued with respect to such funds as credited to the Partnership. The General Partner may use the funds of the Partnership as compensating balances for its benefit; *provided, however*, such funds do

not directly or indirectly secure, and are not otherwise at risk on account of, any indebtedness or other obligation of the General Partner or any director, officer, employee, agent, representative, or Affiliate thereof. Nothing in this Section 4.1(d) shall be deemed to prohibit or limit in any manner the right of the Partnership to lend funds to the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof pursuant to Section 4.1(e)(i). All withdrawals from or charges against such accounts shall be made by the General Partner or by its representatives. Funds of the Partnership may be invested as determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

e) Loans to or from General Partner: Contracts with Affiliates; Joint Ventures.

- (i) The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may lend to the Partnership funds needed by the Partnership for such periods of time as the General Partner may determine; provided, however, the General Partner or its Affiliate may not charge the Partnership interest at a rate greater than the rate (including points or other financing charges or fees) that would be charged the Partnership (without reference to the General Partner's financial abilities or guaranties) by unrelated lenders on comparable loans. The Partnership shall reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliate, as the case may be, for any costs incurred by the General Partner or that Affiliate in connection with the borrowing of funds obtained by the General Partner or that Affiliate and loaned to the Partnership. The Partnership may loan funds to the General Partner and any member of the Founding Partner Group at the General Partner's sole and exclusive discretion.
- (ii) The General Partner or any of its Affiliates may enter into an agreement with the Partnership to render services, including management services, for the Partnership. Any service rendered for the Partnership by the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be on terms that are fair and reasonable to the Partnership.
- (iii) The Partnership may Transfer any assets to joint ventures or other partnerships in which it is or thereby becomes a participant upon terms and subject to such conditions consistent with applicable law as the General Partner deems appropriate; provided, however, that the Partnership may not transfer any asset to the General Partner or one of its Affiliates during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period for consideration less than such asset's fair market value.
- (f) Outside Activities' Conflicts of Interest. The General Partner or any Affiliate thereof and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof shall be entitled to and may have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Partnership, including, without limitation, business interests and activities in direct competition with the Partnership. Neither the Partnership nor any of the Partners shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement or the partnership relationship created hereby in any business ventures of the General Partner, any Affiliate thereof, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of either the General Partner or any Affiliate thereof.
- Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein, whenever a conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any Limited Partner, on the other hand, any action taken by the General Partner, in the absence of bad faith by the General Partner, shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement or any other agreement contemplated herein or a breach of any standard of care or duty imposed herein or therein or under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law, rule, or regulation.
- (h) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless the General Partner and any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of the General Partner (collectively,

the "GP Party"), against all liabilities, losses, and damages incurred by any of them by reason of any act performed or omitted to be performed in the name of or on behalf of the Partnership, or in connection with the Partnership's business, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and any amounts expended in the settlement of any claims or liabilities, losses, or damages, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act; provided, however, the Partnership shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless a GP Party for any action or inaction that constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. The Partnership, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner, may indemnify and hold harmless any Limited Partner, employee, agent, or representative of the Partnership, any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Partnership acting through the General Partner as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, agent, or representative of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, and any other Person to the extent determined by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion, but in no event shall such indemnification exceed the indemnification permitted by the Delaware Act. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 4.1(h) or elsewhere in this Agreement, no amendment to the Delaware Act after the date of this Agreement shall reduce or limit in any manner the indemnification provided for or permitted by this Section 4.1(h) unless such reduction or limitation is mandated by such amendment for limited partnerships formed prior to the enactment of such amendment. In no event shall Limited Partners be subject to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(i) Liability of General Partner.

- (i) Neither the General Partner nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives shall be liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for errors in judgment or for any acts or omissions that do not constitute gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- (ii) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its directors, officers, employees, agents, or representatives, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or representative appointed by the General Partner.

(j) Reliance by General Partner.

- (i) The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, 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.
- (ii) The General Partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers, and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any opinion of any such Person as to matters which the General Partner believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or suffered or omitted by the General Partner hereunder in good faith and in accordance with such opinion.
- (k) The General Partner may, from time to time, designate one or more Persons to be officers of the Partnership. No officer need be a Partner. Any officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the General Partner may, from time to time, delegate to them. The General Partner may assign titles to particular officers, including, without limitation, president, vice president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer. Each officer shall hold office until such Person's successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until such Person's death or

until such Person shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the officers and agents of the Partnership shall be fixed from time to time by the General Partner. Any officer may be removed as such, either with or without cause, by the General Partner whenever in the General Partner's judgment the best interests of the Partnership will be served thereby. Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Partnership may be filled by the General Partner.

- 4.2. Rights and Obligations of Limited Partners. In addition to the rights and obligations of Limited Partners set forth elsewhere in this Agreement, Limited Partners shall have the following rights and obligations:
- (a) <u>Limitation of Liability</u>. Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as provided herein or under the Delaware Act.
- (b) <u>Management of Business</u>. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Return of Capital</u>. No Limited Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement.
- (d) <u>Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement</u>. Each Limited Partner shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (e) <u>Default on Priority Distributions</u>. If the Partnership fails to timely pay Priority Distributions pursuant to Section 3.9(b), and the Partnership does not subsequently make such Priority Distribution within ninety days of its due date, the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may require the Partnership to liquidate publicly traded securities held by the Partnership or Highland Select Equity Master Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership controlled by the Partnership; <u>provided, however</u>, that the General Partner may in its sole discretion elect instead to liquidate other non-publicly traded securities owned by the Partnership in order to satisfy the Partnership's obligations under <u>Section 3.9(b)</u> and this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>. In either case, Affiliates of the General Partner shall have the right of first offer to purchase any securities liquidated under this <u>Section 4.2(e)</u>.

4.3. Transfer of Partnership Interests.

(a) <u>Transfer</u>. No Partnership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of any Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this <u>Section 4.3</u> and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement shall be null and void. An alleged transferee shall have no right to require any information or account of the Partnership's transactions or to inspect the Partnership's books. The Partnership shall be entitled to treat the alleged transferor of a Partnership Interest as the absolute owner thereof in all respects, and shall incur no liability to any alleged transferee for distributions to the Partner owning that Partnership Interest of record or for allocations of Profits, Losses, deductions or credits or for transmittal of reports and notices required to be given to holders of Partnership Interests.

- (b) <u>Transfers by General Partner</u>. The General Partner may Transfer all, but not less than all, of its Partnership Interest to any Person only with the approval of a Majority Interest; provided, however, that the General Partner may not Transfer its Partnership Interest during any NAV Ratio Trigger Period except to the extent such Transfers are for estate planning purposes or resulting from the death of the individual owner of the General Partner. Any Transfer by the General Partner of its Partnership Interest under this <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> to an Affiliate of the General Partner or any other Person shall not constitute a withdrawal of the General Partner under <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, or any other provision of this Agreement. If any such Transfer is deemed to constitute a withdrawal under such provisions or otherwise and results in the dissolution of the Partnership under this Agreement or the laws of any jurisdiction to which the Partnership of this Agreement is subject, the Partners hereby unanimously consent to the reconstitution and continuation of the Partnership immediately following such dissolution, pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u>.
- (c) <u>Transfers by Limited Partners</u>. The Partnership Interest of a Limited Partner may not be Transferred without the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), and in accordance with the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- Distributions and Allocations in Respect of Transferred Partnership Interests. If (d) any Partnership Interest is Transferred during any Fiscal Year in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement, Profits, Losses, and all other items attributable to the transferred interest for that period shall be divided and allocated between the transferor and the transferee by taking into account their varying interests during the period in accordance with Code Section 706(d), using any conventions permitted by law and selected by the General Partner; provided that no allocations shall be made under this Section 4.3(d) that would affect any special allocations made under Section 3.4. All distributions declared on or before the date of that Transfer shall be made to the transferor. Solely for purposes of making such allocations and distributions, the Partnership shall recognize that Transfer not later than the end of the calendar month during which it is given notice of that Transfer; provided, however, if the Partnership does not receive a notice stating the date that Partnership Interest was Transferred and such other information as the General Partner may reasonably require within thirty (30) days after the end of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, then all of such items shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the person who, according to the books and records of the Partnership, on the last day of the Fiscal Year during which the Transfer occurs, was the owner of the Partnership Interest. Neither the Partnership nor any Partner shall incur any liability for making allocations and distributions in accordance with the provisions of this Section 4.3(d), whether or not any Partner or the Partnership has knowledge of any Transfer of ownership of any Partnership Interest.
- (e) <u>Forfeiture of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Contribution Note</u>. In the event any Class B Limited Partnership Interests are forfeited in favor of the Partnership as a result of any default on the Contribution Note, the Capital Accounts and Percentage Interests associated with such Class B Limited Partnership Interests shall be allocated pro rata among the Class A Partners. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) made after the date of such forfeiture shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the Class B Limited Partnership Interest transferred pursuant to this <u>Section 4.3(e)</u> over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any forfeiture of such Class B Limited Partnership Interest.
- (f) <u>Transfers of Partnership Interests Pursuant to the Purchase Notes.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, the Partnership shall respect, and the General Partner hereby provides automatic consent for, any transfers (in whole or transfers of partial interests) of

the Class C Limited Partnership Interests, or a portion thereof, if such transfer occurs as a result of a default on the Purchase Notes. Upon the transfer of any Class C Limited Partnership Interest to any member of the Founding Partner Group (or their assigns), such Class C Limited Partnership Interest shall automatically convert to a Class A Partnership Interest. The Priority Distributions in Section 3.9(b) shall each be reduced by an amount equal to the ratio of the Percentage Interest associated with the transferred Class C Limited Partnership Interest over the aggregate Percentage Interests of all Class B Limited Partnership Interests and Class C Limited Partnership Interests, calculated immediately prior to any transfer of such Class C Limited Partnership Interest.

4.4. Issuances of Partnership Interests to New and Existing Partners.

- (a) <u>Issuance of Partnership Interests to New Limited Partners.</u> The General Partner may admit one or more additional Persons as Limited Partners ("Additional Limited Partners") to the Partnership at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion; provided, however, that the General Partner may only admit additional Persons as Limited Partners in relation to the issuance of equity incentives to key employees of the Partnership; provided, further that the General Partner may not issue such equity incentives to the extent they entitle the holders, in the aggregate, to a Percentage Interest in excess of twenty percent without the consent of the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner. All Class A Limited Partners, the Class B Limited Partner and the Class C Limited Partner shall be diluted proportionately by the issuance of such limited partnership interests. No Person may be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner until he/she/it executes an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.
- (b) <u>Issuance of an Additional Partnership Interest to an Existing Partner.</u> The General Partner may issue an additional Partnership Interest to any existing Partner at such times and upon such terms as it deems appropriate in its sole and unfettered discretion. Upon the issuance of an additional Partnership Interest to an existing Partner, the Percentage Interests of the members of the Founding Partner Group shall be diluted proportionately. Any additional Partnership Interest shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement.

4.5. Withdrawal of General Partner

- (a) Option. In the event of the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership, the departing General Partner (the "Departing Partner") shall, at the option of its successor (if any) exercisable prior to the effective date of the departure of that Departing Partner, promptly receive from its successor in exchange for its Partnership Interest as the General Partner, an amount in cash equal to its Capital Account balance, determined as of the effective date of its departure.
- (b) <u>Conversion</u>. If the successor to a Departing Partner does not exercise the option described in <u>Section 4.5(a)</u>, the Partnership Interest of the Departing Partner as the General Partner of the Partnership shall be converted into a Partnership Interest as a Limited Partner.

4.6. Admission of Substitute Limited Partners and Successor General Partner.

(a) <u>Admission of Substitute Limited Partners</u>. A transferee (which may be the heir or legatee of a Limited Partner) or assignee of a Limited Partner's Partnership Interest shall be entitled to receive only the distributive share of the Partnership's Profits, Losses, deductions, and credits attributable to that Partnership Interest. To become a substitute Limited Partner (a "Substitute Limited Partner"),

that transferee or assignee shall (1) obtain the consent of the General Partner (which consent may be withheld in the sole and unfettered discretion of the General Partner), (ii) comply with all the requirements of this Agreement and the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement with respect to the Transfer of the Partnership Interest at issue, and (iii) execute an Addendum to this Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit B (which may be modified by the General Partner in its sole and unfettered discretion) and an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement. Upon admission of a Substitute Limited Partner, that Limited Partner shall be subject to all of the restrictions applicable to, shall assume all of the obligations of, and shall attain the status of a Limited Partner under and pursuant to this Agreement with respect to the Partnership Interest held by that Limited Partner.

- (b) <u>Admission of Successor General Partner</u>. A successor General Partner selected pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> or the transferee of or successor to all of the Partnership Interest of the General Partner pursuant to <u>Section 4.3(b)</u> shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective as of the date of the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor General Partner or the date of Transfer of that predecessor's Partnership Interest.
- (c) <u>Action by General Partner</u>. In connection with the admission of any substitute Limited Partner or successor General Partner or any additional Limited Partner, the General Partner shall have the authority to take all such actions as it deems necessary or advisable in connection therewith, including the amendment of <u>Exhibit A</u> and the execution and filing with appropriate authorities of any necessary documentation.

ARTICLE 5

DISSOLUTION AND WINDING UP

- **5.1. Dissolution.** The Partnership shall be dissolved upon:
- (a) The withdrawal, bankruptcy, or dissolution of the General Partner, or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the General Partner (other than by reason of a Transfer pursuant to Section 4.3(b));
- (b) An election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest; *provided, however,* the General Partner may dissolve the Partnership without the approval of the Limited Partners in order to comply with Section 14 of the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; or
 - (c) Any other event that, under the Delaware Act, would cause its dissolution.

For purposes of this Section 5.1, the bankruptcy of the General Partner shall be deemed to have occurred when the General Partner: (i) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition; (iii) becomes the subject of an order for relief or is declared insolvent in any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding: (iv) files a petition or answer seeking a reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or similar relief under any law; (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (i) through (iv) of this paragraph; (vi) seeks, consents to, or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties; or (vii) one hundred twenty (120) days expire after the date of the commencement of a proceeding against the General Partner seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation, dissolution, or

similar relief under any law if the proceeding has not been previously dismissed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of the appointment, without the General Partner's consent or acquiescence, of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of the General Partner's properties if the appointment has not previously been vacated or stayed, or ninety (90) days expire after the date of expiration of a stay, if the appointment has not previously been vacated.

- 5.1(a), the Partnership shall be deemed to be dissolved and reconstituted if a Majority Interest elect to continue the Partnership within ninety (90) days of that event. If no election to continue the Partnership is made within ninety (90) days of that event, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If an election to continue the Partnership is made upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a), then:
- (a) Within that ninety (90)-day period a successor General Partner shall be selected by a Majority Interest;
- (b) The Partnership shall be deemed to be reconstituted and shall continue until the end of the term for which it is formed unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this <u>Article 5</u>;
- (c) The interest of the former General Partner shall be converted to an interest as a Limited Partner; and
- (d) All necessary steps shall be taken to amend or restate this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, and the successor General Partner may for this purpose amend this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership, as appropriate, without the consent of any Partner.
- Liquidation. Upon dissolution of the Partnership, unless the Partnership is continued 5.3. under Section 5.2, the General Partner or, in the event the General Partner has been dissolved, becomes bankrupt (as defined in Section 5.1), or withdraws from the Partnership, a liquidator or liquidating committee selected by a Majority Interest, shall be the Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by a Majority Interest. The Liquidator shall agree not to resign at any time without fifteen (15) days' prior written notice and (if other than the General Partner) may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by a Majority Interest. Upon dissolution, removal, or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers, and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within thirty (30) days thereafter be selected by a Majority Interest. The right to appoint a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be recurring and continuing for so long as the functions and services of the Liquidator are authorized to continue under the provisions hereof, and every reference herein to the Liquidator shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein. Except as expressly provided in this Article 5, the Liquidator appointed in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers) to the extent necessary or desirable in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during such period of time as shall be reasonably required in the good faith judgment of the Liquidator to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided herein. The Liquidator shall liquidate the assets of the Partnership and apply and distribute the proceeds of such liquidation in the following order of priority, unless otherwise required by mandatory provisions of applicable law:

- (a) To the payment of the expenses of the terminating transactions including, without limitation, brokerage commission, legal fees, accounting fees and closing costs;
- (b) To the payment of creditors of the Partnership, including Partners, in order of priority provided by law;
- (c) To the Partners and assignees to the extent of, and in proportion to, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(b)(2); provided, however, the Liquidator may place in escrow a reserve of cash or other assets of the Partnership for contingent liabilities in an amount determined by the Liquidator to be appropriate for such purposes; and
 - (d) To the Partners in proportion to their respective Percentage Interests.
- 5.4. Distribution in Kind. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.3 that require the liquidation of the assets of the Partnership, but subject to the order of priorities set forth therein, if on dissolution of the Partnership the Liquidator determines that an immediate sale of part or all of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners and assignees, the Liquidator may defer for a reasonable time the liquidation of any assets except those necessary to satisfy liabilities of the Partnership (other than those to Partners) and/or may distribute to the Partners and assignees, in lieu of cash, as tenants in common and in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3, undivided interests in such Partnership assets as the Liquidator deems not suitable for liquidation. Any such distributions in kind shall be subject to such conditions relating to the disposition and management of such properties as the Liquidator deems reasonable and equitable and to any joint operating agreements or other agreements governing the operation of such properties at such time. The Liquidator shall determine the fair market value of any property distributed in kind using such reasonable method of valuation as it may adopt.
- 5.5. Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership property as provided in Sections 5.3 and 5.4, the Partnership shall be terminated, and the Liquidator (or the General Partner and Limited Partners if necessary) shall cause the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership in the State of Delaware and of all qualifications and registrations of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other than the State of Delaware and shall take such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership.
- 5.6. Return of Capital. The General Partner shall not be personally liable for the return of the Capital Contributions of Limited Partners, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be made solely from Partnership assets.
- **5.7. Waiver of Partition.** Each Partner hereby waives any rights to partition of the Partnership property.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL PROVISIONS

6.1. Amendments to Agreement. The General Partner may amend this Agreement without the consent of any Partner if the General Partner reasonably determines that such amendment is necessary and appropriate; provided, however, any action taken by the General Partner shall be subject to its fiduciary duties to the Limited Partners under the Delaware Act; provided further that any amendments

that adversely affect the Class B Limited Partner or the Class C Limited Partner may only be made with the consent of such Partner adversely affected.

- 6.2. Addresses and Notices. Any notice, demand, request, or report required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by United States registered or certified mail to the Partner at his/her/its address as shown on the records of the Partnership, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in any Partnership Interest by reason of an assignment or otherwise.
- 6.3. Titles and Captions. All article and section titles and captions in the Agreement are for convenience only, shall not be deemed part of this Agreement, and in no way shall define, limit, extend, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions hereof. Except as specifically provided otherwise, references to "Articles," "Sections" and "Exhibits" of this Agreement. All Exhibits hereto are incorporated herein by reference.
- **6.4. Pronouns and Plurals.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns, and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 6.5. Further Action. The parties shall execute all documents, provide all information, and take or refrain from taking all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.
- **6.6. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns.
- 6.7. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.
- **6.8.** Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Partnership.
- 6.9. Waiver. No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement, or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement, or condition.
- **6.10.** Counterparts. This agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.
- **6.11. Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- **6.12.** Invalidity of Provisions. If any provision of this Agreement is declared or found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, in whole or in part, then the parties shall be relieved of all obligations arising under that provision, but only to the extent that it is illegal, unenforceable, or void, it being the intent and agreement of the parties that this Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying that provision to the extent necessary to make it legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if that is

not possible, by substituting therefor another provision that is legal and enforceable and achieves the same objectives.

- 6.13. General Partner Discretion. Whenever the General Partner may use its sole discretion, the General Partner may consider any items it deems relevant, including its own interest and that of its affiliates.
- Mandatory Arbitration. In the event there is an unresolved legal dispute between the 6.14. parties and/or any of their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates or other representatives that involves legal rights or remedies arising from this Agreement, the parties agree to submit their dispute to binding arbitration under the authority of the Federal Arbitration Act; provided, however, that the Partnership or such applicable affiliate thereof may pursue a temporary restraining order and /or preliminary injunctive relief in connection with any confidentiality covenants or agreements binding on the other party, with related expedited discovery for the parties, in a court of law, and thereafter, require arbitration of all issues of final relief. The arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association, or another mutually agreeable arbitration service. A panel of three arbitrators will preside over the arbitration and will together deliberate, decide and issue the final award. The arbitrators shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. The discovery process shall be limited to the following: Each side shall be permitted no more than (i) two party depositions of six hours each, each deposition to be taken pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure; (ii) one non-party deposition of six hours; (iii) twenty-five interrogatories; (iv) twenty-five requests for admissions; (v) ten request for production (in response, the producing party shall not be obligated to produce in excess of 5,000 total pages of documents, including electronic documents); and (vi) one request for disclosure pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Any discovery not specifically provided for in this paragraph, whether to parties or non-parties, shall not be permitted. The arbitrators shall be required to state in a written opinion all facts and conclusions of law relied upon to support any decision rendered. The arbitrators will not have the authority to render a decision that contains an outcome based on error of state or federal law or to fashion a cause of action or remedy not otherwise provided for under applicable state or federal law. Any dispute over whether the arbitrators have failed to comply with the foregoing will be resolved by summary judgment in a court of law. In all other respects, the arbitration process will be conducted in accordance with the American Arbitration Association's dispute resolution rules or other mutually agreeable arbitration services rules. All proceedings shall be conducted in Dallas, Texas or another mutually agreeable site. Each party shall bear its own attorneys fees, costs and expenses, including any costs of experts, witnesses and /or travel, subject to a final arbitration award on who should bear costs and fees. The duty to arbitrate described above shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided above, the parties hereby waive trial in a court of law or by jury. All other rights, remedies, statutes of limitation and defenses applicable to claims asserted in a court of law will apply in the arbitration.

Remainder of Page intentionally Left Blank. Signature Page Follows. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

GENERAL PARTNER:

By:

STRAND ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware corporation

James D. Dondero,

President

LIMITED PARTNERS:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

By: _\angle M. \Dondero \\
Name: Nancy M. Dondero \\
Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1

By:
Name: Lawrence Tonomura

Its: Trustee

THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2

By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura

lts: Trustee

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Mark K. Okada

ear first written above.	
	GENERAL PARTNER:
	STRAND ADVISORS, INC., a Delaware corporation
	By: James D. Dondero, President
	LIMITED PARTNERS:
	THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST
	By: Name: Nancy M. Dondero Its: Trustee
	THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1
	By: Name: Lawrence Tonomura Its Trustee
	THE MARK AND PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #2
	By: Name: Law rence Tonomi ra Its: Trastee
	MARK K. OKADA
	Mark K. Okada

HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST By: Beacon Mountain L.C., Administrator

Name: John Hon

EXHIBIT A

	Percentage Interest	
CLASS A PARTNERS	By Class	Effective %
GENERAL PARTNER:		
Strand Advisors	0.5573%	0.2508%
LIMITED PARTNERS:		
The Dugaboy Investment Trust	74.4426%	0.1866%
Mark K. Okada	19.4268%	0.0487%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #1	3.9013%	0.0098%
The Mark and Pamela Okada Family Trust - Exempt Trust #2	1.6720%	0.0042%
Total Class A Percentage Interest	100.0000%	0.500%
CLASS B LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	55.0000%
CLASS C LIMITED PARTNERS		
Hunter Mountain Investment Trust	100.0000%	44.500%
PROFIT AND LOSS AMONG CLASSES		
Class A Partners	0.5000%	
Class B Partners	55.0000%	
Class C Partners	44.5000%	

EXHIBIT B

ADDENDUM TO THE

FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

THIS ADDENDUM (this "Addendum") to that certain Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P., dated December 24, 2015, to be effective as of December 24, 2015, as amended from time to time (the "Agreement"), is made and centered into as of the day of, 20_, by and between Strand Advisors, Inc., as the sole General Partner (the "General Partner") of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Partnership") and ("") (except as otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Agreement).
RECITALS:
WHEREAS, the General Partner, in its sole and unfettered discretion, and without the consent of any Limited Partner, has the authority under (i) Section 4.4 of the Agreement to admit Additional Limited Partners, (ii) Section 4.6 of the Agreement to admit Substitute Limited Partners and (iii) Section 6.1 of the Agreement to amend the Agreement;
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to admit as a Class Limited Partner holding a% Percentage Interest in the Partnership as of the date hereof;
WHEREAS,desires to become a Class Limited Partner and be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and
WHEREAS, the General Partner desires to amend the Agreement to add as a party thereto.
AGREEMENT:
RESOLVED, as a condition to receiving a Partnership Interest in the Partnership,acknowledges and agrees that he/she/it (i) has received and read a copy of the Agreement, (ii) shall be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and (iii) shall promptly execute an addendum to the Second Amended Buy-Sell and Redemption Agreement; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, the General Partner hereby amends the Agreement to add as a Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall attach this Addendum to the Agreement and make it a part thereof; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, this Addendum may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one Addendum binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart.

above written.	ned have executed this Addendum as of the day and year
	GENERAL PARTNER:
	STRAND ADVISORS, INC.
	By: Name: Title:
	NEW LIMITED PARTNER:
AGREED AND ACCEPTED:	
allowing the above signed Person to become a Li	and the Agreement, in consideration of the Partnership's imited Partner of the Partnership, and for other good and y acknowledged, the undersigned shall be bound by the a party thereto.
SPOUSE OF NEW LIMITED PARTNER:	
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          IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
            FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
                       DALLAS DIVISION
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     In re:
     HIGHLAND CAPITAL
                                         Case No.
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     MANAGEMENT, LP,
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                                        Chapter 11
                Debtor,
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     HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT,
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     LP,
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                Plaintiff,
                                     ) Adversary No.
                                       21-03003-sqi
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          VS.
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     JAMES D. DONDERO,
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                Defendant.
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                   REMOTE DEPOSITION OF
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                        JAMES DONDERO
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                       Dallas, Texas
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               Friday, 28th day of May, 2021
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     Job No. 194690
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     Reported by:
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     Daniel J. Skur, Notary Public and CSR
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              28th day of May, 2021
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           Remote Deposition of JAMES DONDERO,
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     Skur, Notary Public and Certified Shorthand
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     Reporter in and for the State of Texas
     located in Waxahachie, Texas.
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          New York, New York 10017
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                John Morris, Esq.
          BY:
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                Gregory Demo, Esq.
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          Stinson
          Attorney(s) for The Witness
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          3102 Oak Lawn Avenue
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          Dallas, Texas 75219
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                Deborah Deitsch-Perez
          BY:
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                Michael Aigen, Esq.
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                Paul Lackey, Esq.
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          Sidley Austin
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          Attorney(s) for The Committee
          2021 McKinney Avenue
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          Dallas, Texas 75201
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          BY:
                Paige Montgomery, Esq.
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     ALSO PRESENT:
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                Davor Rukavina, NexPoint
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                La Asia Canty
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                IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED
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     by and between the attorneys for the respective
     parties herein, that filing and sealing be and
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     the same are hereby waived.
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                IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED
     that all objections, except as to the form of
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     the question, shall be reserved to the
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     time of the trial.
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     that the within deposition may be sworn to and
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     signed before any officer authorized to
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     administer an oath, with the same force and
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     effect as if signed and sworn to before the
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     Court.
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                      JAMES DONDERO
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          being conducted remotely in accordance with
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          the Current Emergency Order regarding the
          COVID-19 State of Disaster.
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          May, 2021. The time is 9:33 a.m. Daylight
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          Dallas, Texas.)
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                      JAMES DONDERO,
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      having been duly cautioned and sworn to tell
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     the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
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               truth, testified as follows:
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                        (9:33 A.M.)
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                       EXAMINATION
     BY MR. MORRIS:
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                Good morning, Mr. Dondero.
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          Q.
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          Α.
                Morning.
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                It's John Morris, again, from
          Ο.
     Pachulski on behalf of the debtor. We're here
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     for your deposition today.
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                Do you understand that?
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Page 176 Dondero - 5-28-2021 1 BY MR. MORRIS: 2. Mr. Dondero, can you describe for 3 Ο. 4 me -- withdrawn. 5 Did you discuss with your sister 6 Nancy, the agreement that's referred to in 7 paragraph 40? Α. The agreement to subsequent 8 9 conditions, yes, absolutely. But this 10 agreement that's on the screen, I've never --I've never -- I've never shown her this 11 12 document or talked to her about it. 13 Ο. I'm not asking about the document. 14 I'm not asking about the document. I'm asking 15 about the agreement that's referred to in 16 paragraph 40. 17 Do you understand that? 18 Yes. And, yes, we had several Α. conversations about it. 19 20 Okay. Can you describe for me Q. everything you remember about your discussions 21 22 with Nancy concerning the agreement that's 23 referred to in paragraph 40? 24 That the loans that were in place Α.

would be forgiven upon a monetization -- the

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- 2 favorable monetization of certain large or
- 3 liquid assets on the Highland balance sheet;
- 4 and the three that were focused on was MGM,
- 5 Trussway, and Cornerstone.
- 6 Q. Did she say anything in response?
- 7 A. Just, "How much are we talking
- 8 about?" And I told her it was about 9 million
- 9 in aggregate, and -- and I told her that it
- 10 was -- that the forgiveness or the compensation
- 11 was compliant regarding any credit covenants or
- 12 Hunter Mountain covenants --
- 13 Q. Do you recall any --
- 14 A. -- that -- that if it were to be
- 15 forgiven, that additional compensation would be
- 16 compliant or permitted and really not material
- 17 relative to any outstanding credit agreements
- 18 that Highland had or agreements with Hunter
- 19 Mountain.
- 20 Q. Is this something that you discussed
- 21 with her, or is this just information that
- 22 you're giving me?
- 23 A. This is what I discussed -- that's
- 24 almost the entirety of the conversation. It
- 25 happened over a couple different conversations,

Page 178 Dondero - 5-28-2021 1 2. but... Did anybody participate in any of 3 Ο. the conversations you're describing other than 4 you and your sister? 5 6 Α. I don't believe it was necessary, it 7 didn't include anybody else. Okay. Again, I'm not here to 8 Ο. 9 question. I'm just looking for facts, 10 Mr. Dondero. 11 So nobody participated in any of these conversations that you can recall other 12 13 than you and Nancy; is that correct? 14 Α. Correct, that I -- yes, there was 15 never a third party involved in our 16 conversations. I don't know -- I don't think she discussed it with anybody else, but I don't 17 18 know. Did -- was the agreement subject to 19 Ο. 20 any negotiation? Did she make any counterproposal of any kind? 21 22 No, I -- again, I believe both Α. 23 of our views at the time was that it was

immaterial to Highland overall or any other

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agreements.

Page 212 Dondero - 5-28-2021 1 three assets would trigger the conditions 3 subsequent? 4 Α. Correct. Okay. And who decided whether the 5 Ο. asset was sold on a favorable basis? 6 7 Who made that decision, under your agreement with Nancy? 8 9 Α. It was just defined relative to 10 cost, so it was just -- it was just a factual -- there's nothing to decide. It would 11 12 just be a factual answer. 13 So, I just want to make sure I 14 understand. 15 Your agreement with Nancy was that 16 17 Yes. Α. -- that -- all right. Withdrawn. 18 Q. 19 Your agreement with Nancy in January 20 or February 2019, was that if any of MGM, 21 Cornerstone, or Trussway was sold at cost, the 22 debtor would forgive your obligations under the 23 three notes. 24 Do I have that right? 25 MS. DEITSCH-PEREZ: Object to the

Page 213 Dondero - 5-28-2021 1 form. If any of them were sold above cost, 3 Α. 4 it would -- monetization would trigger the -the three notes -- forgiveness of the three 5 6 notes, yes. 7 BY MR. MORRIS: Okay. And I just want to see if I 8 Ο. 9 can understand: Did you and Nancy discuss in 10 January or February 2019 how much above cost the sale would have to be in order for the 11 12 debtor to forgive your obligations under the 13 three notes? 14 MS. DEITSCH-PEREZ: Object to the 15 form. 16 Α. No. It just had to be above cost, not a amount above cost. 17 18 BY MR. MORRIS: 19 Ο. Okay. 20 Because just monetizing it -- just Α. 21 monetizing it and getting liquidity for an 22 illiquid investment, even if it was at cost, is good. So something above cost is great. And 23 24 those are all big assets, and the notes were

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small.

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                  CERTIFICATE
     STATE OF TEXAS
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     COUNTY OF ELLIS
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                I, Daniel J. Skur, a Notary Public
          within and for the State of Texas, do
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          hereby certify:
                That JAMES DONDERO, the witness whose
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          deposition is hereinbefore set forth, was
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          duly sworn by me and that such deposition
          is a true record of the testimony given by
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          such witness.
            That pursuant to Rule 30 of the Federal
          Rules of Civil Procedure, signature of the
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          witness was not reserved by the witness or
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          other party before the conclusion of the
          deposition;
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                I further certify that I am not
          related to any of the parties to this
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          action by blood or marriage; and that I am
          in no way interested in the outcome of this
          matter.
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                IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
          set my hand this 28th day of May, 2021.
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          Daniel J. Skur
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          Notary Public, State of Texas.
          My Commission Expires 7/7/2022
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          TSG Reporting, Inc.
          228 East 45th Street, Suite 810
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          New York, New York
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          (877) 702-9580
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ERRATA SHEET FOR THE TRANSCRIPT OF:

Case Name:

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:)	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL)	Case No.
MANAGEMENT, LP,)	19-34054 L.P
Debtor,)	Chapter 11
)	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Adversary No
vs.)	21-03003-sgi
JAMES D. DONDERO,)	•
Defendant.)	
Dep. Date: 05/28/2021	,	
Deponent: JAMES DONDERO		

Reason codes:

- 1. To clarify the record.
- 2. To conform to the facts.
- 3. To correct transcription errors.

CORRECTIONS:

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JAMES DONDERO

SU	BSCRIBEI	D AND	SWQRN	BEFORE	ME

THIS 29 DAY OF June 202

LINDA LAUCHNER
Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 06-19-2025
Notary ID 1049001

(Notary Public) MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST James D. Dondero, Primary Beneficiary

October 12, 2015

Dana Scott Breault 5207 Scarborough Lane Dallas, Texas 75287

Cynthia D. M. Brown, President Commonwealth Trust Company 29 Bancroft Mills Road #2 Wilmington, Delaware 19806

Re: The Dugaboy Investment Trust

Dear Ms. Breault,

I, James D. Dondero, am writing to inform you that on October 12, 2015, I received notice from Grant James Scott that he will cease to serve as Family Trustee of The Dugaboy Investment Trust (the "Trust") and shall stop performing all duties and responsibilities undertaken as Family Trustee of the Trust.

Pursuant to the attached Resignation of Family Trustee from Grant James Scott, I appoint Nancy Marie Dondero as the successor Family Trustee of the Trust.

This letter and the attached Resignation of Family Trustee shall satisfy my obligations under Section 5.2 of that Trust Agreement entered into on November 15, 2010 to provide you, Settlor, with notice of my appointment of a successor Family Trustee.

Very truly yours.

James D. Dondero

Exhibit 9

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST Grant James Scott, Family Trustee

October 12, 2015

Dana Scott Breault 5207 Scarborough Lane Dallas, Texas 75287

Cynthia D. M. Brown, President Commonwealth Trust Company 29 Bancroft Mills Road #2 Wilmington, Delaware 19806

Re: The Dugaboy Investment Trust

Dear Ms. Breault,

I, Grant James Scott, am writing to inform you that as of October 12, 2015, I will cease to serve as Family Trustee of The Dugaboy Investment Trust (the "**Trust**") and shall stop performing all duties and responsibilities undertaken as Family Trustee of the Trust pursuant to the attached Resignation of Family Trustee.

This letter and the attached Resignation of Family Trustee shall satisfy my obligations under Section 5.1 of that Trust Agreement entered into on November 15, 2010 to provide you, Settlor, with written notice of my resignation.

Grant James Scott

Very truly yours,

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RESIGNATION OF FAMILY TRUSTEE

I, GRANT JAMES SCOTT, do hereby acknowledge that I voluntarily tender my resignation as Family Trustee of The Dugaboy Investment Trust pursuant to that Trust Agreement, dated November 15, 2010 by, between and among Dana Scott Breault, as Settlor, and Common Wealth Trust Company, as Administrative Trustee.

This resignation shall take effect immediately upon the execution hereof and delivery of a written acknowledged instrument wherein NANCY MARIE DONDERO accepts the trust and the position of Family Trustee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby sign my Resignation as Family Trustee of the above trust.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Family

10/12/2015 Date

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared GRANT JAMES SCOTT known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

MICAELA SUE ALLEN Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires January 15, 2019

[SEAL]

Expiration: Lamany

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF FAMILY TRUSTEE

I, NANCY MARIE DONDERO, appointed as Family Trustee under Article V, Section 5.2(a)(i) of The Dugaboy Investment Trust, dated November 15, 2010 (the "Trust"), hereby acknowledge and accept the position of Family Trustee of the Trust and hereby agree to faithfully perform all the duties and adopt all of the obligations imposed.

Signed this 3th day of October, 2015.

Vancy Marie Dondero
NANCY MARIE DONDERO
Family Trustee

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

Before me, a notary public, on this day personally appeared **NANCY MARIE DONDERO** known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this / day of October, 2015.

MICAELA SUE ALLEN
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
January 15, 2019

[SEAL]

Notary Public's Signature

Expiration: January 15, 2019

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DELIVERY

I, JAMES D. DONDERO, acknowledge that this Acceptance of Appointment of Family Trustee by NANCY MARIE DONDERO was delivered to and received by me on October ___, 2015.

James D. Dondero

TRUST AGREEMENT

Between

DANA SCOTT BREAULT, Settlor

and

JAMES D. DONDERO and COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY, Trustees

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

WINSTEAD PC DALLAS, TEXAS

> Exhibit 10

THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

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THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST

AGREEMENT OF TRUST made and entered into at Dallas, Texas, this _____ day of October, 2010, by and between DANA SCOTT BREAULT, as Settlor, and JAMES D. DONDERO, and COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY, as Trustees.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

The following terms, as used in this Trust Agreement, have the meanings set forth below, unless another meaning is clearly indicated by context or circumstances:

- 1.1 Settlor. "Settlor" means DANA SCOTT BREAULT.
- 1.2 Jim. "Jim" means JAMES D. DONDERO.
- 1.3 <u>Trustees</u>. The initial Trustee of each trust created hereunder is JAMES D. DONDERO. "Trustee" means any person or entity serving as Trustee, whether original or successor and whether one or more in number. "Administrative Trustee" means COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY in its capacity as Administrative Trustee, and any successor Administrative Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.2(c). "Independent Trustee" means GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III, (upon his acceptance as set forth in Section 5.2(b)) in his capacity as Trustee, and any successor Independent Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.2(b). "Family Trustee" means JAMES D. DONDERO in his capacity as Trustee, and any successor Family Trustee appointed in accordance with Section 5.2(a). The rights, powers, duties, and obligations, of the Family Trustee, Independent Trustee and Administrative Trustee are to be exercised and allocated pursuant to Section 6.2 of this Trust Agreement.
- 1.4 <u>Children</u>. "Children" means REESE AVRY DONDERO, JAMESON DRUE DONDERO, and any other child born to or adopted by Jim after the date of this Trust Agreement. "Child" means one of the Children.
- 1.5 <u>Descendants</u>. "Descendants" means the legitimate children of the person designated and the legitimate lineal descendants of such children, and includes any person adopted before attaining age fifteen (15) and the adopted person's legitimate lineal descendants. A posthumous child shall be considered as living at the death of his parent.
- 1.6 <u>Code</u>. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and corresponding provisions of future federal tax law.
- 1.7 <u>Per Stirpes</u>. "<u>Per Stirpes</u>," when used with respect to a distribution of property among a class of beneficiaries, shall mean by representation; that is, the Descendants of a deceased ancestor take the share such ancestor would have received had he or she been living, and the issue of a living ascendant would not take in competition with such ascendant. The <u>per</u>

stirpital allocation shall commence with the most senior generation that has a living representative.

ARTICLE II

FUNDING

Settlor has transferred to the Trustee, without consideration, One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) which shall be administered and distributed in accordance with the terms of this Trust Agreement. Settlor and others may transfer to the Trustee properties acceptable to them, to be added to the trust estate. The Trustee shall administer the initial trust estate pursuant to the terms of Section 3.1.

ARTICLE III

DISTRIBUTION OF PRINCIPAL AND INCOME

- 3.1 <u>Trust for Jim</u>. The trust for the benefit of Jim shall be administered and distributed upon the following terms:
 - (a) <u>Distributions to Jim</u>. The Family Trustee may distribute to Jim so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Family Trustee deems necessary to provide for Jim's maintenance, support and health. Undistributed income shall be accumulated and added to principal. In exercising its discretion, the Family Trustee shall take into account the following factors:
 - (i) Jim is the primary beneficiary of the trust.
 - (ii) The Family Trustee shall take into consideration in determining Jim's needs any other income or resources known upon reasonable inquiry by the Family Trustee to be available to Jim for these purposes.
 - (iii) Settlor's intention to assist or enable Jim to obtain and furnish a home commensurate with his standard of living.
 - (iv) Settlor's intention to assist or enable Jim to obtain capital to enter a business or profession.
 - (v) Any federal, state or local income taxes imposed on Jim as a result of the income and/or gains from the trust
 - (b) <u>Distributions by Independent Trustee</u>. The Independent Trustee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, distribute to Jim so much of the income and principal of the trust as the Independent Trustee shall deem appropriate or advisable. It is Settlor's intention to give the Independent Trustee the broadest discretion possible in determining the amount and timing of distributions of income and principal hereunder and Settlor recognizes that the Independent Trustee may, in the exercise of its discretion, determine

to distribute the entire trust estate to Jim or to make no distributions to Jim during Jim's disability or for so long as Jim shall have a judgment outstanding, or for so long as any distribution might be lost to Jim's creditors. It is also Settlor's intention and desire for the Independent Trustee to consider any federal, state or local income taxes imposed on Jim as a result of the income and/or gains from the trust in determining the amount of distributions to be made to Jim under this subsection (b).

- (c) Inter Vivos Special Power of Appointment. During Jim's lifetime, he shall have a special power to appoint any part or all of the trust estate to any individual or entity, except that no appointment shall be made to Jim, his creditors, his estate, or the creditors of his estate. Valid appointments may be in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions as Jim shall determine and evidence by written instrument delivered to the Trustee which specifically refers to this power of appointment and expresses the intention to exercise it; provided that such power of appointment shall not extend to any life insurance policies insuring Jim's life that constitute a part of the trust estate; and provided further that Jim shall not have a power to appoint by deed to or for the benefit of Jim or any individual or entity if such appointment has the effect of satisfying Jim's contractual or legal obligations. Any exercise of this power of appointment must be made in an executed and acknowledged written instrument delivered to the Trustee which to be effective must refer specifically to the power granted under this Section 3.1(c).
- Independent Trustee's Power to Grant Testamentary General Power of Appointment. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Independent Trustee, by signed acknowledged instrument delivered to Jim, may grant Jim a testamentary general power of appointment (as defined in Sections 2041 of the Code) over part or all of the trust estate, provided, however, that such power of appointment shall only be effective in an amount up to but not in excess of the amount, if any, above which any further addition to the amount subject to the power of appointment would increase the Net Death Taxes (as hereinafter defined) by an amount equal to or greater than the decrease in the generation-skipping transfer tax that would result from such further addition. Unless Jim's will provides otherwise by express reference to this Trust Agreement and the above power of appointment, the increase in the Net Death Taxes resulting from such power shall be paid from that amount of the principal of the trust estate over which the power is exercisable. As used in this section, the term "Net Death Taxes" shall mean the aggregate death taxes (including, without limitation, Federal, state, local and other estate taxes and inheritance taxes but exclusive of interest and penalties), after taking into account all applicable credits, payable with respect to Jim's estate.
 - (i) If Jim has one or more other general powers of appointment exercisable and measured substantially as provided in subsection (d) above, the amount that Jim may appoint under subsection (d) shall be reduced proportionally, based on the net fair market values of the principal of the trusts with respect to which such powers are exercisable as of the date of Jim's death, so that the aggregate of the amount so appointable under this Trust Agreement and the amount or amounts so appointable pursuant to such other power or powers

together shall be no greater than the amount otherwise appointable under subsection (d) above.

- (ii) The scope and terms of the power shall be defined in the instrument. Before such a power is exercised by Jim and the exercise becomes effective, the Independent Trustee may, in a similar manner, revoke or alter the power which was granted. This power shall not apply if the trust has an inclusion ratio of zero for generation-skipping transfer tax purposes. Jim shall not have a general power of appointment over any part of the trust estate unless such power is specifically granted to Jim by the Independent Trustee pursuant to this subsection.
- (e) <u>Termination</u>. If not earlier terminated by distribution of the entire trust estate under the foregoing provisions, the trust shall terminate upon Jim's death. Upon termination of the trust, the Trustee shall distribute the balance of the trust estate as follows:
 - (i) <u>Pursuant to General Testamentary Power of Appointment</u>. This paragraph (i) shall apply if, but only if, the Independent Trustee grants Jim a general testamentary power of appointment pursuant to subsection (d) above and the Independent Trustee has not revoked the grant of that general power prior to the date of Jim's death. In that event, if Jim validly exercises such general testamentary power of appointment, the Trustee shall distribute so much of the trust estate then remaining as is validly appointed by Jim pursuant to such power in accordance with the terms of such appointment.
 - (ii) Special Testamentary Power of Appointment. This paragraph (ii) shall apply to so much of the trust estate then remaining as is not distributed pursuant to paragraph (i) above. The Trustee shall distribute the trust estate to such one or more individuals and entities, in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions, as Jim appoints by will or codicil which specifically refers to this power of appointment and expresses the intention to exercise it. However, Jim may not appoint to Jim, Jim's estate, Jim's creditors, or creditors of Jim's estate.
 - (iii) <u>Alternative Disposition</u>. The remaining and unappointed trust estate shall be held in trust or distributed as follows:
 - (1) If one or more of Jim's Descendants are then living, the Trustee shall divide the trust estate into separate equal shares, one for each then living Child and one for the then living Descendants, collectively, of each deceased Child with one or more Descendants then living. The Trustee shall administer a share for each Child in a separate trust for the primary benefit of the Child and for the Child's Descendants pursuant to Section 3.2 hereof. The Trustee shall administer a share for the Descendants of each deceased Child pursuant to Section 3.3 hereof.

- (2) If none of Jim's Descendants is then living, the trust estate shall be administered or distributed in accordance with Section 3.4 hereof.
- 3.2 <u>Trust for Child</u>. All property directed to be administered in a separate trust for a Child under this Section 3.2 shall be administered and distributed for the Child's benefit upon the following terms:
 - (a) <u>Distributions to Child</u>. The Trustee may distribute to the Child so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee deems necessary to provide for the Child's reasonable maintenance, support, health and education. In exercising its discretion, the Trustee shall take into account the following factors:
 - (i) The Child's standard of living at the creation of the trust.
 - (ii) The Child is the primary beneficiary of the trust.
 - (iii) The Trustee shall take into consideration, in determining the Child's needs, any other income or resources known upon reasonable inquiry by it to be available to the Child for these purposes.
 - (iv) Settlor's intention to enable or assist each Child to pursue vocational, college, graduate, and/or professional education as long as in the Trustee's judgment it is pursued to the Child's advantage and to receive an excellent earlier education.
 - (v) Settlor's intention that the trust distributions not serve as a disincentive to the Child's motivation to provide for her own needs in life.
 - (b) <u>Distributions to Child's Descendants</u>. The Trustee may distribute to the Child's Descendants so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee, in its discretion, deems necessary to provide for their reasonable maintenance, support, health and education. In exercising its discretion, the Trustee shall take into account the following factors:
 - (i) The primary purpose of the trust.
 - (ii) The respective needs of each Descendant.
 - (iii) The Trustee shall take into consideration, in determining a Descendant's needs, any other income or resources known upon reasonable inquiry by it to be available to the Descendant for these purposes.
 - (iv) Settlor's intention to enable or assist each Descendant to pursue vocational, college, graduate, and/or professional education as long as in the Trustee's judgment it is pursued to the Descendant's advantage and to receive an excellent earlier education.

(v) Settlor's intention that the trust distributions not serve as a disincentive to a Descendant's motivation to provide for his or her own needs in life, and Settlor's instruction to the Trustee to terminate or lessen distributions to a Descendant if that objective, in the judgment of the Trustee, would thereby be served.

Distributions hereunder need not be equal among the Descendants, and the Trustee may make distributions to one or more Descendants to the exclusion of others. Distributions shall be charged against the trust estate as a whole, and not against the distributive share of any Descendant upon termination of the trust.

- (c) <u>Inter Vivos Special Power of Appointment</u>. The Child, acting in the Child's individual capacity, shall have a special power to appoint the income and principal of the trust to or for the benefit of one or more members of the limited class consisting of the Descendants of the Children, in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions, as the Child shall direct; provided that the Child shall not have a power to appoint by deed to or for the benefit of any individual if such appointment has the effect of satisfying a contractual obligation or legal support obligation of the Child. This power of appointment may be exercised subject to such terms and conditions as the Child shall direct, including an appointment in further trust, but no trust created by the exercise of such power may extend beyond the maximum term allowable with respect to any trust created under this Trust Agreement. Any exercise of this power of appointment must be made in an executed and acknowledged written instrument delivered to the Trustee which to be effective must refer specifically to the power granted under this Section 3.2(c).
- (d) Termination. If not earlier terminated by distribution of the entire trust estate under the foregoing provisions, the trust shall terminate upon the death of the Child. Upon termination, the Trustee shall distribute the trust estate then remaining, or any part thereof, to such one or more members of the limited class consisting of Jim's Descendants, in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions, as the Child shall appoint by will or codicil which specifically refers to this power of appointment and expresses the intention to exercise it. However, the Child may not appoint to the Child, the Child's creditors, estate, or creditors of the Child's estate. The trust property not appointed by the Child in accordance with this special power of appointment shall be administered by the Trustees for the Child's then living Descendants pursuant to Section 3.3 hereof. If there are no Descendants of the Child then living, the Trustee shall distribute the remaining trust estate to Jim's then living Descendants, Per Stirpes. If any property is distributable to a person for whose benefit a trust which was established under this Trust Agreement is then being administered, the property shall be added to that trust and administered according to its terms. If no Descendant of Jim is then living, the Trustee shall administer or distribute the remaining trust estate pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof.
- 3.3 <u>Trusts for Descendants</u>. The Trustee shall divide property which is to be administered under this Section 3.3 for the Descendants of a deceased Child, among such

Descendants, Per Stirpes. The Trustee shall administer each share created for a Descendant of a deceased Child (the "Beneficiary") in a separate trust for the Beneficiary's benefit upon the following terms:

- (a) <u>Distributions</u>. The Trustee shall distribute to the Beneficiary so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee deems necessary for the Beneficiary's reasonable maintenance, support, health and education. In exercising its discretion, the Trustee shall take into account the following factors:
 - (i) The Beneficiary's standard of living at the creation of the trust.
 - (ii) The Beneficiary is the primary beneficiary of the trust.
 - (iii) The Trustee shall take into consideration, in determining the Beneficiary's needs, any other income or resources known upon reasonable inquiry by it to be available to the Beneficiary for these purposes.
 - (iv) Settlor's intention to enable or assist each Beneficiary to pursue vocational, college, graduate, and/or professional education as long as in the Trustee's judgment it is pursued to the Beneficiary's advantage and to receive an excellent earlier education.
 - (v) Settlor's intention that the trust distributions not serve as a disincentive to the Beneficiary's motivation to provide for his or her own needs in life.
- (b) <u>Distributions to Beneficiary's Descendants</u>. The Trustee may distribute to the Beneficiary's Descendants so much of the net income and principal of the trust as the Trustee, in its discretion, deems necessary to provide for their reasonable maintenance, support, health and education. In exercising its discretion, the Trustee shall take into account the following factors:
 - (i) The primary purpose of the trust.
 - (ii) The respective needs of each Descendant.
 - (iii) The Trustee shall take into consideration, in determining a Descendant's needs, any other income or resources known upon reasonable inquiry by it to be available to the Descendant for these purposes.
 - (iv) Settlor's intention to enable or assist each Descendant to pursue vocational, college, graduate, and/or professional education as long as in the Trustee's judgment it is pursued to the Descendant's advantage and to receive an excellent earlier education.
 - (v) Settlor's intention that the trust distributions not serve as a disincentive to a Descendant's motivation to provide for his or her own needs in

life, and Settlor's instruction to the Trustee to terminate or lessen distributions to a Descendant if that objective, in the judgment of the Trustee, would thereby be served.

Distributions hereunder need not be equal among the Descendants, and the Trustee may make distributions to one or more Descendants to the exclusion of others. Distributions shall be charged against the trust estate as a whole, and not against the distributive share of any Descendant upon termination of the trust.

- Inter Vivos Special Power of Appointment. The Beneficiary, acting in the Beneficiary's individual capacity, shall have a special power to appoint the income and principal of the trust to or for the benefit of one or more members of the limited class consisting of Jim's Descendants in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions, as the Beneficiary shall direct; provided that the Beneficiary shall not have a power to appoint by deed to or for the benefit of any individual if such appointment has the effect of satisfying a contractual obligation or legal support obligation of the Beneficiary. Furthermore, the Beneficiary may not appoint to the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's creditors, estate or creditors of the Beneficiary's estate. This power of appointment may be exercised subject to such terms and conditions as the Beneficiary shall direct, including an appointment in further trust, but no trust created by the exercise of such power may extend beyond the maximum term allowable with respect to any trust created under this Trust Agreement. Any exercise of this power of appointment must be made in an executed and acknowledged written instrument delivered to the Trustee which to be effective must refer specifically to the power granted under this Section 3.3(c).
- (d) Termination. If not earlier terminated by distribution of the entire trust estate under the foregoing provisions, the trust shall terminate at the death of the Beneficiary. Upon termination, and except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.5 hereof, the Trustee shall distribute the trust estate then remaining, or any part thereof to such one or more members of the limited class consisting of Jim's Descendants, in such amounts and proportions and upon such terms and conditions, as the Beneficiary shall appoint by will or codicil which specifically refers to this power of appointment and expresses the intention to exercise it. However, the Beneficiary may not appoint to the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's creditors, estate or creditors of the Beneficiary's estate. The trust property not effectively appointed by the Beneficiary in accordance with this special power of appointment or pursuant to Section 3.5 hereof shall be distributed, Per Stirpes, to: the Beneficiary's Descendants living at the termination of the trust; or if there are no such Descendants then living, to the then living Descendants of the Child who was the parent of the Beneficiary; or if there are no such Descendants then living, to Jim's then living Descendants. If any property is distributable under this subsection to a Child, such property shall be added to the Child's Trust and administered pursuant to the terms of Section 3.2. If any property is distributable under this subsection to a Descendant of Jim (other than a Child), such property shall be administered in trust for such Descendant's benefit pursuant to the terms of this Section 3.3. If no Descendant of Jim is then living,

the Trustee shall administer or distribute the remaining trust estate pursuant to Section 3.4 hereof.

3.4 <u>Contingent Distribution</u>. If Jim and Jim's Descendants are all are deceased and no other disposition of the trust estate is called for in this Trust Agreement, the trust estate then remaining shall be distributed to those persons other than creditors and Settlor who, under the laws of Texas in force at that time, would have taken the personal property of Jim had he died intestate, a single person without Descendants, domiciled in the State of Texas, the moment after the event causing the distribution hereunder, the shares and proportions of taking to be determined by Texas laws.

3.5 General Power of Appointment for Certain Beneficiaries.

- Except as provided in subsection (c) below, any provision of this Trust (a) Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, at the death of any individual ("such beneficiary") at whose death the generation-skipping transfer tax would, but for the provisions of this section, be applicable with respect to any trust created under this Trust Agreement, the Trustees shall pay out of the principal of such trust such amount as such beneficiary, by express provision referring to this Trust Agreement and this power of appointment in his or her will, appoints, to or among such beneficiary's creditors, up to but not in excess of the amount, if any, above which any further addition to the amount subject to the power of appointment would increase the Net Death Taxes (as hereinafter defined) by an amount equal to or greater than the decrease in the generation-skipping transfer tax that would result from such further addition. Unless such beneficiary's will otherwise provides by express reference to this Trust Agreement and the above power of appointment, the increase in the Net Death Taxes resulting from such power shall be paid from that amount of the principal of such trust over which such power is exercisable. The foregoing provisions of this section shall be effective only if the Trustees make a determination that the generation-skipping transfer tax would not be applicable with respect to the amount of such trust over which such power is exercisable. As used in this section, the term "Net Death Taxes" shall mean "the aggregate death taxes (including, without limitation, federal, state, local and other estate taxes and inheritance taxes but exclusive of interest and penalties), after taking into account all applicable credits, payable with respect to the estate of such beneficiary."
- (b) If under the will of any individual or individuals and/or any other trust instrument or instruments, such beneficiary has one or more other general powers of appointment exercisable and measured substantially as provided in subsection (a) above, the amount such beneficiary may appoint under subsection (a) shall be reduced proportionally, based on the net fair market values of the principal of the trusts with respect to which such powers are exercisable as of the date of death of such beneficiary, so that the aggregate of the amount so appointable under this Trust Agreement and the amount or amounts so appointable pursuant to such other power or powers together shall be no greater than the amount otherwise appointable under subsection (a) above.

- (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the trust administered for Jim under Section 3.1.
- 3.6 <u>Postponement of Distribution</u>. Upon termination of any trust established hereunder, if any property is distributable to a beneficiary who is then under age twenty-five (25), or who, because of age, physical or mental weakness, or for any other reason is, in the sole discretion of the Trustee, unable to manage the property, the Trustee shall retain such property in a separate trust for the benefit of that beneficiary, until he or she attains age twenty-five (25) and in the sole discretion of the Trustee becomes able to manage the property. At that time, the remaining trust property shall be distributed to the beneficiary and the separate trust shall terminate. During the term of the trust, the Trustee shall distribute to the beneficiary so much of the net income and principal as the Trustee deems necessary to provide for the beneficiary's health, support, maintenance and education. If the beneficiary dies before the termination of the trust, the then remaining trust estate shall be distributed to the beneficiary's estate.

ARTICLE IV

PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRIBUTION

- 4.1 <u>Withdrawal Right</u>. Jim shall have the right, following a contribution to Jim's trust, to make a withdrawal in accordance with the provisions of this section unless the transferor indicates otherwise when making the transfer. A separate withdrawal right shall attach to each separate contribution of properties to Jim's trust. If a transferor is married at the time of contribution to the Trustee, then solely for purposes of the withdrawal rights granted in this Section 4.1, unless the transferor notifies the Trustee in writing to the contrary, such contribution shall be treated as two separate contributions having been made one-half (1/2) by the transferor and one-half (1/2) by the transferor's spouse, regardless of whether the property contributed is community property and regardless of whether they elect to treat such contribution as having been made one-half by each of them for Federal gift tax purposes. Any person making a contribution to Jim's trust may give the Trustee written instructions that no withdrawal right is to be granted, or that alternative withdrawal rights are to be granted with respect to the contribution being made.
 - (a) <u>Amount That May Be Withdrawn</u>. When a contribution is made, Jim may withdraw the lesser of the following amounts:
 - (i) the maximum present interest exclusion amount permitted, under Section 2503(b) of the Code, or any similar succeeding statute (such amount being \$12,000 at the date of execution of this Trust Agreement), less the cumulative value of all previous known gifts to or for the benefit of Jim by the same transferor during the same calendar year which would qualify for the present interest exclusion; or
 - (ii) the remainder determined by subtracting Jim's cumulative rights of withdrawal with respect to any other gifts from any transferor that are either

currently outstanding or that have previously lapsed (but not including the present right of withdrawal) during the same calendar year from the greater of (1) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or (2) Five Percent (5%) of the total value of Jim's trust determined as of the date the current withdrawal power is to lapse (such value may be estimated by the Trustee), or (3) any greater withdrawal power, the lapse of which would not constitute a release of such power under Sections 2041(b)(2) and 2514(e) of the Code or any similar subsequent statute; or

- (iii) the value of the contribution that is subject to the withdrawal right.
- (b) Withdrawal Period and Notice. Unless directed to the contrary by the transferor, the Trustee shall promptly provide Jim with written notice of the date of the contribution, the name of the transferor, the value of the properties contributed, and the value of Jim's withdrawal right. Withdrawals may be made at any time for a period of thirty (30) days following Jim's receipt of the notice of the existence of the withdrawal right. During any period that Jim lacks legal capacity, Jim's guardian or other legal representative, other than Settlor, may exercise Jim's withdrawal right on Jim's behalf. If Jim does not exercise the withdrawal right before the expiration of that period, the unexercised right shall lapse. For purposes of this section, the term "contribution" means any cash or other property which is transferred to the Trustee as part of the trust estate. The value of any contribution to the trust estate shall be its value for federal gift tax purposes.
- (c) Payment of Withdrawal Amount. If Jim exercises his withdrawal right, payment of the amount due shall be made in cash immediately upon receipt by the Trustee of a demand in writing from Jim or his guardian or other legal representative, other than Settlor. Upon the exercise of a withdrawal right, payment shall be made, first, from any gifts made to Jim's trust prior to the exercise of such withdrawal right, but during the same calendar year in which the withdrawal right is exercised, and shall be charged against the trust. Should such gift or gifts not consist of sufficient cash to satisfy the exercised withdrawal right, the Trustee shall use other liquid assets of Jim's trust for such purpose. Should Jim's trust not contain sufficient liquid assets to satisfy an exercised withdrawal right when made, the Trustee shall borrow funds in order to satisfy the demand and shall, if necessary, pledge trust property to secure the loan.
- (d) <u>Distributions During Withdrawal Period</u>. If any contribution is made subject to a withdrawal right, the Trustee shall not make any distributions under any other provision of the Trust Agreement which would prevent the Trustee from being able to satisfy fully any unexpired right of withdrawal.
- (e) <u>Lapse of Withdrawal Right</u>. In the event Jim allows a withdrawal right granted under this Section 4.1 to lapse with respect to a contribution, or any portion thereof, the Trustee is authorized to characterize such lapse as a "release" for purposes of Section 678(a) of the Code.

- 4.2 Restriction Upon Alienation. No beneficiary may anticipate, by assignment or otherwise, his beneficial interest in the principal or income of the trust estate; nor may any beneficiary sell, transfer, encumber, or in any way charge his interest in trust income or principal prior to actually receiving it. Neither the income nor the principal of any trust established hereunder shall be subject to any execution, garnishment, attachment, bankruptcy, claims for alimony or support, other legal proceeding of any character, legal sequestration, levy or sale, or in any other event or manner be applicable or subject, voluntarily or involuntarily, to the payment of a beneficiary's debts. The Trustee shall make distributions to or for each beneficiary according to the terms hereof, notwithstanding any purported sale, assignment, hypothecation, transfer, attachment, or judicial process. The provisions of this section shall not limit or detract from any power of appointment or withdrawal right granted to any beneficiary herein.
- 4.3 <u>Distributions Constitute Separate Property</u>. Settlor intends to make a gift to each beneficiary hereunder of only that portion of the income and principal of each trust that is in fact distributed to such beneficiary. Inasmuch as the amounts actually distributed to a beneficiary hereunder constitute the gift Settlor contemplated making, such distributions, whether they be income or principal, shall constitute the separate property of such beneficiary and not the community property of such beneficiary. Furthermore, it is Settlor's intention that no beneficiary shall have any interest in any undistributed income or principal until the distribution of such income or principal and, accordingly, such undistributed income and principal shall not be deemed the community property of any such beneficiary and that beneficiary's spouse.
- 4.4 Method of Payment. The Trustee, in its discretion, may make distributions to any beneficiary, including a beneficiary who is under a physical, mental, or legal disability (minority or other), in any one or more of the following ways: directly to the beneficiary without the intervention of any legal guardian or other legal representative; as expenditures in the beneficiary's behalf; to the guardian, committee, conservator, or other similar official acting for the beneficiary; to a custodian for the beneficiary under a Uniform Transfers to Minors Act or Uniform Gifts to Minors Act; to a relative of the beneficiary or to any suitable person with whom the beneficiary resides or who has care or custody of the beneficiary; and in all ways provided by law for gifts or other transfers to or for minors or other persons under disability. In each case, receipt by the beneficiary or other person to whom payment is made or a distribution entrusted shall be a complete discharge of the Trustee with respect thereto. The Trustee may act upon such evidence as it deems appropriate and reliable in determining a beneficiary's ability to manage property and identifying a proper recipient of trust funds hereunder.
- 4.5 <u>Evidence of Need</u>. In exercising its discretion under this Trust Agreement, the Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon the written certification of a beneficiary or of another as to the nature and extent of a beneficiary's needs, and the adequacy of the beneficiary's resources apart from the trust to meet those needs. The Trustee may, but shall not be required to, make inquiry into the accuracy of the information it receives
- 4.6 <u>Termination of Small Trust</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Trust Agreement to the contrary, the Trustee may at any time terminate any trust when in its judgment the trust is so small that it would be inadvisable or uneconomical to continue the trust administration. In the event of termination, the Trustee shall distribute the trust to the income

beneficiaries of the trust determined at the time of distribution in the proportions to which they are entitled to receive income. If at that time rights to income are not fixed by the terms of the trust, distribution shall be made to the persons to whom the Trustee may then distribute income, in proportions determined in the Trustee's discretion, exercised consistently with the trust's purposes. Distribution of trust funds in the manner herein provided shall relieve the Trustee of any further responsibility with respect to such funds. This section shall not apply to a Trustee with respect to any trust of which such Trustee is a beneficiary, or if Trustee has duty to support the beneficiary or to any Trustee who may be removed and replaced by a beneficiary of the trust unless the successor trustee must be a corporate fiduciary or someone who is not related or subordinate to the beneficiary within the meaning of Section 672(c) of the Code. The provisions of this section shall not limit or detract from any withdrawal right granted to any beneficiary herein.

4.7 Generation-Skipping Transfer Taxes and Payment. It is Settlor's intent that the trusts created hereunder be exempt from Generation-Skipping Transfer Taxes. If, however, the Trustee considers any distribution or termination of an interest or power in a trust to be a taxable distribution (a "Distribution") or a taxable termination (a "Termination"), or a direct skip (a "Direct Skip") for generation-skipping transfer tax purposes, the Trustee may exercise the following authorities with respect to any such Distribution, Termination or Direct Skip. In the case of a Distribution, the Trustee may increase the amount to be distributed by an amount estimated to be sufficient to permit the beneficiary receiving such Distribution to pay the estimated generation-skipping tax attributable to such Distribution. Generally, the Trustee would not be expected to augment any partial terminating distribution in order to pay generation-skipping transfer taxes attributable to such partial terminating distribution from a trust. In the case of a Termination or Direct Skip, the Trustee shall pay the generation-skipping transfer tax attributable to such Termination or Direct Skip, and may postpone final termination of any trust or the complete funding of any Direct Skip, and may withhold all or any portion of the trust property, until the Trustee is satisfied it no longer has any liability to pay any generation-skipping transfer tax with reference to the Termination or Direct Skip. generation-skipping transfer tax is imposed in part by reason of property held in trust under a Settlor's will or codicil, and in part by reason of other property, the Trustee shall pay only the portion of such tax that is fairly attributable to the Distribution, Termination, or Direct Skip hereunder, taking into consideration deductions, exemptions, credits and other factors which the Trustee deems appropriate. The Trustee may, but need not make any equitable adjustments among beneficiaries of a trust as a consequence of additional distributions or generation-skipping transfer tax payments made with respect to Distributions or Terminations or Direct Skips.

ARTICLE V

THE TRUSTEE

5.1 <u>Resignation of Trustee</u>. The Trustee may resign as to any one or more of the trusts created hereunder by giving written notice to Settlor, if living; otherwise to the current income beneficiary of the trust.

5.2 Appointment and Succession of Trustees.

(a) <u>Generally</u>.

- (i) Family Trustee. Jim is the initial Family Trustee of all trusts created hereunder. If Jim ceases to act as Family Trustee, or if any successor Family Trustee fails or ceases to act, Jim may appoint a successor Family Trustee within thirty (30) days of a vacancy arising. If Jim is deceased or if Jim otherwise fails to appoint a successor, GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III is appointed as successor Family Trustee. If GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III fails or ceases to act as Family Trustee, or if any other Family Trustee fails or ceases to act, and a successor is not appointed by Jim as provided above, JOHN WILLIAM HONIS is appointed as successor Family Trustee. If JOHN WILLIAM HONIS fails or ceases to act as Family Trustee, and a successor is not appointed by Jim as provided above, the Family Trustee last serving shall appoint a successor Family Trustee. If a successor Family Trustee is not appointed within sixty (60) days of a vacancy arising, the successor Family Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof.
- (ii) Independent Trustee. GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III is appointed as the initial Independent Trustee and shall begin serving as such upon delivery of a written acknowledged instrument to the Family Trustee wherein GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III accepts the trust and the position of Independent Trustee. If GRANT JAMES SCOTT, III, fails or ceases to act, or if any other Independent Trustee fails or ceases to act, Jim may appoint a successor within thirty days (30) of the vacancy arising; provided that Jim shall not serve as Independent Trustee and a successor Independent Trustee appointed by Jim may not be related or subordinate to Jim within the meaning of Section 672(c) of the Code. If a successor is not so appointed, JOHN WILLIAM HONIS is appointed Independent Trustee. If JOHN WILLIAM HONIS fails or ceases to act as Independent Trustee, and a successor is not appointed by Jim as provided above, the Independent Trustee last serving may appoint the successor Independent Trustee. If a successor Independent Trustee is not so appointed within sixty (60) days of a vacancy arising, a successor Independent Trustee shall be appointed pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof.
- (iii) Administrative Trustee. COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY is the initial Administrative Trustee. If COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY fails or ceases to serve, Jim may appoint a successor Administrative Trustee within thirty days (30) of the vacancy arising. If a successor is not so appointed, the Family Trustee may appoint a successor Administrative Trustee within sixty (60) days of the vacancy arising. If a successor is not so appointed, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as provided for the Family Trustee under subsection (a) above. The selection of the Administrative Trustee can have a substantial impact on the situs of the trust, which should be considered in appointing a successor Administrative Trustee.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Trust Agreement to the contrary, no Administrative Trustee may be appointed under this paragraph if the appointment of such Administrative Trustee would change the situs of the trust to a jurisdiction that has a rule against perpetuities or similar rule which limits the period during which property can be held in trust

The Administrative Trustee shall act in a fiduciary capacity but shall not be a Trustee or co-Trustee except to the extent and for the limited purposes described in Section 6.2. Accordingly, no reference in this Trust Agreement to the "Trustee" or "co-Trustee" shall include, or be deemed to refer to, the Administrative Trustee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the same individual or bank or trust company may serve simultaneously as both a Trustee or co-Trustee and as Administrative Trustee for any trust created hereunder. The initial Administrative Trustee and each successor may resign at any time and may be removed at any time by the Family Trustee.

For services rendered as Administrative Trustee under this Agreement, any Administrative Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for his, her or its services, as well as be entitled to reimbursement for all expenses reasonably incurred in performing his, her or its duties hereunder. Any Administrative Trustee may receive (or retain) payment in accordance with its schedule or rates as published from time to time and as in effect at the time such compensation becomes payable, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Family Trustee.

No termination fee shall be charged upon removal or resignation of an Administrative Trustee. However, such Administrative Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for time and materials for additional services over and above Administrative Trustee's normal duties in transferring trust assets and administration of the trust to the new Administrative Trustee.

- (b) <u>Successor Trustee</u>. If a named or appointed successor Trustee fails or ceases to serve and no other successor is named or appointed pursuant to subsection (a) hereof, a majority in number of the beneficiaries to whom the Trustee is to or may distribute income at that time may appoint the successor Trustee, and each shall have a reasonable time in which to act. If a successor Trustee is not so appointed, any beneficiary of a trust may secure the appointment of a successor Trustee by a court of competent jurisdiction at the expense of the trust estate.
- (c) <u>Manner of Appointment; Permissible Trustees</u>. Appointment, other than by a court, shall be by a signed, acknowledged instrument delivered to the appointed Trustee. An appointment may be made before a vacancy arises, to become effective in the event of the vacancy with the last such instrument to control. The successor Trustee appointed by Jim or a Trustee may be one or more persons and/or entities; provided that neither Settlor nor Jim shall serve as Independent Trustee and a successor Independent Trustee appointed by Jim may not be related or subordinate to Jim within the meaning of

Section 672(c) of the Code. Any other successor Trustee shall be a trust company or a bank in the United States having trust powers with not less than Fifty Million Dollars unimpaired capital and surplus. A successor Trustee shall have a reasonable time after a vacancy occurs in which to accept the office by signed, acknowledged instrument delivered to those making the appointment, if living, or to the then current beneficiaries to whom the Trustees are to or may make distributions.

- 5.3 Removal of Trustee. Jim shall have the power to remove the Trustee of any trust created hereunder, without cause. If Jim is deceased or if Jim is incapacitated within the meaning of Section 5.11 hereof, the primary beneficiary (or, if more than one, a majority of the primary beneficiaries) of a trust may remove any Trustee without cause. Removal shall be effected by delivering to the Trustee a signed acknowledged instrument which is effective thirty (30) days from its receipt (unless a shorter period is agreed to by the Trustee).
- 5.4 <u>Succession of Corporate Trustee</u>. If any corporate Trustee before or after qualification changes its name, becomes consolidated or merged with another corporation, or otherwise reorganizes, any resulting corporation which succeeds to the fiduciary business of such corporate Trustee shall become a Trustee hereunder in lieu of such corporate Trustee.
- 5.5 <u>Trustee's Fees</u>. Jim and Jim's Descendants shall not receive a fee for serving as Trustee. Any other Trustee shall be entitled to reasonable fees commensurate with its duties and responsibilities, taking into account the value and nature of the trust estate and the time and work involved. The Trustee shall be reimbursed for reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with its fiduciary duties hereunder.
 - 5.6 <u>Bond</u>. The Trustee shall not be required to furnish bond or other security.

5.7 Liability of Trustee.

- (a) <u>Generally</u>. A Trustee other than a corporate trustee shall only be liable for willful misconduct or gross negligence, and shall not be liable for breach of fiduciary duty by virtue of mistake or error in judgment.
- (b) Administrative Trustee. Every act done, power exercised or obligation assumed by the Administrative Trustee pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be done, exercised or assumed, as the case may be, by the Administrative Trustee acting in a fiduciary capacity and not otherwise, and every person, firm, corporation or other entity contracting or otherwise dealing with the Administrative Trustee shall look only to the funds and property of the trust fund for payment under such contract or payment of any money that may become due or payable under any obligation arising under this Agreement, in whole or in part, and the Administrative Trustee shall not be individually liable therefor even though the Administrative Trustee did not exempt himself, herself or itself from individual liability when entering into any contract, obligation or transaction in connection with or growing out of the trust fund.

The decision of the Administrative Trustee hereunder with respect to the exercise or nonexercise by such Administrative Trustee of any power hereunder, or the time or

manner of the exercise thereof, made in good faith, shall fully protect such Administrative Trustee and shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all persons interested in the Trust or the income therefrom. To the extent permitted under applicable law, the Administrative Trustee acting hereunder shall not be responsible for any error of judgment or mistake of fact or law, absent bad faith or willful misconduct.

The Administrative Trustee shall be liable hereunder only for the Administrative Trustee's bad faith or willful misconduct proved by clear and convincing evidence in the court then having primary jurisdiction over the trust. The Administrative Trustee shall not be personally liable for making any delegation that is authorized under this Agreement, nor for any action taken without the Administrative Trustee's express agreement, nor for any failure to act absent willful misconduct. The Administrative Trustee shall not be liable for relying absolutely on (i) any apparently valid documents and certifications including, but not limited to, tax reports and other tax information provided to the Administrative Trustee by any entity in which the trust fund holds an ownership interest; and (ii) the opinions of counsel or any accountant to any trust.

Prior to the death of Settlor, the Administrative Trustee shall be under no duty to inform any person having a beneficial interest in any trust created hereunder of the existence of any such trust or the nature and extent of that person's beneficial interest in, or rights with respect to, any such trust. Following the death of Settlor, the Administrative Trustee shall be under no duty to inform any person, other than the primary beneficiary of each trust hereunder, having a beneficial interest in any trust created hereunder of the existence of such trust or the nature and extent of that person's beneficial interest in, or rights with respect to, any such trust.

While not required, the same procedure used to settle the Administrative Trustee's accounts may also be employed to obtain the conclusive consent by the beneficiaries to the Administrative Trustee's specific conduct of any other particular matter. The Administrative Trustee and each former Administrative Trustee shall be indemnified and held harmless by each trust created hereunder against any threatened, pending or completed action, claim, demand, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, falling within the exculpatory provisions of this Section or to which the Administrative Trustee is made a party, or threatened to be made a party, by reason of serving as Administrative Trustee if the Administrative Trustee acted in good faith, subject to the limitations set forth above. Such indemnification shall include expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually incurred by the Administrative Trustee in connection with such action, claim, demand, suit or proceeding. The cost of indemnification shall be apportioned against the various trusts created hereunder as the Administrative Trustee reasonably considers appropriate, taking into account the nature of the claims involved.

The Administrative Trustee shall not have any fiduciary responsibility to observe, monitor or evaluate the actions of any Trustee or other fiduciary and shall not be liable to any party for the failure to seek to attempt to prevent a breach of trust, or failure to remedy a breach of trust, or in a recurring situation to request instructions from a court

having jurisdiction over the trust. In no event shall any Administrative Trustee hereunder be liable for any matter with respect to which he, she or it is not authorized to participate hereunder (including the duty to review or monitor trust investments).

Any Successor Administrative Trustee shall be deemed vested with all the duties, rights, titles and powers, whether discretionary or otherwise, as if originally named as Administrative Trustee. No Successor Administrative Trustee shall be personally liable for any act or failure to act of any predecessor Administrative Trustee or any other Trustee. The Successor Administrative Trustee may accept the account rendered and the property delivered by the predecessor Administrative Trustee as a full and complete discharge to the predecessor Administrative Trustee, without incurring any liability for so doing.

- 5.8 <u>Predecessor Fiduciary</u>. No successor Trustee shall be obligated or required to inquire into the acts, omissions, or accounts of any prior trustee or to bring any action against any prior trustee to compel redress of any breach of trust or for any other reason. In no event shall a successor Trustee be liable for any act or omission of any prior Trustee. A successor Trustee may accept the account rendered and the property received from a prior Trustee as a full and complete discharge to the prior Trustee without incurring any liability for doing so. A successor Trustee shall have all of the powers and discretions conferred in the governing instrument upon the original trustee.
- 5.9 <u>Periodic Accounting</u>. The Trustee may from time to time render an informal account, statement or report of its administration of each separate trust hereunder to each beneficiary who during the period covered by the account was entitled absolutely to a current payment of income or principal from the trust, or, if there is no such beneficiary, to such beneficiaries who are entitled absolutely or in the discretion of the Trustee to a payment of income or principal from the trust. If any beneficiary or legal representative or parent of a beneficiary who is not of full age or legal capacity to whom any such account is rendered shall not, within ninety (90) days after the mailing of such statement, have notified the Trustee in writing of its disapproval of the same, such statement shall be deemed to be approved

No Administrative Trustee shall be required to file or render periodic accounts in or to any court other than for good cause shown. No Administrative Trustee shall be required to give any bond.

Within 90 days following the close of each calendar year, if information is available, and if not within 30 days after it is delivered to the Administrative Trustee, and within 90 days after the removal or resignation of the Administrative Trustee, the Administrative Trustee may deliver an accounting to each primary beneficiary. The accounting shall be a written accounting of the trusts hereunder during such year or during the period from the close of the last preceding year to the date of such removal or resignation and shall set forth all investments, receipts, distributions, expenses and other transactions of each such trust and show all cash, securities, and other property held as a part of each such trust at the end of such year or as of the date of such removal or resignation, as the case may be. The accountings referred to in this Section shall be deemed to be an account stated, accepted and approved by all of the beneficiaries of each trust for which an

accounting is rendered, and the Administrative Trustee shall be relieved and discharged, as if such accounting had been settled and allowed by a final judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, unless protested by written notice to the Administrative Trustee, within 60 days of mailing thereof, by the person designated to receive such accounting. The Administrative Trustee shall have the right, at the expense of the trust, to apply at any time to a court of competent jurisdiction for judicial settlement of any account of the Administrative Trustee whether or not previously settled as herein provided or for the determination of any question of construction or for instructions. In any such action or proceeding it shall be necessary to join as parties solely the Administrative Trustee and the Settlor (although the Administrative Trustee may also join such other parties as it may deem appropriate), and any judgment or decree entered therein shall be conclusive and binding on all persons at any time interested in the trust.

- 5.10 <u>Beneficiary under Disability</u>. A parent, custodian, or guardian of any beneficiary who is under the disability of minority or, in the Trustee's opinion, any other legal, physical, or mental disability, may, in carrying out the provisions of this Trust Agreement, act and receive notice in the beneficiary's stead, and sign any instrument for the beneficiary.
- 5.11 <u>Incapacity of Individual Trustee</u>. In the event a Trustee other than a corporate Trustee becomes unable to discharge his duties as Trustee hereunder by reason of accident, physical or mental illness or deterioration, or other cause, and does not resign, then upon certification by two medical doctors affirming that each has examined the Trustee and that each has concluded, based on such examination, that he is unable to discharge his duties hereunder, the Trustee shall cease to serve, as if he had resigned, effective the date of the certification.

ARTICLE VI

TRUST ADMINISTRATION

- 6.1 <u>General Powers</u>. Subject to any limitation stated elsewhere in this Trust Agreement, and the division of powers contained in Section 6.2, the Trustee shall have, in addition to all powers granted to trustees by the common law and by Delaware statutes, as amended from time to time, the following powers with respect to each trust established hereunder:
 - (a) <u>Retain Property</u>. To retain any property received from any source, including any corporate Trustee's securities, regardless of lack of diversification, risk, or nonproductivity.
 - (b) <u>Invest</u>. To invest the trust estate in any kind of property, including common trust funds administered by a corporate Trustee or by others, without being limited by any statute or any rule of law dealing with the character, risk, productivity, diversification of, or otherwise concerning, investments by trustees.
 - (c) <u>Sell</u>. By public offering or private negotiation, to sell, exchange, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any real or personal trust property and give options

for these purposes, for such price and on such terms, with such covenants of warranty and such security for deferred payment as the Trustee deems proper. To partition between the trust and any other owner, as the Trustee deems proper, any property in which the trust owns an undivided interest.

- (d) <u>Lease</u>. To lease trust property for terms within or extending beyond the term of the trust, for any purpose.
- (e) <u>Real Estate</u>. To operate, maintain, repair, rehabilitate, alter, erect, improve, or remove any improvements on real estate; to subdivide real estate; to grant easements, give consents, and enter into contracts relating to real estate or its use; and to release or dedicate any interest in real estate.
- (f) <u>Borrow</u>. To borrow money for any purpose either from the banking department of any corporate Trustee or from others; to encumber or hypothecate trust property by mortgage, deed of trust, or otherwise; and to maintain, renew, or extend any indebtedness upon such terms as the Trustee deems appropriate.
- (g) <u>Loans</u>. To lend money to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, a beneficiary hereunder, but not including a Settlor or a Trustee (other than a beneficiary serving as Trustee) hereunder, or a spouse of theirs, upon such terms and with such security as the Trustee deems advisable.
 - (h) Conserve Estate. To take any action to conserve the trust estate.
- (i) <u>Litigation</u>. To commence or defend at the expense of the trust such litigation with respect to the trust estate as the Trustee deems advisable.
- (j) <u>Claims</u>. To collect, pay, contest, compromise, settle, renew, or abandon any claims or demands of or against the trust estate without court authority on whatever terms the Trustee deems advisable.
- (k) <u>Abandon Property</u>. To abandon any property or interest in property belonging to the trust when, in the Trustee's discretion, such abandonment is in the best interest of the trust and its beneficiaries.
- (l) <u>Documents</u>. To execute contracts, notes, conveyances, and other instruments containing covenants, representations, or warranties binding upon and creating a charge against the trust estate or containing provisions excluding personal liability, or any other written instrument of any character appropriate to any of the powers or duties conferred upon the Trustee.
- (m) Agents. To employ attorneys, auditors, investment advisors, depositaries, and agents with or without discretionary powers, to employ a bank with trust powers as agent for the purpose of performing any ministerial duties incident to the administration, and to pay all expenses and fees so incurred.

- (n) <u>Securities</u>. To engage in all actions necessary to the effective administration of securities including, but not limited to, the authority to: vote securities in person or by proxy; engage in a voting trust or voting agreement; and consent to or participate in mergers, consolidations, sales of assets, recapitalizations, reorganizations, dissolutions, or other alterations of corporate structure affecting securities held in the trust.
- (o) <u>Nominee</u>. To hold securities and other property in bearer form or in the name of a trustee or nominee with or without disclosure of any fiduciary relationship.
- (p) <u>Additional Property</u>. To receive additional property from any source and add it to the trust estate.
- (q) <u>Insurance</u>. To carry insurance of such kinds and in such amounts as the Trustee deems advisable, except for insurance on the life of a Settlor, the Trustee, or a spouse of theirs. The Trustee shall not apply trust property to the payment of premiums on an insurance policy on the life of Settlor, the Trustee, or a spouse of theirs.

(r) <u>Business Powers</u>.

- (i) <u>In General</u>. To engage in any lawful business including, but not limited to, the power to continue at the risk of the trust estate the operation of any business which may become a part of the trust estate, and to sell, liquidate, or otherwise terminate any business interest, including, but not limited to, the fulfillment of any agreement for the disposition of any such business interest.
- (ii) <u>Closely Held Businesses</u>. This trust may be funded with, or subsequently purchase or otherwise acquire, securities or other financial interests in one or more closely held businesses (each of which is hereinafter referred to as the "business").
 - (1) <u>Exoneration from Liability</u>. It is realized that the business may not be the type of investment in which fiduciaries would normally invest estate or trust funds. Nonetheless, the Trustees shall incur no liability for any loss which may be sustained by reason of the retention, operation or sale of the business or the exercise of any power conferred upon the Trustees with respect to the business.
 - (2) <u>Management Powers</u>. The Family Trustee shall have the exclusive duty to deal with and manage the business. In addition to any power granted by law or elsewhere in this document, the Family Trustee shall have the following powers:
 - (A) To retain and continue the business or any interest therein for such time as the Family Trustee considers advisable;

- (B) To operate or participate in the operation of the business in the form of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or proprietorship;
- (C) To direct, control, supervise, manage, operate or participate in the operation of the business; to serve as an officer and director of the business; and to receive from the business compensation for his services in addition to his compensation as a Family Trustee;
- (D) To delegate all or any part of his power to supervise, manage or operate the business to such persons as he may select, including any director, officer or employee of the business:
- (E) To engage, compensate and discharge such managers, employees, agents, attorneys, accountants, consultants or other representatives as he considers advisable, including anyone who may be a beneficiary or fiduciary of this Trust;
- (F) To invest or employ in the business, or to use as collateral for loans to the business, such other estate or trust funds as he considers advisable;
- (G) To sell, liquidate or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the business at such time or times, for such prices and upon such terms and conditions as he considers advisable, and to sell the business to anyone who is a beneficiary or a fiduciary of this Trust; and
- (3) <u>Exclusion from Powers</u>. Neither Commonwealth Trust Company nor any successor Administrative Trustee shall have any power, duty and/or responsibility in connection with the operation, control, supervision, management and participation of the business.
- (s) <u>Income and Principal</u>. To determine, in accordance with the provisions of Delaware law, what constitutes income and principal of the trust estate, the manner in which expenses and other charges shall be allocated between these accounts, and whether or not to establish reserves for depreciation or depletion, and to add undistributed income to principal.
- (t) <u>Tax Elections</u>. To exercise any tax option or election permitted by law as the Trustee determines, in its sole discretion, even though the effect is to treat beneficiaries hereunder differently, or to favor some at the expense of others. The Trustee may, but need not, make such compensating adjustments among beneficiaries with respect thereof as it deems appropriate considering the nature of the tax election and the amounts involved.

- (u) Reliance. To rely upon any notice, certificate, affidavit, or other document or evidence believed by the Trustee to be genuine and accurate, in making any payment or distribution. The Trustee shall incur no liability for a disbursement or distribution made in good faith and without actual notice or knowledge of a changed condition or status affecting any person's interest in the trust or any other matter.
- (v) <u>Commingling</u>. To commingle and invest as one fund, or make joint investments with, the principal of two or more separate trusts established hereunder, with each trust having an undivided interest therein.
- (w) <u>Division and Distribution</u>. To make all allocations, distributions, or divisions contemplated by this Trust Agreement; to allocate, distribute and divide different kinds or disproportionate shares of property or undivided interests in property among the beneficiaries or trusts, in cash or in kind, or both, without regard to the income tax basis of specific property allocated to any beneficiary or trust, even though shares may as a result be composed differently, and to determine the value of any property so allocated, divided or distributed.
- (x) <u>Withholding of Distribution</u>. To withhold from distribution all or any part of the trust property as long as the Trustee, in its discretion, determines that such property may be subject to conflicting claims, to tax deficiencies, or to liabilities, contingent or otherwise, properly incurred in the administration of the trust.
- (y) <u>Mineral Powers</u>. To retain or acquire interests in oil, gas, or other mineral resources; to execute as to those interests any agreements, assignments, contracts, deeds, grants or leases for any term (even though the term may extend beyond the termination of the trust); to manage, control, operate, explore, mine, develop, or take any action for the production, recovery, sale, treatment, storage, or transportation of any such interest; to drill, rework, or recomplete wells of any type; to conduct or participate in secondary recovery operations; to enter into agreements for pooling or unitization; and to install, operate, or participate in the operation of any plant, mine, or other facility.
- (z) Environmental Hazards. To use and expend the trust income and principal to (i) take all appropriate action to prevent, identify, or respond to actual or threatened violations of any environmental law or regulation for which the Trustee may have responsibility, including the authority to conduct environmental assessments, audits, and site monitoring to determine compliance with any environmental law or regulation; (ii) take all appropriate remedial action to contain, cleanup, or remove any environmental hazard including a spill, release, discharge, or contamination, either on its own accord or in response to an actual or threatened violation of any environmental law or regulation; (iii) institute legal proceedings concerning environmental hazards or contest or settle legal proceedings brought by any local, state, or federal agency concerned with environmental compliance, or by a private litigant; and (iv) comply with any local, state, or federal agency order or court order directing an assessment, abatement, or cleanup of any environmental hazards.

- (aa) <u>Miscellaneous Powers</u>. Generally to do and perform any and all acts, things, or deeds which, in the discretion of the Trustee, may be necessary or proper for the protection, preservation, and promotion of the trust properties and estate.
- 6.2 <u>Division of Powers</u>. The powers and duties granted under this Trust Agreement shall be divided among the Trustees as follows:
 - (a) <u>Administrative Trustee</u>. The Administrative Trustee shall have the following exclusive duties, which shall all be carried out in the State of Delaware or such other jurisdiction as the Trustee shall, from time to time, select as the situs of the trust:
 - (i) To maintain bank accounts, brokerage accounts and other custody accounts which receive trust income and contributions and from which trust expenditures and distributions are disbursed.
 - (ii) To maintain storage of tangible personalty and evidence of intangible trust property.
 - (iii) To maintain trust records.
 - (iv) To maintain an office for Trustee meetings and other trust business.
 - (v) To originate, facilitate and review trust accountings, reports and other communications with the Settlor, any co-Trustees, beneficiaries and unrelated third parties.
 - (vi) To respond to inquiries concerning the trust from the Settlor, any co-Trustees, beneficiaries and unrelated third parties.
 - (vii) To execute documents with respect to trust account transactions.
 - (viii) To retain accountants, attorneys, investment counsel, agents and other advisers in connection with the performance of its duties under this Section 6.2.
 - (b) <u>Independent Trustee</u>. The Independent Trustee shall have all of the powers and duties specifically assigned to the Independent Trustee under this Trust Agreement. These powers may only be exercised by the Independent Trustee.
 - (c) <u>Family Trustee</u>. The Family Trustee shall possess and exercise all of the powers and duties of the Trustee not specifically granted to the Administrative Trustee or the Independent Trustee under this Trust Agreement, including those specifically assigned to the Family Trustee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Family Trustee shall exercise all Trustee authority and have all Trustee responsibility with respect to the investment of the trust estate. If there is no Family Trustee serving,

however, all of the powers and duties of the Trustee, including those assigned to the Family Trustee, shall be exercised and discharged by the Independent Trustee.

- 6.3 Merger of Trusts. If at any time a Trustee of any trust created pursuant to this Trust Agreement shall also be acting as Trustee of any other trust created by trust instrument or by will for the benefit of the same beneficiary or beneficiaries and upon substantially the same terms and conditions, the Trustee is authorized and empowered, if in the Trustee's discretion such action is in the best interest of the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the trust created hereunder, to transfer and merge all of the assets then held under such trust created pursuant to this Trust Agreement to and with such other trust and thereupon and thereby to terminate the trust created pursuant to this Trust Agreement. The Trustee is further authorized to accept the assets of the other trust which may be transferred to the Trustee of the trust created hereunder and to administer and distribute such assets and properties so transferred in accordance with the provisions of this Trust Agreement. If the component trusts differ as to contingent beneficiaries and the contingency occurs, the funds may be distributed in such shares as the Trustee, in the Trustee's sole discretion, shall deem necessary to create a fair ratio between the various sets of remaindermen. If any trust created in this Trust Agreement is merged with any trust created under any other instrument, such merged trust shall not continue beyond the date on which the earliest maximum term of the trusts so merged would, without regard to such merger, have been required to expire. Settlor further directs that, as to any property at any time a part of any trust estate (including a merged trust) as to which under the laws of any state applicable to said property that trust is required to be terminated at any time prior to its normal termination date, the trust as to that particular property shall terminate at the time required by the laws of said state.
- 6.4 <u>Certain Powers and Rights Limited</u>. Settlor intends that the trust created under Section 3.1 hereof shall not be included in Jim's gross estate for estate tax purposes unless the Independent Trustee grants Jim a general power of appointment pursuant to paragraph 3.1(d). All issues applicable to the trust shall be resolved accordingly.
- 6.5 <u>GST Inclusion Ratio</u>. If property not having an inclusion ratio for purposes of the generation-skipping transfer tax equal to zero is directed to be added to a trust which has an inclusion ratio equal to zero, the Trustee may decline to make the addition and may, instead, administer the property as a separate trust with provisions identical to the trust having an inclusion ratio equal to zero. If property having an inclusion ratio for purposes of the generation-skipping transfer tax equal to zero is directed to be added to a trust which has an inclusion ratio not equal to zero, the Trustee may decline to make the addition and may, instead, administer the property as a separate trust with provisions identical to the trust having an inclusion ratio not equal to zero.
- 6.6 Out-of-State Properties. If any trust property is situated in a jurisdiction in which the Trustee is unable or unwilling to act, the Trustee may appoint an ancillary trustee for such jurisdiction and may confer upon the ancillary trustee such powers and discretions, exercisable without court order, to act with respect to such property as the Trustee deems proper. The ancillary trustee shall be responsible to the Trustee for all property it administers. The Trustee

may pay the ancillary trustee reasonable compensation for its services and may absolve it from any requirement to furnish bond or other security.

- Management of Real Property. The Family Trustee (or the Independent Trustee pursuant to Section 6.2(c) hereof), acting alone, shall make any and all decisions regarding: (i) the acquisition, retention and disposal of real estate; (ii) the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, alteration, construction, erection, improvement, or removal of any improvements on real estate; (iii) the subdivision of real estate; (iv) the granting of easements, giving of consents, and entering into contracts relating to real estate or its use; (v) the release or dedication of any interest in real estate; and (vi) the payment of taxes, utilities, and maintenance expenses attributable to real estate owned by any trust created hereunder. The Family Trustee (or the Independent Trustee pursuant to Section 6.2(c) hereof) may, in its discretion, either exercise such powers or appoint an ancillary trustee to exercise such powers. The Trustee may pay the ancillary trustee reasonable compensation for its services and may absolve it from any requirement to furnish bond or other security.
- 6.8 <u>No Court Supervision</u>. The Trustee shall not be required to qualify before or be appointed by any court; nor shall the Trustee be required to obtain the order or approval of any court in the exercise of any power or discretion.
- 6.9 <u>Division of Trusts</u>. The Trustee may divide any trust established by this Trust Agreement into two or more separate trusts as provided in this section. Settlor exonerates the Trustee from any liability arising from the exercise or failure to exercise any powers granted herein, provided the Trustee acts in good faith.
 - (a) <u>Division and Funding of Separate Trusts</u>. The Trustee may divide any trust established by this Trust Agreement, at any time, into two or more separate trusts so that the generation-skipping transfer tax inclusion ratio as defined in Section 2642(a) of the Code for each trust shall be either zero or one. Any such division shall be accomplished in accordance with applicable regulations under Chapter 13 of the Code.
 - (b) Administration of Separate Trusts. Such separate trusts shall have the identical provisions as the original trust. However, with respect to each separate trust, the Trustee may: (1) make different tax elections, (2) expend principal and exercise any other discretionary powers with respect to such separate trusts differently, (3) invest such separate trusts differently, and (4) take all other actions consistent with such trusts being separate trusts.
 - (c) <u>Powers of Appointment</u>. The donee of any power of appointment with respect to a trust so divided may exercise such power of appointment differently with respect to the separate trusts created by the division.
- 6.10 <u>Limitation of Powers</u>. The following limitations, affecting the administration of the trusts created hereunder, apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Trust Agreement. For purposes of this Section 6.10, the term "Settlor" shall include any individual who contributes property to the Trustee to be added to the trust estate.

- (a) <u>Support Duty</u>. Distributions from the trust estate shall not be made which discharge, in whole or in part, the personal legal obligations of a Settlor or a Trustee from time to time existing, to support or educate any of the trust beneficiaries. When determining these legal obligations, the existence of this trust and funds made available by it shall not be taken into consideration.
- (b) <u>Adequacy of Consideration</u>. No party may, through purchase, exchange, or otherwise, deal with or dispose of the corpus or the income of the trust estate for less than adequate consideration in money or money's worth.
- (c) <u>Insurance</u>. The Trustee shall not apply trust property to the payment of premiums on an insurance policy on the life of a Settlor, the Trustee or a spouse of either of them.
- (d) <u>Borrow</u>. The Trustee shall not allow a Settlor to borrow trust principal or income, directly or indirectly, without adequate interest or security.
- (e) <u>Substitute Property</u>. The Trustee shall not allow a Settlor to reacquire or exchange any property of the trust estate by substituting other property with an equivalent value.
- (f) <u>Vote</u>. A Settlor, acting as a Trustee, shall not be entitled to vote, directly or indirectly, shares of stock of a controlled corporation, as defined under Section 2036 of the Code, which is held as part of the trust estate.
- 6.11 <u>Dealing with Fiduciaries</u>. The Trustee may enter into any transaction with the Trustee or beneficiaries of the trusts created hereunder, acting in their individual or in another fiduciary capacity, or with any person or entity related to the Trustee or a beneficiary in any manner, if such transaction is otherwise authorized under this Trust Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing authorization, the Trustee may enter into any transaction otherwise authorized hereunder on behalf of any trust created hereunder even though the other party to the transaction is: a trust of which a beneficiary or Trustee under this Trust Agreement is a beneficiary or trustee, including, but not limited to, any trust established by this Trust Agreement; an estate of which a beneficiary or Trustee under this Trust Agreement is a representative or beneficiary; or a business or charitable corporation of which a beneficiary or Trustee under this Trust Agreement is a director, officer, employee, or owner.

ARTICLE VII

IRREVOCABILITY

This Trust Agreement and each of its provisions may not be revoked, amended, or modified.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 8.1 Applicable Law. The trust created under this Trust Agreement shall be deemed a Delaware trust and all matters pertaining to the validity, construction, and application of this Trust Agreement or to the administration of the trust created hereunder shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware. However, if the Trustee, in its sole discretion, determines that a change of situs would be beneficial to the purposes of the trust established by this Trust Agreement, the Trustee shall have the discretion and authority to change the situs of any such trust to another state. No change of situs shall be authorized herein, however, which would result in a termination of the trust for federal tax purposes. Furthermore, the Trustee shall not be entitled to change the situs of the trust to a jurisdiction that has a rule against perpetuities or similar rule which limits the period during which property can be held in trust. Any proceeding involving the Trust must be brought in the State of Delaware for so long as the situs of the Trust shall be the State of Delaware.
- Perpetuities Provision. The trust created hereunder shall be perpetual to the 8.2 fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. If the trust created hereunder is deemed to be subject to the law of a jurisdiction that has a rule against perpetuities or similar rule which limits the period during which property can be held in trust, then such trust shall terminate in all events upon the expiration of the longest period the property may be held in trust under this Agreement under the law of such jurisdiction (including any application periods in gross, such as 110 years, 360 years, or 1,000 years); provided, however, that if the jurisdiction has a rule against perpetuities or similar rule which applies only to certain types of property, such as real property, the provisions of this Section shall apply only to such property. If under the law of such jurisdiction the longest period that property may be held in trust is determined with reference to the death of the last survivor of a group of individuals in being upon the date of this Trust Agreement, those individuals shall consist of Jim and Jim's Descendants who are in being on the date of this Trust Agreement. Upon termination of a trust pursuant to the provisions of this Section 8.2, the Trustee shall distribute such trust to its income beneficiaries determined at the time of distribution. If at that time rights to income are not fixed by the terms of the trust, distribution shall be made to the persons to whom the Trustee may then distribute income, in proportions determined in the Trustee's discretion, exercised consistently with the trust's purposes.

In the event any trust created hereunder owns real property, and if such real property is subject to a rule against perpetuities or similar rule which limits the period during which property can be held in trust, then the Trustee shall take such action as is necessary to avoid termination of the trust with respect to that real property interest including, without limitation, selling the real property or contributing the real property to a business entity in exchange for ownership interests in such entity to be owned by the trust.

8.3 <u>Gestation</u>. A child in gestation who is born alive shall be considered a child in being throughout the period of gestation.

- 8.4 <u>Survivorship</u>. Any person must survive by thirty (30) days for a gift made in this Trust Agreement which directly or indirectly requires such person's survival of another to be effective.
- 8.5 Release of Powers and Interests. Any person, including a beneficiary and a Trustee, shall have the power to disclaim, release, or restrict, irrevocably, in whole or in part, any interest, right, power, or discretion granted to such person with respect to any trust by signed instrument delivered to the Trustee, or in any other manner permitted by law. Any person designated or appointed as a Trustee may, prior to accepting the trust, by written instrument decline to accept any right, power, or discretion with respect to the trust and may accept the trust without such right, power, or discretion.

8.6 Powers of Appointment.

- (a) <u>Capacity in Which Exercisable</u>. Every power of appointment granted to a beneficiary under this Trust Agreement is exercisable by that beneficiary in the beneficiary's individual capacity, notwithstanding the fact that the beneficiary may also be serving as a Trustee of the trust.
- (b) Manner of Appointment. Every power of appointment granted herein: (i) shall be personal to the donee of such power and may not be exercised on behalf of the donee by any other person, including an attorney-in-fact, a guardian, or any other court appointed representative, and (ii) may be exercised in whole or in part and in favor of one or more potential beneficiaries to the exclusion of others. Appointment may be outright or in further trust, with all provisions determined by the donee of the power, and may confer a power of appointment upon the beneficiary or others, if within the constraints imposed by any applicable rule against perpetuities and any other law which is applicable to the appointment.
- (c) Exercise of Inter Vivos Power. An inter vivos power of appointment granted in this Trust Agreement may be exercised only by a written instrument, executed and acknowledged by the donee and delivered to the Trustee during the donee's lifetime, which specifically refers to the power of appointment and expresses the intention to exercise it. If no such instrument is delivered to the Trustee during the donee's lifetime, upon the donee's death the Trustee may distribute the property subject to the power in the manner provided in this Trust Agreement for distribution in default of exercise.
- (d) Determination of the Exercise of a Testamentary Power. The Trustee may rely upon any instrument admitted to probate as a will or codicil in determining whether a testamentary power of appointment granted herein has been exercised. If no will or codicil is brought to the Trustee's attention within ninety (90) days of a death to indicate the exercise of a testamentary power, the Trustee may distribute the property subject to the power according to the terms herein provided for distribution in default of exercise. The Trustee will be protected from liability for its actions as authorized in this subsection (d), but this subsection does not affect a beneficiary's rights in the property subject to the power of appointment.

- (e) <u>Tax Consequences</u>. The exercise of a power of appointment may have important tax consequences. The donee of any power of appointment should consult with counsel before exercising such power of appointment.
- 8.7 <u>Liability of Third Party</u>. No person paying money or delivering property to the Trustee need see to the application of such money or property. No person dealing with the Trustee need inquire into the propriety of any transaction or the Trustee's authority to enter into and consummate the same.
- 8.8 <u>Use of Words</u>. As used in this Trust Agreement, the masculine, feminine, and neuter gender, and the singular or plural of any word each includes the others unless the context indicates otherwise.
- 8.9 <u>Unenforceable Provision</u>. If any provision of this Trust Agreement is unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be given effect, unless to do so would produce an unreasonable result.
- 8.10 <u>Titles, Headings, and Captions</u>. All titles, headings, and captions used in this Trust Agreement have been included for administrative convenience only and should not be construed in interpreting this Trust Agreement.
- 8.11 <u>Counterpart Signatures</u>. This document may be executed in counterparts, and all counterparts so executed shall constitute a single document, notwithstanding that the interested parties are not or may not be signatories to the original or to the same counterpart.
- 8.12 <u>Trust Name</u>. The trusts established under Article II of this Trust Agreement, collectively, shall be known as the "The Dugaboy Investment Trust".
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Settlor, the Family Trustee and the Administrative Trustee have hereunto set their hands on the day and year first above written in multiple originals. The Trustees agree to administer the trust estate in accordance with the terms of this Trust Agreement. The Independent Trustee shall begin serving as such upon delivery of a written acknowledged instrument to the Family Trustee in accordance with Section 5.2 hereof.

DANA SCOTT BREAULT, Settlor

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared DANA SCOTT BREAULT, as Settlor, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Trust Agreement and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 23 day of October, 2010.

Notary Public

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Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires

June 12, 2013

JAMES D. DONDERO, Family Trustee

STATE OF TEXAS

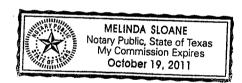
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JAMES D. DONDERO, as Family Trustee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Trust Agreement and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this 2 y of October, 2010.

Notary Public



COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY, Administrative Trustee

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	§	21-03003-sgj
JAMES DONDERO,	§ § §	
Defendant.	§	

Exhibit 11

¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.



DEBTOR'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE AND FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT

Highland Capital Management, L.P., the debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>")² in the above-captioned chapter 11 case ("<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") and the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), hereby files this motion (the "<u>Motion</u>") requesting that Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting it leave to serve and file its *Amended Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract, (II) Turnover of Property, (III) Fraudulent Transfer, and (IV) Breach of Fiduciary Duty* (the "<u>Amended Complaint</u>"), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. In support of its Motion, the Debtor states as follows.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed its *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1]³ (the "Complaint").
- 2. On January 25, 2021, the Court entered its *Order Regarding Adversary*Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order [Docket No. 3] (the "Alternative Scheduling Order").
- 3. On April 19, 2021, the Debtor and defendant James Dondero ("<u>Defendant</u>" or "<u>Mr. Dondero</u>") (together, the "<u>Parties</u>") entered into the *Amended Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 18] (the "<u>Amended Scheduling Order</u>").
- 4. On March 16, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Original Answer* [Docket No. 6] (the "Answer").

² On February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (i) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 1943] (the "Confirmation Order") which confirmed the *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital* Management, *L.P.*, as modified (the "Plan"). The Plan went Effective (as defined in the Plan) on August 11, 2021, and the Debtor has been succeeded by the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan) since the Effective Date. *See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* [Docket No. 2700].

³ Refers to the docket maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

- 5. On April 6, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Amended Answer* [Docket No. 16] (the "Amended Answer").
- 6. The Parties engaged in discovery pursuant to the Amended Scheduling Order.
- 7. On April 15, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Motion and Memorandum of Law in Support to Withdraw the Reference* [Docket No. 21] (the "Motion to Withdraw the Reference").
- 8. On July 7, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court filed its Report and Recommendation to District Court Proposing that It (A) Grant Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference at Such Time as Bankruptcy Court Certifies that Action Is Trial Ready; and (B) Defer Pretrial Matters to Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 67] (the "Report").
- 9. The Debtor has indicated that it intends to serve and file the Amended Complaint, asserting additional claims against Mr. Dondero, as well as claims against new defendants, Nancy Dondero and The Dugaboy Investment Trust (collectively, the "Amendments").
- 10. On July 13, 2021, the Debtor provided a copy of the proposed Amended Complaint to defendant's counsel (the "Service Date").
- 11. The Parties entered into a *Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other Pre-Trial Issues* (the "<u>Stipulation</u>"], a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Parties agreed, *inter alia*, (i) to extend discovery and other pre-trial deadlines, (ii) that the Debtor will file, and Mr. Dondero will not oppose, the Debtor's Motion to serve and file the Amended Complaint, and (iii) that additional discovery will be taken on the Amendments in the Amended Complaint.

ARGUMENT

- Rule of Civil Procedure provides that "a party may amend its pleading only with the opposing party's written consent or the court's leave. The court should freely grant leave when justice so requires." FED. R. CIV. P. 15(a)(2) ("Rule 15"). "Unless there is a substantial reason to deny leave to amend, the discretion of the court is not broad enough to permit denial." *Herrera v. LR One Int'l LLC*, No. 5:21-CV-180-DAE, 2021 WL 2879292, at *1 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 18, 2021) (citing *Stripling v. Jordan Prod. Co.*, 234 F.3d 863, 872 (5th Cir. 2000)). Relevant factors to consider in deciding whether to permit amendment include "undue delay, bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the movant, repeated failure to cure deficiencies by amendments previously allowed, undue prejudice to the opposing party, and futility of amendment." *Wimm v. Jack Eckerd Corp.*, 3 F.3d 137, 139 (5th Cir. 1993).
- 13. Here, the Debtor satisfies the liberal pleading standard under Rule 15. The opposing party, Mr. Dondero, gave his written consent to the service and filing of the proposed Amended Complaint, including the Debtor's Amendments, as reflected in the Stipulation.
- 14. Good cause also exists for the Debtor's Amendments. There have been significant developments in this Adversary Proceeding through discovery and motion practice, all of which precipitated the Debtor's proposed Amendments. Mr. Dondero will not be prejudiced because, under the Stipulation, he has the opportunity to take additional discovery on the Amendments. The Amendments also do not demonstrate bad faith or dilatory motive on the part of the Debtor. It has conferred, in good faith, with Mr. Dondero regarding the Amended Complaint, and the Parties have mutually adjusted discovery and other pre-trial deadlines

accordingly. The Debtor, therefore, satisfies the liberal pleading standard under Rule 15 and demonstrates good cause for filing its Amended Complaint.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court grant its

Motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on August 13, 2021, counsel for the Debtor corresponded with counsel for Mr. Dondero regarding the relief requested in the foregoing Motion. Mr. Dondero is unopposed to the Motion.

/s/ Zachery Z. Annable
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EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
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JAMES DONDERO,	§ § §	
Defendant.	§	

ORDER GRANTING DEBTOR'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE AND FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT

Before the Court is the *Debtor's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Serve and File Amended Complaint* [Docket No. __] (the "<u>Motion</u>"), filed by Highland Capital Management L.P, the debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "<u>Bankruptcy</u>")

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Case"), and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding"), requesting leave to file its Amended Complaint for (1) Breach of Contract, (II) Turnover of Property, (III) Fraudulent Transfer, and (IV) Breach of Fiduciary Duty (the "Amended Complaint"), attached to the Motion as Exhibit B. Having considered the (i) Motion and the arguments set forth therein, (ii) the Amended Complaint annexed to the Motion, and (iii) the Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other Pre-Trial Issues, attached to the Motion as Exhibit C. Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Parties; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and this Court having found that venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtor's notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish good cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor and for the reasons set forth in the record on this Motion, it is HEREBY

ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtor is deemed to have served the Amended Complaint on the defendant on July 13, 2021, the Service Date (as defined in the Motion).
 - 3. The Debtor is hereby granted leave to file its Amended Complaint.
- 4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or relating to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER

EXHIBIT B

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JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
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AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR (I) BREACH OF CONTRACT, AND (II) TURNOVER OF PROPERTY OF THE DEBTOR'S ESTATE, (III) FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, AND (IV) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

Plaintiff, Highland Capital Management, L.P., the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "Bankruptcy Case"), and the plaintiff (the "Plaintiff") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding"), by its undersigned counsel, as and for its amended complaint (the "Complaint") against defendant, Mr. defendants James Dondero ("Mr. Dondero" or "Defendant), Nancy Dondero, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust ("Dugaboy," and together with Mr. Dondero and Nancy Dondero, "Defendants"), alleges upon knowledge of its own actions and upon information and belief as to other matters as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. The Debtor brings this action against Mr. Dondero as a result of Defendants in connection with Mr. Dondero's defaults under three promissory notes executed by Mr. Dondero in favor of the Debtor in the aggregate original principal amount of \$8,825,000, and payable upon the Debtor's demand. Despite due demand, Mr. Dondero has failed to pay amounts due and owing under the notes and the accrued but unpaid interest thereon.
- 2. After amending his answer and his sworn responses to interrogatories, Mr. Dondero now contends that the Debtor orally agreed to relieve him of his obligations under the notes upon fulfillment of "conditions subsequent" (the "Alleged Agreement"). Mr. Dondero further contends that he entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, as trustee of Dugaboy, acting on behalf of the Debtor. At the time Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement, he controlled the Debtor and was the lifetime beneficiary of Dugaboy.

- 3. Based on its books and records, discovery to date, and other facts, the Debtor believes that the Alleged Agreement is a fiction created after the commencement of this Adversary Proceeding for the purpose of avoiding or at least delaying paying the obligations due under the notes.
- 4. Nevertheless, the Debtor amends its Complaint for the purpose of adding certain claims and naming additional parties who would be liable to the Debtor if the Alleged Agreement were determined to exist and be enforceable. Specifically, in addition to pursuing claims against Mr. Dondero for breach of his obligations under the notes and for turnover, the Debtor adds alternative claims (a) against Mr. Dondero for actual fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting Dugaboy in its breach of fiduciary duty, (b) against Dugaboy for declaratory relief and for breach of fiduciary duty, and (c) against Nancy Dondero for aiding and abetting Dugaboy in the breach of his fiduciary duties.
- 2. Through this ComplaintAs remedies, the Debtor seeks (a) damages from Mr. Dondero in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under the Notes (as defined below), plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, as provided for in the notes), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under the Notes, and (b) turnover by Mr. Dondero to the Debtor of the foregoing amounts—; (c) avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovery of the funds transferred from the Plaintiff to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero pursuant to the Notes; (d) declaratory relief, and (e) damages arising from the Defendants' breach of fiduciary duties or aiding and abetting thereof.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- <u>6.</u> <u>3.</u> This adversary proceeding arises in and relates to the Debtor's case pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "<u>Court</u>") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
- 8. 5. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Debtor consents to the entry of a final order by the Court in the event that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 9. 6. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

THE PARTIES

- 10. 7. The Debtor is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of Delaware with a business address at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.
- 21. 8. Upon information and belief, Mr. Dondero is an individual residing in Dallas, Texas. He is the co-founder of the Debtor and was the Debtor's President and Chief Executive Officer until his resignation on January 9, 2020. At all relevant times, Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor.
- 12. Upon information and belief, Dugaboy is (a) a limited partner of the Debtor, and (b) one of Mr. Dondero's family investment trusts for which is he a lifetime beneficiary.
- 13. Upon information and belief, Nancy Dondero is Mr. Dondero's sister, and the trustee of Dugaboy.

CASE BACKGROUND

- 14. 9. On October 16, 2019, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Court"), Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the "Highland Bankruptcy Case").
- 15. 10. On October 29, 2019, the U.S. Trustee in the Delaware Court appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") with the following members: (a) Redeemer Committee of Highland Crusader Fund ("Redeemer"), (b) Meta-e Discovery, (c) UBS Securities LLC and UBS AG London Branch, and (d) the Defendants, Acis LPCapital Management, L.P. and Acis GPCapital Management GP LLC (collectively, "Acis").
- 16. On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Trustee in this Court filed that certain *Notice of Amended Unsecured Creditors' Committee* [Docket No. 2485] notifying the Court that Acis and Redeemer had resigned from the Committee.
- 17. 11. On December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue of the Highland Bankruptcy Case to this Court [Docket No. 186].²
- 18. 12. The Debtor has continued in the possession of its property and has continued to operate and manage its business as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in this chapter 11 case.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. The Dondero Notes

19. 13. Mr. Dondero, in his personal capacity, is the maker under a series of promissory notes in favor of the Debtor.

² All docket numbers refer to the main docket for the Highland Bankruptcy Case maintained by this Court.

- 20. 14. Specifically, on February 2, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$3,825,000 ("Dondero's First Note"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's First Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- 21. 15. On August 1, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 ("Dondero's Second Note"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's Second Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**
- 22. 16. On August 13, 2018, Mr. Dondero executed a promissory note in favor of the Debtor, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 ("Dondero's Third Note" and collectively, with Dondero's First Note and Dondero's Second Note, the "Notes"). A true and correct copy of Dondero's Third Note is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3.**
- 23. 17. Section 2 of each Note provides: "Payment of Principal and Interest.

 The accrued interest and principal of this Note shall be due and payable on demand of the Payee."
 - 24. Section 4 of each Note provides:

Acceleration Upon Default. Failure to pay this Note or any installment hereunder as it becomes due shall, at the election of the holder hereof, without notice, demand, presentment, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration, or any other notice of any kind which are hereby waived, mature the principal of this Note and all interest then accrued, if any, and the same shall at once become due and payable and subject to those remedies of the holder hereof. No failure or delay on the part of the Payee in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver hereof.

25. 19. Section 6 of each Note provides:

Attorneys' Fees. If this Note is not paid at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) and is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if it is collected through a bankruptcy court or any other court after maturity, the Maker shall pay, in addition to all other amounts owing hereunder, all actual expenses of collection, all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the holder hereof.

B. Mr. Dondero Defaults Under Each Note

26. 20. By letter dated December 3, 2020, the Debtor made demand on Mr. Dondero for payment under the Notes by December 11, 2020 (the "Demand Letter"). A true and correct copy of the Demand Letter is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**. The Demand Letter provided:

By this letter, Payee is demanding payment of the accrued interest and principal due and payable on the Notes in the aggregate amount of \$9,004,013.07, which represents all accrued interest and principal through and including December 11, 2020.

Payment is due on December 11, 2020, and failure to make payment in full on such date will constitute an event of default under the Notes.

Demand Letter (emphasis in the original).

- 27. Despite the Debtor's demand, Mr. Dondero did not pay all or any portion of the amounts demanded by the Debtor on December 11, 2020, or at any time thereafter.
- 28. 22. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal amount of \$3,687,269.71 on Dondero's First Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$21,003.70, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$3,708,273.41.
- 29. 23. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$2,619,929.42 on Dondero's Second Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$27,950.70, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$2,647,880.12.
- 30. 24. As of December 11, 2020, there was an outstanding principal balance of \$2,622,425.61 on Dondero's Third Note and accrued but unpaid interest in the amount of \$25,433.94, resulting in a total outstanding amount as of that date of \$2,647,859.55.
- 31. 25. Thus, as of December 11, 2020, the total outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest due under the Notes was \$9,004,013.07.
- <u>32.</u> <u>26.</u> Pursuant to Section 4 of each Note, each Note is in default, and is currently due and payable.

C. The Debtor Files the Original Complaint

33. On January 22, 2021, the Debtor filed the *Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract and (II) Turnover of Property of the Debtor's Estate* [Docket No. 1] (the "Original Complaint"). In the Original Complaint, the Debtor brought claims for (i) breach of contract for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under the Notes and (ii) turnover by Mr. Dondero for the outstanding amounts under the Notes, plus all accrued and unpaid interest until the date of payment plus the Debtor's costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees.

D. Mr. Dondero's Affirmative Defenses

- 34. On March 16, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Original Answer* [Docket No. 6] (the "Original Answer"). In his Original Answer, Mr. Dondero asserted four affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor's claims should be barred because it was previously agreed by the Debtor that the Debtor would not collect on the Notes, (ii) waiver, (iii) estoppel, and (iv) failure of consideration. *See id.* ¶¶ 40-43.
- 35. On April 6, 2021, Mr. Dondero filed his *Amended Answer* [Docket No. 16] (the "Amended Answer"), asserting three additional affirmative defenses: (i) the Debtor previously agreed that it would not collect on the Notes "upon fulfillment of conditions subsequent" (*i.e.*, the Alleged Agreement) *id.* ¶ 40, (ii) The Debtor's claims are barred, in whole or in part, due to setoff, *id.* ¶ 41, and (iii) the Notes are "ambiguous," *id.* ¶ 45.
- <u>36.</u> According to Mr. Dondero, the Alleged Agreement was orally entered into in January or February 2019, and was not memorialized in any documentation.
- <u>37.</u> According to Mr. Dondero, he entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero, acting in her capacity as the Trustee of Dugaboy, which purportedly held the majority of the Debtor's Class A limited partnership interests.

- 38. Mr. Dondero controlled the Debtor at the time he entered into the Alleged Agreement.
- <u>39.</u> Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
- <u>40.</u> According to Mr. Dondero, he discussed the Alleged Agreement with Nancy Dondero, but (a) no one else participated in the discussions surrounding the execution or authorization of the Alleged Agreement, and (b) the Alleged Agreement was not subject to any negotiation.
- 41. Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and records do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.

E. Dugaboy Lacked Authority to Act on Behalf of the Debtor

- 42. Under section 4.2 of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "Limited Partnership Agreement"), and attached hereto as Exhibit 5, Dugaboy was not authorized to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, or otherwise bind the Partnership (as "Partnership" is defined in the Limited Partnership Agreement).
 - 43. Section 4.2(b) of the Limited Partnership Agreement states:

Management of Business. No Limited Partner shall take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Exhibit 5, § 4.2(b).

44. No provision in the Limited Partnership Agreement authorizes any of the Partnership's limited partners to bind the Partnership.

45. Nancy Dondero also lacked authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement or to otherwise bind the Debtor.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)
(For Breach of Contract)

- 46. 27. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 47. 28. Each Note is a binding and enforceable contract.
- 48. 29. Mr. Dondero breached each Note by failing to pay all amounts due to the Debtor upon the Debtor's demand.
- 49. 30. Pursuant to each Note, the Debtor is entitled to damages from Mr. Dondero in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under each of the Notes.
- 50. 31.—As a direct and proximate cause of Mr. Dondero's breach of each Note, the Debtor has suffered damages in the total amount of at least \$9,004,013.07, as of December 11, 2020, plus an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest from that date plus the Debtor's cost of collection.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)

(Turnover by Mr. Dondero Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 542(b))

<u>51.</u> 32.—The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 52. 33. Mr. Dondero owes the Debtor an amount equal to (i) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (iii) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses), for Mr. Dondero's breach of his obligations under each of the Notes.
- <u>53.</u> 34. Each Note is property of the Debtor's estate and the amounts due under each Note is matured and payable upon demand.
- 54. 35. Mr. Dondero has not paid the amounts dues under each Note to the Debtor.
- <u>55.</u> 36. The Debtor has made demand for the turnover of the amounts due under each Note.
- <u>56.</u> 37. As of the date of filing of this Complaint, Mr. Dondero has not turned over to the Debtor all or any of the amounts due under each of the Notes.
- <u>57.</u> 38. The Debtor is entitled to the turnover of all amounts due under each of the Notes.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 548(a)(1)(A) and 550)

- 58. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 59. The Debtor made the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$8,825,000 in exchange for the Alleged Agreement within two years of the Petition Date.

- <u>60.</u> <u>Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:</u>
 - (a) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (b) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (c) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditors about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (d) The Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (e) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (f) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.
- 61. The pattern of conduct, series of transactions, and general chronology of events under inquiry in connection with the debt Mr. Dondero incurred under the Notes demonstrates a scheme of fraud.
- <u>62.</u> Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from Mr. Dondero.
- Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Mr. Dondero)

(Avoidance and Recovery of Actual Fraudulent Transfer Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544(b) and 550, and Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1))

- 64. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 65. The Debtor made the transfers in the aggregate amount of \$8,825,000 in exchange for the Alleged Agreement after, or within a reasonable time before, creditors' claims arose.
- 66. Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud a present or future creditor of the Debtor, demonstrated by, *inter alia*:
 - (g) The transfers were made to, or for the benefit of, Mr. Dondero, an insider of the Debtor.
 - (h) Mr. Dondero entered into the Alleged Agreement with his sister, Nancy Dondero.
 - (i) Mr. Dondero did not inform the Debtor's CFO or outside auditor's about the Alleged Agreement.
 - (j) Upon information and belief, the Debtor's books and record do not reflect the Alleged Agreement.
 - (k) The Alleged Agreement was not subject to negotiation.
 - (1) The value of the consideration received by the Debtor for the transfers was not reasonably equivalent in value.

- 67. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550, the Debtor is entitled to recover for the benefit of the Debtor's estates the transfers made in exchange for the Alleged Agreement from Mr. Dondero.
- 68. Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to a judgement: (i) avoiding the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder, and (ii) recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy)

(For Declaratory Relief: -- 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7001)

- 69. The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 70. A bona fide, actual, present dispute exists between the Debtor and Dugaboy concerning whether Dugaboy was authorized to entered into the Alleged Agreement on the Debtor's behalf.
- 71. A judgment declaring the parties' respective rights and obligations will resolve their dispute..
- 72. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7001, the Debtor specifically seeks declarations that:
 - (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement,

- (b) Dugaboy was not authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership.
- (c) Dugaboy otherwise had no right or authority to enter into the Alleged

 Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and
- (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against Dugaboy)

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

- <u>73.</u> The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 74. If Dugaboy, as a limited partner, had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy would owe the Debtor a fiduciary duty.
- 75. If Dugaboy had the authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor, then Dugaboy breached its fiduciary duty of care to the Debtor by entering into and authorizing the purported Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Debtor.
- <u>76.</u> Accordingly, the Debtor is entitled to recover from Dugaboy (a) actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of its breach of fiduciary duty, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Against James Dondero and Nancy Dondero)

(Aiding and Abetting a Breach of Fiduciary Duty)

<u>77.</u> The Debtor repeats and re-alleges the allegations in each of the foregoing paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- <u>78.</u> <u>James Dondero and Nancy Dondero (together, the "Donderos") were</u> aware that Dugaboy would have fiduciary duties to the Debtor if it acted to bind the Debtor.
- The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duties

 to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged

 Agreement.
- 80. The Donderos aided and abetted Dugaboy's breach of its fiduciary duty to the Debtor by knowingly participating in the authorization of the purported Alleged Agreement.
- 81. Accordingly, the Donderos are jointly and severally liable (a) for the actual damages that the Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dondero's breaches of fiduciary duties, and (b) for punitive and exemplary damages.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor prays for judgment as follows:

- (i) On its First Claim for Relief, damages in an amount to be determined at trial but includes (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses);
- (ii) On its Second Claim for Relief, ordering turnover by Mr. Dondero to the Debtor of an amount equal to (a) the aggregate outstanding principal due under each Note, plus (b) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon until the date of payment, plus (c) an amount equal to the Debtor's costs of collection (including all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses); and

- (iii) On its Third Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000 pursuant to section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (iv) On its Fourth Claim for Relief, avoidance of the Alleged Agreement and the transfers thereunder and recovering from Mr. Dondero the amount of \$8,825,000 pursuant to section Tex. Bus. & C. Code § 24.005(a)(1):
- (v) On its Fifth Claim for Relief, a declaration that: (a) limited partners, including but not limited to Dugaboy, have no right or authority to take part in the control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name, or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership other than as specifically provided in the Limited Partnership Agreement, (b) Dugaboy was not authorized under the Limited Partnership Agreement to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, (c) Dugaboy otherwise had no right or authority to enter into the Alleged Agreement on behalf of the Partnership, and (d) the Alleged Agreement is null and void;
- (vi) On its Sixth Claim for Relief, actual damages from Dugaboy, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of Dugaboy's breach of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages;
- (vii) On its Seventh Claim for Relief, actual damages from the Donderos, jointly and severally, in an amount to be determined at trial, that Debtor suffered as a result of aiding and abetting Dugaboy's breaches of fiduciary duty, and for punitive and exemplary damages; and

Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: January 18, July , 2020 2021

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§	Case No. 19-34054-SGJ-11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEM	IENT, L.P., §	Chapter 11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEM	§ IENT, L.P., §	
Plaintiff.	§ §	
v.	§ §	
JAMES D. DONDERO,	§ §	Adversary No.: 21-03003
Defendant.	§ §	

STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY AND OTHER PRE-TRIAL ISSUES

This stipulation and agreed order (the "<u>Stipulation</u>") is entered into between Highland Capital Management, L.P. (the "<u>Debtor</u>") and James Dondero ("<u>Dondero</u>"). The Debtor and Dondero are collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Parties</u>."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, Dondero filed a Motion to Withdraw the Reference.

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court filed its Report and Recommendation to District Court Proposing that it (A) Grant Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference at

Such Time as Bankruptcy Court Certifies that Action is Trial Ready; and (B) Defer Pretrial Matters to Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 67] (the "Report").

WHEREAS, the Debtor has indicated that it intends to file a First Amended Complaint, asserting additional claims against Dondero, as well as claims against new defendants, Nancy Dondero and The Dugaboy Investment Trust.

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to complete fact and expert discovery in this adversary proceeding as governed by this Stipulation.

STIPULATION

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AND STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. This Stipulation supersedes any prior stipulation or scheduling order governing the above-referenced adversary proceeding.
- 2. The Parties agree to the following deadlines regarding discovery and other pretrial deadlines:
 - The Parties agree that the Debtor will file and Dondero will not oppose a Motion for Leave to File First Amended Complaint by August 17, 2021, a copy of which has previously been provided by the Debtor to Dondero. Counsel for Dondero will accept service of the First Amended Complaint on behalf of Dondero and the additional defendants named in the First Amended Complaint.
 - Dondero will have until August 30, 2021, to answer or otherwise respond to the First Amended Complaint.
 - The Parties will serve written discovery demands (limited to new claims and allegations in the First Amended Complaint) by September 3, 2021.
 - The Parties will respond to discovery requests by September 27, 2021 and will also be substantially complete with document production by September 27, 2021.
 - Fact depositions will take place between October 1 and October 22, 2021.

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Expert designations and disclosures of all opinions and the bases therefor, will be made by October 29, 2021, and experts will be deposed between October 29,

2021 and November 8, 2021.

3. The Parties agree that discovery taken in this case will be consolidated with

discovery taken in the following adversary proceedings and all discovery in each of the

adversary proceedings will be treated as if it was taken in all of the adversary proceedings listed

below, so that each witness will only need to be deposed once and documents produced in any of

the proceedings are usable as if received in every other proceeding:

Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management Fund

Advisors, L.P., Adv. Pro. No. 21-03004;

Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. NexPoint Advisors, L.P., Adv. Pro. No.

21-03005;

Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management Services,

Inc., Adv. Pro. No. 21-03006; and

Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. HCRE Partners, LLC (n/k/a NexPoint

Real Estate Partners, LLC), Adv. Pro. No. 21-03007.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: August 17, 2021

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CONSENTED AND AGREED TO BY:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 17, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's Electronic Case Filing system to the parties that are registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

/s/ Michael P. Aigen

Michael P. Aigen



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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed August 23, 2021

United States Bankruptcy Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., 1	§ §	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Debtor.	§ §	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	_ §	
Plaintiff,	§ § 8	Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	\$ §	21-03003-sgj
JAMES DONDERO,	§ § §	
Defendant.	§	

ORDER GRANTING DEBTOR'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SERVE AND FILE AMENDED COMPLAINT

Before the Court is the *Debtor's Unopposed Motion for Leave to Serve and File Amended Complaint* [Docket No. 73] (the "Motion"), filed by Highland Capital Management L.P, the debtor

Exhibit 12



¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

and debtor-in-possession (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "Bankruptcy Case") and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding"), requesting leave to file its Amended Complaint for (I) Breach of Contract, (II) Turnover of Property, (III) Fraudulent Transfer, and (IV) Breach of Fiduciary Duty (the "Amended Complaint"), attached to the Motion as **Exhibit B**. Having considered the (i) Motion and the arguments set forth therein, (ii) the Amended Complaint annexed to the Motion, and (iii) the Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other Pre-Trial Issues, attached to the Motion as **Exhibit C**; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and this Court having found that venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtor's notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish good cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor and for the reasons set forth in the record on this Motion, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
- 2. The Debtor is deemed to have served the Amended Complaint on the defendant on July 13, 2021, the Service Date (as defined in the Motion).
 - 3. The Debtor is hereby granted leave to file its Amended Complaint.
- 4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or relating to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMEN	§ NT, L.P., §	Chapter 11
Debtor.	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMEN	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
Plaintiff.	§ §	
v.	§ §	A I A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
JAMES D. DONDERO,	§ §	Adversary No.: 21-03003
Defendant.	§ §	

STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY AND OTHER PRE-TRIAL ISSUES

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2021, Dondero filed a Motion to Withdraw the Reference.

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court filed its Report and Recommendation to District Court Proposing that it (A) Grant Defendant's Motion to Withdraw the Reference at

Exhibit 13



Such Time as Bankruptcy Court Certifies that Action is Trial Ready; and (B) Defer Pretrial Matters to Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 67] (the "Report").

WHEREAS, the Debtor has indicated that it intends to file a First Amended Complaint, asserting additional claims against Dondero, as well as claims against new defendants, Nancy Dondero and The Dugaboy Investment Trust.

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to complete fact and expert discovery in this adversary proceeding as governed by this Stipulation.

STIPULATION

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AND STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:

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21-03005;

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Inc., Adv. Pro. No. 21-03006; and

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Real Estate Partners, LLC), Adv. Pro. No. 21-03007.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: August 17, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 17, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's Electronic Case Filing system to the parties that are registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

/s/ Michael P. Aigen

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CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed September 6, 2021

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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v.	§ §	
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ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION GOVERNING DISCOVERY AND OTHER PRE-TRIAL ISSUES

Upon consideration of the *Stipulation and Agreed Order Governing Discovery and Other*Pre-Trial Issues [Docket No. 78] (the "Stipulation")¹ entered into between Highland Capital

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Stipulation.



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Management, L.P., the reorganized debtor² ("<u>Highland</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case ("<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>") and the plaintiff in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "<u>Adversary Proceeding</u>"), and James Dondero ("<u>Dondero</u>", and together with Highland, the "Parties"), it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is **APPROVED**.
- 2. The Stipulation supersedes any prior stipulation or scheduling order governing the Adversary Proceeding.
- 3. The Parties shall abide by the following pretrial schedule (the "<u>Joint Pretrial</u> <u>Schedule</u>") pursuant to the Stipulation:
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² On February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (i) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 1943] (the "Confirmation Order") which confirmed the *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital* Management, *L.P.*, as modified (the "Plan"). The Plan went Effective (as defined in the Plan) on August 11, 2021, and Highland is the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan) since the Effective Date. *See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* [Docket No. 2700].

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- Highland Capital Management, L.P. v. Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., Adv. Pro. No. 21-03006; and
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###End of Order###

EXHIBIT A

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