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(Mark One)

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

OR

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

For the fiscal year ended

OR

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

OR

**SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of event requiring this shell company report

For the transition period from to

Commission file number:



**DIVERSIFIED**  
energy

**Diversified Energy Company plc**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Not Applicable**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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## Securities registered or to be registered, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Ordinary shares, nominal (par) value £0.01 per share	DEC	New York Stock Exchange

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Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital stock or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: N/A

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

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Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Emerging growth company

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

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U.S. GAAP     International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board       Other

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(APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes  No

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## COMMONLY USED DEFINED TERMS

The following are abbreviations and definitions of certain terms used in this document, which are commonly used in the natural gas and oil industry:

“**Basin.**” A large natural depression on the earth’s surface in which sediments accumulate.

“**Bbl.**” Barrel or barrels of oil or natural gas liquids.

“**Boe.**” Barrel of oil equivalent, determined by using the ratio of one Bbl of oil or NGLs to six Mcf of natural gas. The ratio of one barrel of oil or NGLs to six Mcf of natural gas is commonly used in the industry and represents the approximate energy equivalence of oil or NGLs to natural gas, and does not represent the economic equivalency of oil and NGLs to natural gas. The sales price of a barrel of oil or NGLs is considerably higher than the sales price of six Mcf of natural gas.

“**Boepd.**” Barrel of oil equivalent per day.

“**Btu or British Thermal Unit.**” A British thermal unit, which is a measure of the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

“**Development wells.**” Wells drilled within the proved area of an oil or natural gas reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

“**Drilling.**” means any activity related to drilling pad make-ready costs, rig mobilization and creating a wellbore in order to facilitate the ultimate production of hydrocarbons.

“**Dry hole.**” A well found to be incapable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of such production would exceed production expenses, taxes and the royalty burden.

“**E&P.**” Exploration and production of natural gas, NGLs and oil.

“**Field.**” An area consisting of a single reservoir or multiple reservoirs all grouped on, or related to, the same individual geological structural feature or stratigraphic condition. The field name refers to the surface area, although it may refer to both the surface and the underground productive formations.

“**Formation.**” A layer of rock which has distinct characteristics that differs from nearby rock.

“**Gross acres or gross wells.**” The total acres or wells, as the case may be, in which a working interest is owned.

“**Henry Hub.**” A natural gas pipeline delivery point that serves as the benchmark natural gas price underlying NYMEX natural gas futures contracts.

“**Horizontal drilling.**” A drilling technique used in certain formations where a well is drilled vertically to a certain depth and then drilled at a high angle to vertical (which can be greater than 90 degrees) in order to stay with a specified interval.

“**Hydraulic fracturing.**” The technique of improving a well’s production or injection rates by pumping a mixture of fluids into the formation and rupturing the rock, creating an artificial channel. As part of this technique, sand or other material may also be injected into the formation to keep the channel open, so that fluids or natural gases may more easily flow through the formation.

“**IFRS.**” International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

“**IASB.**” The International Accounting Standards Board.

“**LIBOR.**” London Inter-bank Offered Rate, which is a market rate of interest.

“**MBbls.**” One thousand barrels of oil, condensate or NGL.

“**Mboe.**” One thousand Boe.

“*Mboepd.*” One thousand Boe per day.

“*Mcf.*” One thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

“*Mcfe.*” One thousand cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

“*MMBoe.*” One million Boe.

“*MMBtu.*” One million British Thermal Units.

“*MMcf.*” One million cubic feet of natural gas.

“*MMcfe.*” One million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

“*MMcfepd.*” One million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent per day.

“*Mont Belvieu.*” A mature trading hub with a high level of liquidity and transparency that sets spot and futures prices for NGLs.

“*MtCO<sub>2e</sub>.*” Metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

“*Net acres or net wells.*” The sum of the fractional working interest owned in gross acres or gross wells, as the case may be. For example, an owner who has a 50% interest in 100 acres owns 50 net acres and an owner who has a 50% interest in 100 wells owns 50 net wells.

“*NGL or NGLs.*” Natural gas liquids, such as ethane, propane, butane and natural gasoline that are extracted from natural gas production streams.

“*NYMEX.*” The New York Mercantile Exchange.

“*Oil.*” Includes crude oil and condensate.

“*OPEC.*” The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

“*Possible reserves.*” Possible reserves are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than probable reserves.

(a) When deterministic methods are used, the total quantities ultimately recovered from a project have a low probability of exceeding proved plus probable plus possible reserves. When probabilistic methods are used, there should be at least a 10% probability that the total quantities ultimately recovered will equal or exceed the proved plus probable plus possible reserves estimates.

(b) Possible reserves may be assigned to areas of a reservoir adjacent to probable reserves where data control and interpretations of available data are progressively less certain. Frequently, this will be in areas where geoscience and engineering data are unable to define clearly the area and vertical limits of commercial production from the reservoir by a defined project.

(c) Possible reserves also include incremental quantities associated with a greater percentage recovery of the hydrocarbons in place than the recovery quantities assumed for probable reserves.

(d) The proved plus probable and proved plus probable plus possible reserves estimates must be based on reasonable alternative technical and commercial interpretations within the reservoir or subject project that are clearly documented, including comparisons to results in successful similar projects.

(e) Possible reserves may be assigned where geoscience and engineering data identify directly adjacent portions of a reservoir within the same accumulation that may be separated from proved areas by faults with displacement less than formation thickness or other geological discontinuities and that have not been penetrated by a wellbore, and the registrant believes that such adjacent portions are in communication with the known (proved) reservoir. Possible reserves may be assigned to areas that are structurally higher or lower than the proved area if these areas are in communication with the proved reservoir.

(f) Where direct observation has defined a highest known oil (“*HKO*”) elevation and the potential exists for an associated gas cap, proved oil reserves should be assigned in the structurally

higher portions of the reservoir above the HKO only if the higher contact can be established with reasonable certainty through reliable technology. Portions of the reservoir that do not meet this reasonable certainty criterion may be assigned as probable and possible oil or gas based on reservoir fluid properties and pressure gradient interpretations.

**“Probable Reserves.”** Probable reserves are those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves but which, together with proved reserves, are as likely as not to be recovered.

(a) When deterministic methods are used, it is as likely as not that actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the sum of estimated proved plus probable reserves. When probabilistic methods are used, there should be at least a 50% probability that the actual quantities recovered will equal or exceed the proved plus probable reserves estimates.

(b) Probable reserves may be assigned to areas of a reservoir adjacent to proved reserves where data control or interpretations of available data are less certain, even if the interpreted reservoir continuity of structure or productivity does not meet the reasonable certainty criterion. Probable reserves may be assigned to areas that are structurally higher than the proved area if these areas are in communication with the proved reservoir.

(c) Probable reserves estimates also include potential incremental quantities associated with a greater percentage recovery of the hydrocarbons in place than assumed for proved reserves.

**“Productive well.”** A well that is found to be capable of producing hydrocarbons in sufficient quantities such that proceeds from the sale of the production exceed production expenses and taxes.

**“Proved developed reserves.”** Reserves of any category that can be expected to be recovered through:

(a) existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods or in which the cost of the required equipment is relatively minor compared to the cost of a new well; and

(b) installed extraction equipment and infrastructure operation at the time of the reserve estimate if the extraction is by means not involving a well.

**“Proved reserves.”** Those quantities of natural gas, NGLs and oil, which, by analysis of geosciences and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible — from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations — prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expire, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonable certain, regardless of whether deterministic or probabilistic methods are used for the estimation. The project to extract the hydrocarbons must have commenced or the operator must be reasonably certain that it will commence the project within a reasonable time.

(a) The area of reservoir considered as proved includes:

(i) the area identified by drilling and limited by fluid contacts, if any, and

(ii) adjacent undrilled portions of the reservoir that can, with reasonable certainty, be judged to be continuous with it and to contain economically producible natural gas, NGLs or oil on the basis of available geosciences and engineering data.

(b) In the absence of data on fluid contacts, proved quantities in a reservoir are limited by the lowest known hydrocarbons (“LKH”) as seen in a well penetration unless geosciences, engineering, or performance data and reliable technology establishes a lower contact with reasonable certainty.

(c) Where direct observation from well penetrations has defined a HKO elevation and the potential exists for an associated natural gas cap, proved oil reserves may be assigned in the structurally higher portions of the reservoir only if geosciences, engineering, or performance data and reliable technology establish the higher contact with reasonable certainty.

(d) Reserves which can be produced economically through application of improved recovery techniques (including, but not limited to, fluid injection) are included in the proved classification when:



(i) successful testing by a pilot project in an area of the reservoir with properties no more favorable than in the reservoir as a whole, the operation of an installed program in the reservoir or an analogous reservoir, or other evidence using reliable technology establishes the reasonable certainty of the engineering analysis on which the project or program was based; and

(ii) the project has been approved for development by all necessary parties and entities, including governmental entities.

(e) Existing economic conditions include prices and costs at which economic producibility from a reservoir is to be determined. The price shall be the average price during the 12-month period prior to the ending date of the period covered by the report, determined as an unweighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each month within such period, unless prices are defined by contractual arrangements, excluding escalations based upon future conditions.

**“Proved undeveloped reserves” or “PUDs.”** Proved reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion. Reserves on undrilled acreage shall be limited to those directly offsetting development spacing areas that are reasonably certain of production when drilled, unless evidence using reliable technology exists that establishes reasonable certainty of economic producibility at greater distances. Undrilled locations can be classified as having proved undeveloped reserves only if a development plan has been adopted indicating that they are scheduled to be drilled within five years, unless the specific circumstances justify a longer time. Under no circumstances shall estimates for undeveloped reserves be attributable to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proved effective by actual projects in the same reservoir or an analogous reservoir, or by other evidence using reliable technology establishing reasonable certainty.

**“Recompletion.”** The process of treating a drilled well followed by the installation of permanent equipment for the production of natural gas, NGLs or oil, in the case of a dry hole, the reporting of abandonment to the appropriate agency.

**“Reservoir.”** A porous and permeable underground formation containing a natural accumulation of producible natural gas, NGLs and/or oil that is confined by impermeable rock or water barriers and is separate from other reservoirs.

**“Spacing.”** The distance between wells producing from the same reservoir. Spacing is expressed in terms of acres, e.g., 40-acre spacing, and is established by regulatory agencies.

**“SOFR.”** The Secured Overnight Financing Rate, or SOFR.

**“Standardized measure.”** The year-end present value (discounted at an annual rate of 10%) of estimated future net cash flows to be generated from the production of proved reserves net of estimated income taxes associated with such net cash flows, as determined in accordance with FASB guidelines, without giving effect to non-property related expenses such as indirect general and administrative expenses and debt service or to depreciation, depletion and amortization. Standardized measure does not give effect to derivative transactions.

**“Undeveloped acreage.”** Lease acreage on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of commercial quantities of natural gas, NGLs and oil regardless of whether such acreage contains proved reserves.

**“Unit.”** The joining of all or substantially all interests in a reservoir or field, rather than a single tract, to provide for development and operation without regard to separate property interests. Also, the area covered by a unitization agreement.

**“U.S. GAAP.”** Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**“Wellbore” or “well.”** The hole drilled by the bit that is equipped for natural gas, NGLs or oil production on a completed well. Also called a well or borehole.

**“Working interest.”** The right granted to the lessee of a property to explore for and to produce and own natural gas, NGLs, oil or other minerals. The working interest owners bear the exploration, development and operating costs on either a cash, penalty or carried basis.

**“Workover.”** Operations on a producing well to restore or increase production.

**“WTI.”** West Texas Intermediate grade crude oil, used as a pricing benchmark for sales contracts and NYMEX oil futures contracts.

**ABOUT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Except where the context otherwise requires or where otherwise indicated, the terms “Diversified Energy,” the “Company,” “DEC,” “we,” “us,” “our company” and “our business” refer to Diversified Energy Company plc, formerly Diversified Gas & Oil plc, together with its consolidated subsidiaries.

For the convenience of the reader, in this registration statement, unless otherwise indicated, translations from pound sterling into U.S. dollars were made at the rate of £1.00 to \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which was the noon buying rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023. Such U.S. dollar amounts are not necessarily indicative of the amounts of U.S. dollars that could actually have been purchased upon exchange of pound sterling at the dates indicated or any other date.

We obtained the industry, market and competitive position data in this registration statement from our own internal estimates, surveys and research, as well as from publicly available information, industry and general publications and research, surveys and studies.

Industry publications, research, surveys, studies and forecasts generally state that the information they contain has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but that the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed. Forecasts and other forward-looking information obtained from these sources are subject to the same qualifications and uncertainties as the other forward-looking statements in this registration statement. These forecasts and forward-looking information are subject to uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in the section titled “Risk Factors” found elsewhere in this registration statement. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the forecasts or estimates from independent third parties and us.

We have proprietary rights to trademarks used in this registration statement that are important to our business, many of which are registered under applicable intellectual property laws. Solely for convenience, trademarks and trade names referred to in this registration statement may appear without the “®” or “TM” symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent possible under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and trade names. We do not intend our use or display of other companies’ trademarks, trade names or service marks to imply a relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, any other companies. Each trademark, trade name or service mark of any other company appearing in this registration statement is the property of its respective holder.

Unless another date is specified or the context otherwise requires, all acreage, well count, hedging and reserve data presented in this registration statement is as of December 31, 2022.

### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this registration statement, including those in “*Item 3.D. Risk Factors*,” “*Item 4.B. Business Overview*” and “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects*” and elsewhere in this registration statement, contain forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the following words: “may,” “might,” “will,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “seek,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” “contemplate,” “possible” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. We have based forward-looking statements in this registration statement on our current expectations and beliefs about future developments and their potential effect on us.

These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from the information expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this registration statement, we caution you that these statements are based on a combination of facts and factors currently known by us and our projections of the future, about which we cannot be certain. Forward-looking statements contained in this registration statement are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks and uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) and assumptions that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and present expectations or projections. We caution you that assumptions, beliefs, expectations, intentions and projections about future events may and often do vary materially from actual results. Therefore, we cannot assure you that actual results will not differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. Known material factors that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in or implied by forward-looking statements contained or incorporated in this registration statement are described under “Risk Factors” and in other sections of this registration statement. Such factors include, but are not limited to:

- declines in, the sustained depression of, or increased volatility in the prices we receive for our natural gas, oil and NGLs, or increases in the differential between index natural gas, oil and NGL prices and prices received;
- risks related to and the effects of actual or anticipated pandemics such as the COVID-19 pandemic; uncertainties about the estimated quantities of natural gas, oil and NGL reserves;
- operating risks, including, but not limited to, risks related to properties where we do not serve as the operator;
- the adequacy of our capital resources and liquidity, including, but not limited to, access to additional borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility and the ability to obtain future financing on commercially reasonable terms or at all;
- the effects of government regulation, permitting and other legal requirements, including, but not limited to, new legislation;
- the effects of environmental, natural gas, oil and NGL related and occupational health and safety laws and regulations, including, but not limited to delays, curtailment or cessation of operations or exposure to material costs and liabilities;
- difficult and adverse conditions in the domestic and global capital and credit markets and economies, including effects of diseases, political instability, including but not limited to instability related to the military conflict in Ukraine, and pricing and production decisions;
- the concentration of our operations in the Appalachian Basin, the Barnett Shale, the Cotton Valley Formation, the Haynesville Shale of the United States and the Mid-Continent producing region;
- potential financial losses or earnings reductions resulting from our commodity price risk management program or any inability to manage our commodity price risks;
- the failure by counterparties to our derivative risk management activities to perform their obligations;

- shortages of oilfield equipment, supplies, services and qualified personnel and increased costs for such equipment, supplies, services and personnel;
- access to pipelines, storage platforms, shipping vessels and other means of transporting and storing and refining gas and oil, including without limitation, changes in availability of, and access to, pipeline usage;
- risks and liabilities associated with acquired properties, including, but not limited to, the assets acquired in connection with our recent acquisitions;
- uncertainties about our ability to replace reserves;
- our hedging strategy;
- competition in the natural gas, oil and NGL industry; and
- our substantial existing indebtedness. Reserve engineering is a process of estimating underground accumulations of natural gas, oil and NGLs that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and price and cost assumptions made by our reserve engineers. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production activities may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions would change the schedule of any further production and development drilling. Accordingly, reserve and PV-10 estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of natural gas, oil and NGLs that are ultimately recovered.

You should refer to “*Item 3.D Risk Factors*” of this registration statement for a discussion of other important factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements in this registration statement will prove to be accurate.

In addition, statements that “we believe” and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based upon information available to us as of the date of this registration statement, and although we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted a thorough inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain, and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements. Furthermore, if our forward-looking statements prove to be inaccurate, the inaccuracy may be material. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

## PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This registration statement includes our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 as well as our unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of June 30, 2023 and for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the IASB, which differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. None of our financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Our financial information is presented in U.S. dollars. Our fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31 of the same year. Certain amounts and percentages included in this registration statement have been rounded. Accordingly, in certain instances, the sum of the numbers in a column of a table may not exactly equal the total figure for that column.

All references in this registration statement to “\$” mean U.S. dollars and all references to “£” and “GBP” mean pound sterling. We have made rounding adjustments to some of the figures included in this registration statement. Accordingly, numerical figures shown as totals in some tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that preceded them.

### Use of Non-IFRS Measures

Certain key operating metrics that are not defined under IFRS (alternative performance measures) are included in this registration statement. These non-IFRS measures are used by us to monitor the underlying business performance of the Company from period to period and to facilitate comparison with our peers. Since not all companies calculate these or other non-IFRS metrics in the same way, the manner in which we have chosen to calculate the non-IFRS metrics presented herein may not be compatible with similarly defined terms used by other companies. The non-IFRS metrics should not be considered in isolation of, or viewed as substitutes for, the financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. Certain of the key operating metrics set forth below are based on information derived from our regularly maintained records and accounting and operating systems. See “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects — A. Operating Results*” for reconciliations of such measures to the most directly comparable IFRS measures and reasons for the use of such non-IFRS measures.

**Adjusted EBITDA.** As used herein, EBITDA represents earnings before interest, taxes, depletion, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA includes adjusting for items that are not comparable period over period, namely, accretion of asset retirement obligation, other (income) expense, loss on joint and working interest owners receivable, gain on bargain purchase, (gain) loss on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments, (gain) loss on natural gas and oil property and equipment, costs associated with acquisitions, other adjusting costs, non-cash equity compensation, (gain) loss on foreign currency hedge, net (gain) loss on interest rate swaps and items of a similar nature.

Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for operating profit or loss, net income or loss, or cash flows provided by operating, investing and financing activities. However, we believe such measure is useful to an investor in evaluating DEC’s financial performance because it (1) is widely used by investors in the natural gas and oil industry as an indicator of underlying business performance; (2) helps investors to more meaningfully evaluate and compare the results of DEC’s operations from period to period by removing the often-volatile revenue impact of changes in the fair value of derivative instruments prior to settlement; (3) is used in the calculation of a key metric in our revolving credit facility by and among DP RBL Co LLC, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto (the “Credit Facility”) financial covenants; and (4) is used by the Company as a performance measure in determining executive compensation. When evaluating this measure, we believe investors also commonly find it useful to evaluate this metric as a percentage of our Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, producing what we refer to as our Adjusted EBITDA Margin throughout this report. Please refer to the definitions of these added profitability metrics below for additional details.

**Net Debt.** As used herein, Net Debt represents total debt as recognized on the balance sheet less cash and restricted cash. Total debt includes DEC’s borrowings under the Credit Facility and borrowings under

or issuances of, as applicable, its subsidiaries' securitization facilities. Net Debt is a useful indicator of DEC's leverage and capital structure.

**Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges.** As used herein, Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, includes the impact of derivatives settled in cash. We believe that Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, is a useful measure because it enables investors to discern DEC's realized revenue after adjusting for the settlement of derivative contracts.

**Adjusted EBITDA Margin.** As used herein, Adjusted EBITDA Margin is measured as Adjusted EBITDA, as a percentage of Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges. Adjusted EBITDA Margin includes the direct operating cost and the portion of general and administrative cost it takes to produce each Boe. This metric includes operating expense, employees, administrative costs and professional services and recurring allowance for credit losses, which include fixed and variable cost components. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA Margin is a useful measure of DEC's profitability and efficiency as well as its earnings quality given its ability to measure the company on a more comparable basis period over period given we are often involved in transactions that are not comparable between periods.

**Free Cash Flow.** As used herein, Free Cash Flow represents net cash provided by operating activities less expenditures on natural gas and oil properties and equipment and cash paid for interest. We believe that Free Cash Flow is a useful indicator of DEC's ability to generate cash that is available for activities other than capital expenditures. Management believes that Free Cash Flow provides investors with an important perspective on the cash available to service debt obligations, make strategic acquisitions and investments and pay dividends.

**Adjusted Operating Cost per Boe.** Adjusted Operating Cost per Boe is a metric that allows us to measure the direct operating cost and the portion of general and administrative cost it takes to produce each Boe. This metric, similar to Adjusted EBITDA Margin, includes operating expense, employees, administrative costs and professional services and recurring allowance for credit losses, which include fixed and variable cost components.

**Employees, administrative costs and professional services.** As used herein, employees, administrative costs and professional services represents total administrative expenses excluding cost associated with acquisitions, other adjusting costs and non-cash expenses. We use Employees, administrative costs and professional services because this measure excludes items that affect the comparability of results or that are not indicative of trends in the ongoing business.

**PV-10.** PV-10 is a non-IFRS measure because it excludes the effects of applicable income tax. Management believes that the presentation of the non-IFRS financial measure of PV-10 provides useful information to investors because it is widely used by professional analysts and sophisticated investors in evaluating natural gas and oil companies. PV-10 is not a measure of financial or operating performance under IFRS. PV-10 should not be considered as an alternative to the standardized measure as defined under IFRS. We have included a reconciliation of PV-10 to the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows, its most directly comparable IFRS measure, elsewhere in this registration statement. PV-10 differs from the standardized measure of discounted future net cash flows because it does not include the effects of income taxes. Neither PV-10 nor the standardized measure represents an estimate of fair market value of our natural gas and oil properties.

## PART I

**Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers****A. Directors and Senior Management.****Directors**

The following table sets forth the names and positions of the members of our Board as of the date of this registration statement. The business address of each of the directors is c/o Diversified Energy Company plc, 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

Name	Position	Director Since <sup>(1)</sup>
Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr.	Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Director	July 2014
David E. Johnson	Independent Chairman of the Board	Feb. 2017
Martin K. Thomas	Vice Chairman of the Board	Jan. 2015
Kathryn Z. Klaber	Independent Director	Jan. 2023
Sylvia J. Kerrigan	Senior Independent Director	Oct. 2021
Sandra M. Stash	Independent Director	Oct. 2019
David J. Turner, Jr.	Independent Director	May 2019

(1) The executive director’s service agreement is of indefinite duration, subject to termination by the Company or the individual on six months’ notice. The non-executive director serves for an initial period of 12 months, subject to re-election at each annual general meeting of the Company and is terminable on three months’ notice given by either party.

**Senior Management**

The following table sets forth the names and positions of the members of our Senior Management team as of the date of this registration statement. The business address for each member of our Senior Management is c/o Diversified Energy Company plc, 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

Name	Position
Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr.	Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Bradley G. Gray	President and Chief Financial Officer
Benjamin Sullivan	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal & Risk Officer, and Corporate Secretary

**B. Advisers.**

Our external legal advisers are Latham & Watkins LLP, whose address is 300 Colorado Street, Suite 2400, Austin, Texas 78701, and Latham & Watkins (London) LLP, whose address is 99 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XF United Kingdom.

**C. Auditors.**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has been our statutory auditor since 2020. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has audited our financial statements for the periods ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is an independent registered public accounting firm, registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). For more information on our auditors, see “Item 10. Additional Information — G. Statements by Experts.”

**Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable**

Not applicable.



**Item 3. Key Information****A. [Reserved.]****B. Cash and Cash Equivalents, Capitalization and Indebtedness**

The table below sets forth our cash and cash equivalents, capitalization and indebtedness as of June 30, 2023, to which no significant updates have occurred through the date of this filing. This table should be read in conjunction with “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects,” and the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and the related notes thereto, which appear elsewhere in this registration statement.

<i>(in thousands)</i>			
<b>Total debt</b>			<b>\$ 1,555,208</b>
Shareholders’ equity:			
Ordinary shares, nominal value £0.01 per share:	shares, actual;	shares,	
as adjusted			
Share capital			13,056
Share premium account			1,208,192
Treasury reserve			(92,811)
Share based payment and other reserves			9,620
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)			(590,109)
Non-controlling interest			13,050
<b>Total shareholders’ equity</b>			<b>560,998</b>
<b>Total capitalization</b>			<b>\$2,116,206</b>

**C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

**D. Risk Factors**

*You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with all of the other information in this registration statement on Form 20-F. The risks and uncertainties below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect our business. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be seriously harmed and you could lose all or part of your investment. This registration statement also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including the risks described below and elsewhere in this registration statement.*

**Summary of Risk Factors**

We are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations. The summary below is not exhaustive and is qualified by reference to the full set of risk factors set forth in this “Risk Factors” section.

- Volatility and future decreases in natural gas, NGLs and oil prices could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.
- We face production risks and hazards that may affect our ability to produce natural gas, NGLs and oil at expected levels, quality and costs that may result in additional liabilities to us.
- The levels of our natural gas and oil reserves and resources, their quality and production volumes may be lower than estimated or expected.

- The present value of future net cash flows from our reserves, or PV-10, will not necessarily be the same as the current market value of our estimated natural gas, NGL and oil reserves.
- We may face unanticipated increased or incremental costs in connection with decommissioning obligations such as plugging.
- We may not be able to keep pace with technological developments in our industry or be able to implement them effectively.
- The COVID-19 pandemic (or another pandemic or epidemic) may have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.
- Deterioration in the economic conditions in any of the industries in which our customers operate, a domestic or worldwide financial downturn, or negative credit market conditions could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, results of operations, business and financial condition that we cannot predict.
- Our operations are subject to a series of risks relating to climate change.
- We rely on third-party infrastructure such as TC Energy (formerly TransCanada), Enbridge, CNX, Dominion Energy Transmission, Enlink, Williams and MarkWest (defined herein) that we do not control and/ or, in each case, are subject to tariff charges that we do not control.
- Failure by us, our contractors or our primary offtakers to obtain access to necessary equipment and transportation systems could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.
- A proportion of our equipment has substantial prior use and significant expenditure may be required to maintain operability and operations integrity.
- We depend on our directors, key members of management, independent experts, technical and operational service providers and on our ability to retain and hire such persons to effectively manage our growing business.
- We may face unanticipated water and other waste disposal costs.
- We may incur significant costs and liabilities resulting from performance of pipeline integrity programs and related repairs.
- Inflation may adversely affect us by increasing costs beyond what we can recover through price increases and limit our ability to enter into future debt financing.
- There are risks inherent in our acquisitions of natural gas and oil assets.
- We may not have good title to all our assets and licenses.
- Restrictions in our existing and future debt agreements could limit our growth and our ability to engage in certain activities.
- The securitizations of our limited purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiaries may expose us to financing and other risks, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to access the securitization market in the future, which may require us to seek more costly financing.
- We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental, health and safety regulations, the violation of which may affect our financial condition and operations.
- Our operations are dependent on our compliance with obligations under permits, licenses, contracts and field development plans.
- Our operations are subject to the risk of litigation.
- The price of our ordinary shares may be volatile and may fluctuate due to factors beyond our control.
- The dual listing of our ordinary shares may adversely affect the liquidity and value of our ordinary shares.

- Failure to comply with requirements to design, implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on our business.
- We are subject to certain tax risks, including changes in tax legislation in the United Kingdom and the United States.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business, Operations and Industry**

##### ***Volatility and future decreases in natural gas, NGLs and oil prices could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.***

Our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects depend substantially upon prevailing natural gas, NGL and oil prices, which may be adversely impacted by unfavorable global, regional and national macroeconomic conditions, including but not limited to instability related to the military conflict in Ukraine and the COVID-19 pandemic. Natural gas, NGLs and oil are commodities for which prices are determined based on global and regional demand, supply and other factors, all of which are beyond our control.

Historically, prices for natural gas, NGLs and oil have fluctuated widely for many reasons, including:

- global and regional supply and demand, and expectations regarding future supply and demand, for gas and oil products;
- global and regional economic conditions;
- evolution of stocks of oil and related products;
- increased production due to new extraction developments and improved extraction and production methods;
- geopolitical uncertainty;
- threats or acts of terrorism, war or threat of war, which may affect supply, transportation or demand;
- weather conditions, natural disasters, climate change and environmental incidents;
- access to pipelines, storage platforms, shipping vessels and other means of transporting, storing and refining gas and oil, including without limitation, changes in availability of, and access to, pipeline ullage;
- prices and availability of alternative fuels;
- prices and availability of new technologies affecting energy consumption;
- increasing competition from alternative energy sources;
- the ability of OPEC and other oil-producing nations, to set and maintain specified levels of production and prices;
- political, economic and military developments in gas and oil producing regions generally;
- governmental regulations and actions, including the imposition of export restrictions and taxes and environmental requirements and restrictions as well as anti-hydrocarbon production policies;
- trading activities by market participants and others either seeking to secure access to natural gas, NGLs and oil or to hedge against commercial risks, or as part of an investment portfolio; and
- market uncertainty, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, and speculative activities by those who buy and sell natural gas, NGLs and oil on the world markets.

It is impossible to accurately predict future gas, NGL and oil price movements. Historically, natural gas prices have been highly volatile and subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the demand for natural gas. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the historical high and low Henry Hub natural gas spot prices per MMBtu for the following periods were as follows: in 2020, high

of \$3.14 and low of \$1.33; in 2021, high of \$23.86 and low of \$2.43; in 2022, high of \$9.85 and low of \$3.46, and for the six months ended June 30, 2023, high of \$3.78 and low of \$1.74 — highlighting the volatile nature of commodity prices.

The economics of producing from some wells and assets may also result in a reduction in the volumes of our reserves which can be produced commercially, resulting in decreases to our reported reserves. Additionally, further reductions in commodity prices may result in a reduction in the volumes of our reserves. We might also elect not to continue production from certain wells at lower prices, or our license partners may not want to continue production regardless of our position.

Each of these factors could result in a material decrease in the value of our reserves, which could lead to a reduction in our natural gas, NGLs and oil development activities and acquisition of additional reserves. In addition, certain development projects or potential future acquisitions could become unprofitable as a result of a decline in price and could result in us postponing or canceling a planned project or potential acquisition, or if it is not possible to cancel, to carry out the project or acquisition with negative economic impacts. Further, a reduction in natural gas, NGL or oil prices may lead our producing fields to be shut down and to be entered into the decommissioning phase earlier than estimated.

Our revenues, cash flows, operating results, profitability, dividends, future rate of growth and the carrying value of our gas and oil properties depend heavily on the prices we receive for natural gas, NGLs and oil sales. Commodity prices also affect our cash flows available for capital investments and other items, including the amount and value of our gas and oil reserves. In addition, we may face gas and oil property impairments if prices fall significantly. In light of the continuing increase in supply coming from the Utica and Marcellus shale plays of the Appalachian Basin, no assurance can be given that commodity prices will remain at levels which enable us to do business profitably or at levels that make it economically viable to produce from certain wells and any material decline in such prices could result in a reduction of our net production volumes and revenue and a decrease in the valuation of our production properties, which could negatively impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***We conduct our business in a highly competitive industry.***

The gas and oil industry is highly competitive. The key areas in which we face competition include:

- engagement of third-party service providers whose capacity to provide key services may be limited;
- acquisition of other companies that may already own licenses or existing producing assets;
- acquisition of assets offered for sale by other companies;
- access to capital (debt and equity) for financing and operational purposes;
- purchasing, leasing, hiring, chartering or other procuring of equipment that may be scarce; and
- employment of qualified and experienced skilled management and gas and oil professionals and field operations personnel.

Competition in our markets is intense and depends, among other things, on the number of competitors in the market, their financial resources, their degree of geological, geophysical, engineering and management expertise and capabilities, their degree of vertical integration and pricing policies, their ability to develop properties on time and on budget, their ability to select, acquire and develop reserves and their ability to foster and maintain relationships with the relevant authorities. The cost to attract and retain qualified and experienced personnel has increased and may increase substantially in the future.

Our competitors also include those entities with greater technical, physical and financial resources than us. Finally, companies and certain private equity firms not previously investing in gas and oil may choose to acquire reserves to establish a firm supply or simply as an investment. Any such companies will also increase market competition which may directly affect us.

The effects of operating in a competitive industry may include:

- higher than anticipated prices for the acquisition of licenses or assets;

- the hiring by competitors of key management or other personnel; and
- restrictions on the availability of equipment or services.

If we are unsuccessful in competing against other companies, our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects could be materially adversely affected.

***We may experience delays in production, marketing and transportation.***

Various production, marketing and transportation conditions may cause delays in natural gas, NGLs and oil production and adversely affect our business. For example, the gas gathering systems that we own connect to other pipelines or facilities which are owned and operated by third parties. These pipelines and other midstream facilities and others upon which we rely may become unavailable because of testing, turnarounds, line repair, reduced operating pressure, lack of operating capacity, regulatory requirements, curtailments of receipt or deliveries due to insufficient capacity or because of damage. In periods where NGL prices are high, we benefit greatly from the ability to process NGLs. Our largest processor of NGLs is the MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P., (“MarkWest”) plant located in Langley, Kentucky. If we were to lose the ability to process NGLs at MarkWest’s plant during a period of high pricing, our revenues would be negatively impacted. As a short-term measure, we could divert the natural gas through other pipeline routes; however, certain pipeline operators would eventually decline to transport the gas due to its liquid content at a level that would exceed tariff specifications for those pipelines. The lack of available capacity on third-party systems and facilities could reduce the price offered for our production or result in the shut-in of producing wells. Any significant changes affecting these infrastructure systems and facilities, as well as any delays in constructing new infrastructure systems and facilities, could delay our production, which could negatively impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***We face production risks and hazards that may affect our ability to produce natural gas, NGLs and oil at expected levels, quality and costs that may result in additional liabilities to us.***

Our natural gas and oil production operations are subject to numerous risks common to our industry, including, but not limited to, premature decline of reservoirs, incorrect production estimates, invasion of water into producing formations, geological uncertainties such as unusual or unexpected rock formations and abnormal geological pressures, low permeability of reservoirs, contamination of natural gas and oil, blowouts, oil and other chemical spills, explosions, fires, equipment damage or failure, challenges relating to transportation, pipeline infrastructure, natural disasters, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids, adverse weather conditions, shortages of skilled labor, delays in obtaining regulatory approvals or consents, pollution and other environmental risks.

If any of the above events occur, environmental damage, including biodiversity loss or habitat destruction, injury to persons or property and other species and organisms, loss of life, failure to produce natural gas, NGLs and oil in commercial quantities or an inability to fully produce discovered reserves could result. These events could also cause substantial damage to our property or the property of others and our reputation and put at risk some or all of our interests in licenses, which enable us to produce, and could result in the incurrence of fines or penalties, criminal sanctions potentially being enforced against us and our management, as well as other governmental and third-party claims. Consequent production delays and declines from normal field operating conditions and other adverse actions taken by third parties may result in revenue and cash flow levels being adversely affected.

Moreover, should any of these risks materialize, we could incur legal defense costs, remedial costs and substantial losses, including those due to injury or loss of life, human health risks, severe damage to or destruction of property, natural resources and equipment, environmental damage, unplanned production outages, clean-up responsibilities, regulatory investigations and penalties, increased public interest in our operational performance and suspension of operations, which could negatively impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***The levels of our natural gas and oil reserves and resources, their quality and production volumes may be lower than estimated or expected.***

The reserves data as of December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 contained in this registration statement have been audited by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. (“NSAI”) unless stated otherwise. The standards

utilized to prepare the reserves information that has been extracted in this document may be different from the standards of reporting adopted in other jurisdictions. Investors, therefore, should not assume that the data found in the reserves information set forth in this registration statement is directly comparable to similar information that has been prepared in accordance with the reserve reporting standards of other jurisdictions, such as the United Kingdom.

In general, estimates of economically recoverable natural gas, NGLs and oil reserves are based on a number of factors and assumptions made as of the date on which the reserves estimates were determined, such as geological, geophysical and engineering estimates (which have inherent uncertainties), historical production from the properties or analogous reserves, the assumed effects of regulation by governmental agencies and estimates of future commodity prices, operating costs, gathering and transportation costs and production related taxes, all of which may vary considerably from actual results.

Underground accumulations of hydrocarbons cannot be measured in an exact manner and estimates thereof are a subjective process aimed at understanding the statistical probabilities of recovery. Estimates of the quantity of economically recoverable natural gas and oil reserves, rates of production and, where applicable, the timing of development expenditures depend upon several variables and assumptions, including the following:

- production history compared with production from other comparable producing areas;
- quality and quantity of available data;
- interpretation of the available geological and geophysical data;
- effects of regulations adopted by governmental agencies;
- future percentages of sales;
- future natural gas, NGLs and oil prices;
- capital investments;
- effectiveness of the applied technologies and equipment;
- effectiveness of our field operations employees to extract the reserves;
- natural events or the negative impacts of natural disasters;
- future operating costs, tax on the extraction of commercial minerals, development costs and workover and remedial costs; and
- the judgment of the persons preparing the estimate.

As all reserve estimates are subjective, each of the following items may differ materially from those assumed in estimating reserves:

- the quantities and qualities that are ultimately recovered;
- the timing of the recovery of natural gas and oil reserves;
- the production and operating costs incurred;
- the amount and timing of development expenditures, to the extent applicable;
- future hydrocarbon sales prices; and
- decommissioning costs and changes to regulatory requirements for decommissioning.

Many of the factors in respect of which assumptions are made when estimating reserves are beyond our control and therefore these estimates may prove to be incorrect over time. Evaluations of reserves necessarily involve multiple uncertainties. The accuracy of any reserves evaluation depends on the quality of available information and natural gas, NGLs and oil engineering and geological interpretation. Furthermore, less historical well production data is available for unconventional wells because they have only become technologically viable in the past twenty years and the long-term production data is not always sufficient to determine terminal decline rates. In comparison, some conventional wells in our portfolio have been

productive for a much longer time. As a result, there is a risk that estimates of our shale reserves are not as reliable as estimates of the conventional well reserves that have a longer historical profile to draw on. Interpretation, testing and production after the date of the estimates may require substantial upward or downward revisions in our reserves and resources data. Moreover, different reserve engineers may make different estimates of reserves and cash flows based on the same available data. Actual production, revenues and expenditures with respect to reserves will vary from estimates and the variances may be material.

If the assumptions upon which the estimates of our natural gas and oil reserves prove to be incorrect or if the actual reserves available to us (or the operator of an asset in we have an interest) are otherwise less than the current estimates or of lesser quality than expected, we may be unable to recover and produce the estimated levels or quality of natural gas, NGLs or oil set out in this document and this may materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***The PV-10, will not necessarily be the same as the current market value of our estimated natural gas, NGL and oil reserves.***

You should not assume that the present value of future net cash flows from our reserves is the current market value of our estimated natural gas, NGL and oil reserves. Actual future net cash flows from our natural gas and oil properties will be affected by factors such as:

- actual prices we receive for natural gas, NGL and oil;
- actual cost of development and production expenditures;
- the amount and timing of actual production;
- transportation and processing; and
- changes in governmental regulations or taxation.

The timing of both our production and our incurrence of expenses in connection with the development and production of our natural gas and oil properties will affect the timing and amount of actual future net cash flows from reserves, and thus their actual present value. In addition, the 10% discount factor we use when calculating discounted future net cash flows may not be the most appropriate discount factor based on interest rates in effect from time to time and risks associated with us or the natural gas and oil industry in general. Actual future prices and costs may differ materially from those used in the present value estimate. See the subsection titled “Presentation of Financial Information — Use of Non-IFRS Measures” for additional information regarding our use of PV-10.

***We may face unanticipated increased or incremental costs in connection with decommissioning obligations such as plugging.***

In the future, we may become responsible for costs associated with abandoning and reclaiming wells, facilities and pipelines which we use for the processing of natural gas and oil reserves. With regards to plugging, we are party to agreements with regulators in the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, four of our largest wellbore states, setting forth plugging and abandonment schedules spanning a period ranging from 10 to 15 years. We will incur such decommissioning costs at the end of the operating life of some of our properties. The ultimate decommissioning costs are uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques, the shortage of plugging vendors, difficult terrain or weather conditions or experience at other production sites. The expected timing and amount of expenditure can also change, for example, in response to changes in reserves, wells losing commercial viability sooner than forecasted or changes in laws and regulations or their interpretation. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provisions established which would affect future financial results. The use of other funds to satisfy such decommissioning costs may impair our ability to focus capital investment in other areas of our business, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***We may not be able to keep pace with technological developments in our industry or be able to implement them effectively.***

The natural gas and oil industry is characterized by rapid and significant technological advancements and introductions of new products and services using new technologies, such as emissions controls and

processing technologies. Rapid technological advancements in information technology and operational technology domains require seamless integration. Failure to integrate these technologies efficiently may result in operational inefficiencies, security vulnerabilities, and increased costs. During mergers and acquisitions, integrating technology assets from acquired companies can be complex. Poor integration may lead to data inconsistencies, security gaps and operational disruptions. Technology systems are also susceptible to cybersecurity threats, including malware, data breaches, and ransomware attacks. These threats may disrupt operations, compromise sensitive data and lead to significant financial losses. Further, inefficient data management practices may result in data breaches, data loss and missed opportunities for operational insights. The presence of legacy technology systems can also pose challenges, as they may lack modern security features, making them vulnerable to cyber threats and necessitating costly upgrades. As others use or develop new technologies, we may be placed at a competitive disadvantage or may be forced by competitive pressures to implement those new technologies at substantial costs. In addition, other natural gas and oil companies may have greater financial, technical and personnel resources that allow them to enjoy technological advantages, which may in the future allow them to implement new technologies before we can. Additionally, reliance on global supply chains for information technology hardware, software and operational technology equipment exposes the industry to supply chain disruptions, shortages and cybersecurity risks.

***A lowering or withdrawal of the ratings, outlook or watch assigned to us or our debt by rating agencies may increase our future borrowing costs and reduce our access to capital.***

The rating, outlook or watch assigned to us or our debt could be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that rating agency's judgment, current or future circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, outlook, or watch such as adverse changes to our business, so warrant. Our credit ratings may also change as a result of the differing methodologies or changes in the methodologies used by the rating agencies. Any future lowering of our debt's ratings, outlook or watch likely would make it more difficult or more expensive for us to obtain additional debt financing.

It is also possible that such ratings may be lowered in connection with this listing or in connection with future events, such as future acquisitions. Holders of our ordinary shares will have no recourse against us or any other parties in the event of a change in or suspension or withdrawal of such ratings. Any lowering, suspension or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price or marketability of our ordinary shares.

***If we do not have access to capital on favorable terms, on the timeline we require, or at all, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.***

We require capital to complete acquisitions that we believe will enhance shareholder return. Significant volatility or disruption in the global financial markets may result in us not being able to obtain additional financing on favorable terms, on the timeline we anticipate, or at all, and we may not be able to refinance, if necessary, any outstanding debt when due, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. Any inability to obtain additional funding on favorable terms, on the timeline we anticipate, or at all, may prevent us from acquiring new assets, cause us to curtail our operations significantly, reduce planned capital expenditures or obtain funds through arrangements that management does not currently anticipate, including disposing of our assets, the occurrence of any of which may significantly impair our ability to deliver shareholder returns. If our operating results falter, our cash flow or capital resources prove inadequate, or if interest rates increase significantly, we could face liquidity problems that could materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

***The COVID-19 pandemic (or another pandemic or epidemic) may have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.***

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought considerable change and is expected to continue to bring considerable change to the risk landscape, increasing the impact of many of our principal risks and creating uncertainty in how the future risk landscape will unfold. For example, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on commodity pricing in the second quarter of 2020 led to a sharp decline in production of oil from shale players, consequently impacting the production of associated natural gas. We continue to monitor



the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and although our operations have not incurred any significant disruption related to COVID-19, the situation is uncertain and could change in the future.

The extent of the impact of the pandemic on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects will depend largely on future developments, including operational shutdowns due to the unavailability of qualified personnel, third party utilities or spare parts required to safely maintain operations due to outbreaks of COVID-19 or any future pandemics or epidemics, delayed execution of projects or increased project costs due to governmental restrictions and measures put in place to safeguard employees and contractors, such as reducing personnel and deferring discretionary activities at our assets, which may cause delays in expected future cash flows, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. This situation continues to evolve, and additional impacts may arise due to COVID-19, or another pandemic or epidemic, that we are not aware of currently. Any negative impact could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***Deterioration in the economic conditions in any of the industries in which our customers operate, a domestic or worldwide financial downturn, or negative credit market conditions could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity, results of operations, business and financial condition that we cannot predict.***

Economic conditions in a number of industries in which our customers operate have experienced substantial deterioration in the past, resulting in reduced demand for natural gas and oil. Renewed or continued weakness in the economic conditions of any of the industries we serve or that are served by our customers, or the increased focus by markets on carbon-neutrality, could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operation and liquidity in a number of ways. For example:

- demand for natural gas and electricity in the United States is impacted by industrial production, which if weakened would negatively impact the revenues, margins and profitability of our natural gas business;
- a decrease in international demand for natural gas or NGLs produced in the United States could adversely affect the pricing for such products, which could adversely affect our results of operations and liquidity;
- the tightening of credit or lack of credit availability to our customers could adversely affect our liquidity, as our ability to receive payment for our products sold and delivered depends on the continued creditworthiness of our customers;
- our ability to refinance our Credit Facility may be limited and the terms on which we are able to do so may be less favorable to us depending on the strength of the capital markets or our credit ratings;
- our ability to access the capital markets may be restricted at a time when we would like, or need, to raise capital for our business including for exploration and/or development of our natural gas reserves;
- increased capital markets scrutiny of oil and gas companies may lead to increased costs of capital or lack of credit availability; and
- a decline in our creditworthiness may require us to post letters of credit, cash collateral, or surety bonds to secure certain obligations, all of which would have an adverse effect on our liquidity.

In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has materially and adversely impacted many businesses, industries and economies. For further detail regarding the risks to our business resulting from COVID-19, see the Risk Factor below titled “— *The COVID-19 pandemic (or another pandemic or epidemic) may have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.*”

***Our operations are subject to a series of risks relating to climate change.***

Continued public concern regarding climate change and potential mitigation through regulation could have a material impact on our business. International agreements, national, regional, state and local legislation, and regulatory measures to limit GHG emissions are currently in place or in various stages of discussion or implementation. For example, the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law in August 2022, includes a “methane fee” that is expected to be imposed beginning with emissions reported for calendar year 2024. In addition, the current U.S. administration has proposed more stringent methane pollution limits

for new and existing gas and oil operations. Given that some of our operations are associated with emissions of GHGs, these and other GHG emissions-related laws, policies and regulations may result in substantial capital, compliance, operating and maintenance costs. The level of expenditure required to comply with these laws and regulations is uncertain and is expected to vary depending on the laws enacted by particular countries, states, provinces and municipalities.

Internationally, the United Nations-sponsored “Paris Agreement” requires member nations to individually determine and submit non-binding emissions reduction targets every five years after 2020. President Biden has recommitted the United States to the Paris Agreement and, in April 2021, announced a goal of reducing the United States’ emissions by 50-52% below 2005 levels by 2030. In November 2021, the international community gathered in Glasgow at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, during which multiple announcements were made, including a call for parties to eliminate certain fossil fuel subsidies and pursue further action on non-carbon dioxide GHGs. Relatedly, the United States and European Union jointly announced the launch of the “Global Methane Pledge,” which aims to cut global methane pollution at least 30% by 2030 relative to 2020 levels, including “all feasible reductions” in the energy sector. Such commitments were re-affirmed at the 27th Conference of the Parties in Sharm El Sheikh. The emission reduction targets and other provisions of legislative or regulatory initiatives and policies enacted in the future by the United States or states in which we operate, could adversely impact our business by imposing increased costs in the form of higher taxes or increases in the prices of emission allowances, limiting our ability to develop new gas and oil reserves, transport hydrocarbons through pipelines or other methods to market, decreasing the value of our assets, or reducing the demand for hydrocarbons and refined petroleum products. With increased pressure to reduce GHG emissions by replacing fossil fuel energy generation with alternative energy generation, it is possible that peak demand for gas and oil will be reached, and gas and oil prices will be adversely impacted as and when this happens. Further, the consequences of the effects of global climate change, and the continued political and societal attention afforded to mitigating the effects of climate change, may generate adverse investor and stakeholder sentiment towards the hydrocarbon industry and negatively impact the ability to invest in the sector. Similarly, longer term reduction in the demand for hydrocarbon products due to the pace of commercial deployment of alternative energy technologies or due to shifts in consumer preference for lower GHG emissions products could reduce the demand for the hydrocarbons that we produce.

Additionally, the SEC’s proposed climate rule published in March 2022, requiring disclosure of a range of climate related risks, is expected to be finalized late-2023. We are currently assessing this rule, and at this time we cannot predict the costs of implementation or any potential adverse impacts resulting from the rule. To the extent this rule is finalized as proposed, we or our customers could incur increased costs related to the assessment and disclosure of climate-related risks. Additionally, enhanced climate disclosure requirements could accelerate the trend of certain stakeholders and lenders restricting or seeking more stringent conditions with respect to their investments in certain carbon intensive sectors.

Further, in response to concerns related to climate change, companies in the fossil fuel sector may be exposed to increasing financial risks. Financial institutions, including investment advisors and certain sovereign wealth, pension and endowment funds, may elect in the future to shift some or all of their investment into non-fossil fuel related sectors. Institutional lenders who provide financing to fossil-fuel energy companies have also become more attentive to sustainable lending practices, and some of them may elect in the future not to provide funding for fossil fuel energy companies. There is also a risk that financial institutions will be required to adopt policies that have the effect of reducing the funding provided to the fossil fuel sector. In 2021, President Biden signed an executive order calling for the development of a “climate finance plan,” and, separately, the Federal Reserve announced in 2020 that it has joined the Network for Greening the Financial System, a consortium of financial regulators focused on addressing climate-related risks in the financial sector. A material reduction in the capital available to the fossil fuel industry could make it more difficult to secure funding for exploration, development, production, and transportation activities, which could in turn negatively affect our operations.

The Company may also be subject to activism from environmental non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”) campaigning against fossil fuel extraction or negative publicity from media alleging inadequate remedial actions to retire non-producing wells effectively, which could affect our reputation, disrupt our programs, require us to incur significant, unplanned expense to respond or react to intentionally disruptive

campaigns or media reports, create blockades to interfere with operations or otherwise negatively impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects. Litigation risks are also increasing as a number of entities have sought to bring suit against various oil and natural gas companies in state or federal court, alleging among other things, that such companies created public nuisances by producing fuels that contributed to climate change or alleging that the companies have been aware of the adverse effects of climate change for some time but defrauded their investors or customers by failing to adequately disclose those impacts.

Finally, our operations are subject to disruption from the physical effects that may be caused or aggravated by climate change. These include risks from extreme weather events, such as hurricanes, severe storms, floods, heat waves, and ambient temperature increases, as well as wildfires, each of which may become more frequent or more severe as a result of climate change.

***We rely on third-party infrastructure that we do not control and/or, in each case, are subject to tariff charges that we do not control.***

A significant portion of our production passes through third-party owned and controlled infrastructure. If these third-party pipelines or liquids processing facilities experience any event that causes an interruption in operations or a shut-down such as mechanical problems, an explosion, adverse weather conditions, a terrorist attack or labor dispute, our ability to produce or transport natural gas could be severely affected. For example, we have an agreement with a third-party where approximately 51% of the NGLs we sold during the year ending December 31, 2022 were processed at the third-party's facility in Kentucky. Any material decrease in our ability to process or transport our natural gas through third-party infrastructure could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

Our use of third-party infrastructure may be subject to tariff charges. Although we seek to manage our flow via our midstream infrastructure, we may not always be able to avoid higher tariffs or basis blowouts due to the lack of interconnections. In such instances, the tariff charges can be substantial and the cost is not subject to our direct control, although we may have certain contractual or governmental protections and rights. Generally, the operator of the gathering or transmission pipelines sets these tariffs and expenses on a cost sharing basis according to our proportionate hydrocarbon through-put of that facility. A provisional tariff rate is applied during the relevant year and then finalized the following year based on the actual final costs and final through-put volumes. Such tariffs are dependent on continued production from assets owned by third parties and, may be priced at such a level as to lead to production from our assets ceasing to be economic and thus may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

Furthermore, our use of third-party infrastructure exposes us to the possibility that such infrastructure will cease to be operational or be decommissioned and therefore require us to source alternative export routes and/or prevent economic production from our assets. This could also have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***Failure by us, our contractors or our primary offtakers to obtain access to necessary equipment and transportation systems could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.***

We rely on our natural gas and oil field suppliers and contractors to provide materials and services that facilitate our production activities, including plugging and abandonment contractors. Any competitive pressures on the oil field suppliers and contractors could result in a material increase of costs for the materials and services required to conduct our business and operations. For example, we are dependent on the availability of plugging vendors to help us satisfy abandonment schedules that we have agreed to with the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Such personnel and services can be scarce and may not be readily available at the times and places required. Future cost increases could have a material adverse effect on our asset retirement liability, operating income, cash flows and borrowing capacity and may require a reduction in the carrying value of our properties, our planned level of spending for development and the level of our reserves. Prices for the materials and services we depend on to conduct our business may not be sustained at levels that enable us to operate profitably.

We and our offtakers rely, and any future offtakers will rely, upon the availability of pipeline and storage capacity systems, including such infrastructure systems that are owned and operated by third parties. As a result, we may be unable to access or source alternatives for the infrastructure and systems which we currently use or plan to use, or otherwise be subject to interruptions or delays in the availability of infrastructure and systems necessary for the delivery of our natural gas, NGLs and oil to commercial markets. In addition, such infrastructure may be close to its design life and decisions may be taken to decommission such infrastructure or perform life extension work to maintain continued operations. Any of these events could result in disruptions to our projects and thereby impact our ability to deliver natural gas, NGLs and oil to commercial markets and/or may increase our costs associated with the production of natural gas, NGLs and oil reliant upon such infrastructure and systems. Further, our offtakers could become subject to increased tariffs imposed by government regulators or the third-party operators or owners of the transportation systems available for the transport of our natural gas, NGLs and oil, which could result in decreased offtaker demand and downward pricing pressure.

If we are unable to access infrastructure systems facilitating the delivery of our natural gas, NGLs and oil to commercial markets due to our contractors or primary offtakers being unable to access the necessary equipment or transportation systems, our operations will be adversely affected. If we are unable to source the most efficient and expedient infrastructure systems for our assets then delivery of our natural gas, NGLs and oil to the commercial markets may be negatively impacted, as may our costs associated with the production of natural gas, NGLs and oil reliant upon such infrastructure and systems.

***A proportion of our equipment has substantial prior use and significant expenditure may be required to maintain operability and operations integrity.***

A part of our business strategy is to optimize or refurbish producing assets where possible to maximize the efficiency of our operations while avoiding significant expenses associated with purchasing new equipment. Our producing assets and midstream infrastructure require ongoing maintenance to ensure continued operational integrity. For example, some older wells may struggle to produce suitable line pressure and will require the addition of compression to push natural gas. Despite our planned operating and capital expenditures, there can be no guarantee that our assets or the assets we use will continue to operate without fault and not suffer material damage in this period through, for example, wear and tear, severe weather conditions, natural disasters or industrial accidents. If our assets, or the assets we use, do not operate at or above expected efficiencies, we may be required to make substantial expenditures beyond the amounts budgeted. Any material damage to these assets or significant capital expenditure on these assets for improvement or maintenance may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects. In addition, as with planned operating and capital expenditure, there is no guarantee that the amounts expended will ensure continued operation without fault or address the effects of wear and tear, severe weather conditions, natural disasters or industrial accidents. We cannot guarantee that such optimization or refurbishment will be commercially feasible to undertake in the future and we cannot provide assurance that we will not face unexpected costs during the optimization or refurbishment process.

***We depend on our directors, key members of management, independent experts, technical and operational service providers and on our ability to retain and hire such persons to effectively manage our growing business.***

Our future operating results depend in significant part upon the continued contribution of our directors, key senior management and technical, financial and operations personnel. Management of our growth will require, among other things, stringent control of financial systems and operations, the continued development of our control environment, the ability to attract and retain sufficient numbers of qualified management and other personnel, the continued training of such personnel and the presence of adequate supervision.

In addition, the personal connections and relationships of our directors and key management are important to the conduct of our business. If we were to unexpectedly lose a member of our key management or fail to maintain one of the strategic relationships of our key management team, our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects could be materially adversely affected. In particular, we are highly dependent on our Chief Executive Officer, Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr. Acquisitions

are a key part of our strategy, and Mr. Hutson has been instrumental in sourcing them and securing their financing. Furthermore, as our founder, Mr. Hutson is strongly associated with our success, and if he were to cease being the Chief Executive Officer, perception of our future prospects may be diminished. We maintain a “key person” life insurance policy on Mr. Hutson, but not any other of our employees. As a result, we are insured against certain losses resulting from the death of Mr. Hutson, but not any of our other employees.

Attracting and retaining additional skilled personnel will be fundamental to the continued growth and operation of our business. We require skilled personnel in the areas of development, operations, engineering, business development, natural gas, NGLs and oil marketing, finance and accounting relating to our projects. Personnel costs, including salaries, are increasing as industry wide demand for suitably qualified personnel increases. We may not successfully attract new personnel and retain existing personnel required to continue to expand our business and to successfully execute and implement our business strategy.

***We may face unanticipated water and other waste disposal costs.***

We may be subject to regulation that restricts our ability to discharge water produced as part of our natural gas, oil and NGL production operations. Productive zones frequently contain water that must be removed for the natural gas, oil and NGL to produce, and our ability to remove and dispose of sufficient quantities of water from the various zones will determine whether we can produce natural gas, oil and NGL in commercial quantities. The produced water must be transported from the leasehold and/or injected into disposal wells. The availability of disposal wells with sufficient capacity to receive all of the water produced from our wells may affect our ability to produce our wells. Also, the cost to transport and dispose of that water, including the cost of complying with regulations concerning water disposal, may reduce our profitability. We have entered into various water management services agreements in the Appalachian Basin which provide for the disposal of our produced water by established counterparties with large integrated pipeline networks. If these counterparties fail to perform, we may have to shut in wells, reduce drilling activities, or upgrade facilities for water handling or treatment. The costs to dispose of this produced water may increase for a number of reasons, including if new laws and regulations require water to be disposed in a different manner.

In 2016, the EPA adopted effluent limitations for the treatment and discharge of wastewater resulting from onshore unconventional natural gas, oil and NGL extraction facilities to publicly owned treatment works. In addition, the injection of fluids gathered from natural gas, oil and NGL producing operations in underground disposal wells has been identified by some groups and regulators as a potential cause of increased seismic events in certain areas of the country, including the states of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky in the Appalachian Basin as well as Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana in our Central Region. Certain states, including those located in the Appalachian Basin have adopted, or are considering adopting, laws and regulations that may restrict or prohibit oilfield fluid disposal in certain areas or underground disposal wells, and state agencies implementing those requirements may issue orders directing certain wells in areas where seismic events have occurred to restrict or suspend disposal well permits or operations or impose certain conditions related to disposal well construction, monitoring, or operations. Any of these developments could increase our cost to dispose of our produced water.

***We may incur significant costs and liabilities resulting from performance of pipeline integrity programs and related repairs.***

Pursuant to the authority under the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (“NGPSA”) and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (“HLPSA”), as amended by the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 (“PSIA”), the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 (“PIPESA”) and the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty, and Job Creation Act of 2011 (the “2011 Pipeline Safety Act”), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) has promulgated regulations requiring pipeline operators to develop and implement integrity management programs for certain gas and hazardous liquid pipelines that, in the event of a pipeline leak or rupture could affect high consequence areas (“HCAs”), which are areas where a release could have the most significant adverse consequences, including high-population areas, certain drinking water sources and unusually sensitive ecological areas. These regulations require operators of covered pipelines to:

- perform ongoing assessments of pipeline integrity;

- identify and characterize applicable threats to pipeline segments that could impact HCAs;
- improve data collection, integration and analysis;
- repair and remediate the pipeline as necessary; and
- implement preventive and mitigating actions.

In addition, states have adopted regulations similar to existing PHMSA regulations for certain intrastate gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. At this time, we cannot predict the ultimate cost of compliance with applicable pipeline integrity management regulations, as the cost will vary significantly depending on the number and extent of any repairs found to be necessary as a result of pipeline integrity testing, but the results of these tests could cause us to incur significant and unanticipated capital and operating expenditures for repairs or upgrades deemed necessary to ensure the safe and reliable operation of our pipelines.

The 2011 Pipeline Safety Act amends the NGPSA and HLPESA pipeline safety laws, requiring increased safety measures for gas and hazardous liquids pipelines. Among other things, the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act directs the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations relating to expanded integrity management requirements, automatic or remote-controlled valve use, excess flow valve use, leak detection system installation, testing to confirm the material strength of certain pipelines, and operator verification of records confirming the maximum allowable pressure of certain intrastate gas transmission pipelines. Additionally, pursuant to one of the requirements of the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act, in May 2016, PHMSA proposed rules that would, if adopted, impose more stringent requirements for certain gas lines, extend certain of PHMSA's current regulatory safety programs for gas pipelines beyond HCAs to cover gas pipelines found in newly defined "moderate consequence areas" that contain as few as five dwellings within the potential impact area and require gas pipelines installed before 1970 that were exempted from certain pressure testing obligations to be tested to determine their maximum allowable operating pressures ("MAOP"). Other requirements proposed by PHMSA under the rulemaking include: reporting to PHMSA in the event of certain MAOP exceedances; strengthening PHMSA integrity management requirements; considering seismicity in evaluating threats to a pipeline; conducting hydrostatic testing for all pipeline segments manufactured using longitudinal seam welds; and using more detailed guidance from PHMSA in the selection of assessment methods to inspect pipelines. The proposed rulemaking also seeks to impose a number of requirements on gathering lines. In January 2017, PHMSA finalized new regulations for hazardous liquid pipelines that significantly extend and expand the reach of certain PHMSA integrity management requirements (i.e., periodic assessments, repairs and leak detection), regardless of the pipeline's proximity to an HCA. The final rule also requires all pipelines in or affecting an HCA to be capable of accommodating in-line inspection tools within the next 20 years. In addition, the final rule extends annual and accident reporting requirements to gravity lines and all gathering lines and also imposes inspection requirements on pipelines in areas affected by extreme weather events and natural disasters, such as hurricanes, landslides, floods, earthquakes, or other similar events that are likely to damage infrastructure PHMSA regularly revises its pipeline safety regulations. For example, in June 2016, the President signed the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016 (the "2016 PIPES Act") into law. The 2016 PIPES Act reauthorizes PHMSA through 2019, and facilitates greater pipeline safety by providing PHMSA with emergency order authority, including authority to issue prohibitions and safety measures on owners and operators of gas or hazardous liquid pipeline facilities to address imminent hazards, without prior notice or an opportunity for a hearing, as well as enhanced release reporting requirements, requiring a review of both natural gas and hazardous liquid integrity management programs, and mandating the creation of a working group to consider the development of an information-sharing system related to integrity risk analyses. The 2016 PIPES Act also requires that PHMSA publish periodic updates on the status of those mandates outstanding from the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act PHMSA has recently published three parts of its so-called "Mega Rule," including rules focused on: the safety of gas transmission pipelines, the safety of hazardous liquid pipelines and enhanced emergency order procedures. PHMSA finalized the first part of the rule, which primarily addressed maximum operating pressure and integrity management near HCAs for onshore gas transmission pipelines, in October 2019. PHMSA finalized the second part of the rule, which extended federal safety requirements to onshore gas gathering pipelines with large diameters and high operating pressures, in November 2021. PHMSA published the final of the three components of the Mega Rule in August 2022, which took effect in May 2023. The final rule applies to onshore gas transmission pipelines, and

clarifies integrity management regulations, expands corrosion control requirements, mandates inspection after extreme weather events, and updates existing repair criteria for both HCA and non-HCA pipelines. Finally, PHMSA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding more stringent gas pipeline leak detection and repair requirements to reduce natural gas emissions on May 18, 2023.

At this time, we cannot predict the cost of such requirements, but they could be significant. Moreover, federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives relating to pipeline safety that require the use of new or more stringent safety controls or result in more stringent enforcement of applicable legal requirements could subject us to increased capital costs, operational delays and costs of operation.

Moreover as of January 2023, the maximum civil penalties PHMSA can impose are \$257,664 per pipeline safety violation per day, with a maximum of \$2,576,627 for a related series of violations. The safety enhancement requirements and other provisions of the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act as well as any implementation of PHMSA regulations thereunder or any issuance or reinterpretation of guidance by PHMSA or any state agencies with respect thereto could require us to install new or modified safety controls, pursue additional capital projects or conduct maintenance programs on an accelerated basis, any or all of which tasks could result in our incurring increased operating costs that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial position. States are also pursuing regulatory programs intended to safely build pipeline infrastructure. The adoption of new or amended regulations by PHMSA or the states that result in more stringent or costly pipeline integrity management or safety standards could have a significant adverse effect on us and similarly situated midstream operators.

***We are currently operating in a period of economic uncertainty and capital markets disruption, which has been significantly impacted by geopolitical instability due to the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and more recently, the Israel-Hamas war. Our business may be adversely affected by any negative impact on the global economy and capital markets resulting from the conflict in Ukraine or any other geopolitical tensions.***

U.S. and global markets are experiencing volatility and disruption following the escalation of geopolitical tensions and the start of the military conflict between Russia and Ukraine. In February 2022, a full-scale military invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops was reported. Although the length and impact of the ongoing military conflict is highly unpredictable, the conflict in Ukraine has led, and could continue to lead, to market disruptions, including significant volatility in commodity prices, credit and capital markets, as well as supply chain interruptions.

Additionally, Russia's prior annexation of Crimea, recent recognition of two separatist republics in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine and subsequent military interventions in Ukraine have led to sanctions and other penalties being levied by the United States, European Union and other countries against Russia, Belarus, the Crimea Region of Ukraine, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic, and the so-called Luhansk People's Republic, including agreement to remove certain Russian financial institutions from the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication ("SWIFT") payment system, expansive bans on imports and exports of products to and from Russia and bans on the exportation of U.S. denominated banknotes to Russia or persons located there. Additional potential sanctions and penalties have also been proposed and/or threatened. Russian military actions and the resulting sanctions could adversely affect the global economy and financial markets and lead to instability and lack of liquidity in capital markets, potentially making it more difficult for us to obtain additional funds.

Additionally, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, a U.S. designated terrorist organization, launched a series of coordinated attacks from the Gaza Strip onto Israel. On October 8, 2023, Israel formally declared war on Hamas, and the armed conflict is ongoing as of the date of this filing. Hostilities between Israel and Hamas could escalate and involve surrounding countries in the Middle East. We are actively monitoring the situation in Ukraine and Israel and assessing their impact on our business. To date we have not experienced any material interruptions in our infrastructure, supplies, technology systems or networks needed to support our operations given our operating areas are exclusively located within the Central Region and the Appalachian Basins of the U.S. We have no way to predict the progress or outcome of the conflicts in Ukraine or Israel or their impacts in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Israel or the Gaza Strip as the conflicts, and any resulting government reactions, are rapidly developing and beyond our control. The extent and duration of the military actions, sanctions and resulting market disruptions could be significant and could potentially

have substantial impact on the global economy and our business for an unknown period of time. Any of the aforementioned factors could affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any such disruptions may also magnify the impact of other risks described in this registration statement.

#### **Risks Relating to our Financing, Acquisitions, Investment and Indebtedness**

***Inflation may adversely affect us by increasing costs beyond what we can recover through price increases and limit our ability to enter into future debt financing.***

Inflation can adversely affect us by increasing costs of materials, equipment, labor and other services. In addition, inflation is often accompanied by higher interest rates. Continued inflationary pressures could impact our profitability. Though we believe that the rates of inflation in recent years, including the 12 months ended June 30, 2023, have not had a significant impact on our operations, a continued increase in inflation, including inflationary pressure on labor, could result in increases to our operating costs, and we may be unable to pass these costs on to our customers. These inflationary pressures could also adversely impact our ability to procure materials and equipment in a cost-effective manner, which could result in reduced margins and production delays and, as a result, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. We continue to undertake actions and implement plans to address these inflationary pressures and protect the requisite access to materials and equipment. With respect to our costs of capital, our ABS Notes (as defined below) are fixed-rate instruments (subject to adjustment pursuant to the sustainability-linked features described under “*Item 5.B Liquidity and Capital Resources*”) and as of June 30, 2023 we had \$265 million outstanding on our Credit Facility. Nevertheless, inflation may also affect our ability to enter into future debt financing, including refinancing of our Credit Facility or issuing additional SPV-level asset backed securities, as high inflation may result in a relative increase in the cost of debt capital.

We are taking efforts to mitigate inflationary pressures, by working closely with other suppliers and service providers to ensure procurement of materials and equipment in a cost-effective manner. However, these mitigation efforts may not succeed or may be insufficient.

Concerns about global economic growth have had a significant adverse impact on global financial markets and commodity prices. If the economic climate in the United States or abroad deteriorates, worldwide demand for petroleum products could diminish further, which could impact the price at which natural gas, NGLs and oil can be sold, which could affect our results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and prospects.

***There are risks inherent in our acquisitions of natural gas and oil assets.***

Acquisitions are an essential part of our strategy for protecting and growing cash flow, particularly in relation to the risk that some of our wells may have a higher than anticipated production decline rate. Over the past several years, we have undertaken a number of acquisitions of natural gas and oil assets (and of companies holding such assets), including, but not limited to the acquisition of certain assets of Carbon Energy Corporation (the “Carbon Acquisition”), the acquisition of certain assets and infrastructure of EQT Corporation (the “EQT Acquisition”), the acquisition of certain assets from Triad Hunter, LLC (the “Utica Acquisition”), the acquisition of 51.25% working interest in certain assets and infrastructure from Indigo Minerals LLC (the “Indigo Acquisition”), the acquisition of certain assets and infrastructure from Blackbeard Operating LLC (the “Blackbeard Acquisition”), the acquisition of 51.25% working interest in certain assets, infrastructure, equipment and facilities in conjunction with Oaktree from Tanos Energy Holdings III, LLC (the “Tanos Acquisition”), the acquisition of 51.25% working interest in certain assets, infrastructure, equipment and facilities in conjunction with Oaktree from Tapstone Energy Holdings LLC (the “Tapstone Acquisition”), the acquisition of 52.5% working interest in certain upstream assets and related facilities within the Central Region from a private seller, in conjunction with Oaktree (the “East Texas Assets Acquisition”), the acquisition of certain upstream assets and related infrastructure within the Central Region from Tanos Energy Holdings II LLC (the “Tanos II Acquisition”) and the acquisition of certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region from ConocoPhillips (the “Conoco Acquisition”). Our ability to complete future acquisitions will depend on us being able to identify suitable acquisition candidates and negotiate favorable terms for their acquisition, in each case,



before any attractive candidates are purchased by other parties such as private equity firms, some of whom have substantially greater financial and other resources than we do. We may face competition for attractive acquisition targets that may also increase the price of the target business. As a result, there is no assurance that we will always be able to source and execute acquisitions in the future at attractive valuations.

Furthermore, to further the Company's growth, we have made further acquisitions outside the Appalachian Basin, a region in which we have developed our operational experience into the Bossier Shale, the Haynesville Shale, the Barnett Shale Play, and the Cotton Valley and Mid-Continent producing areas. Accordingly, an acquisition in a new area in which we lack experience may present unanticipated risks and challenges that were not accounted for or previously experienced. Ordinarily, our due diligence efforts are focused on higher valued and material properties or assets. Even an in-depth review of all properties and records may not reveal all existing or potential problems, nor will such review always permit a buyer to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to fully assess their deficiencies and capabilities. Generally, physical inspections are not performed on every well or facility, and structural or environmental problems are not necessarily observable even when an inspection is undertaken.

There can be no assurance that our prior acquisitions or any other potential acquisition will perform operationally as anticipated or be profitable. We could fail to appropriately value any acquired business and the value of any business, company or property that we acquire or invest in may actually be less than the amount paid for it or its estimated production capacity. We may be required to assume pre-closing liabilities with respect to an acquisition, including known and unknown title, contractual, and environmental and decommissioning liabilities, and may acquire interests in properties on an "as is" basis without recourse to the seller of such interest or the seller may have limited resources to provide post-sale indemnities.

In addition, successful acquisitions of gas and oil assets require an assessment of a number of factors, including estimates of recoverable reserves, the time of recovering reserves, exploration potential, future natural gas, NGLs and oil prices and operating costs. Such assessments are inexact, and we cannot guarantee that we make these assessments with a high degree of accuracy. In connection with assessments, we perform a review of the acquired assets. However, such a review will not reveal all existing or potential problems. Furthermore, review may not permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the assets to fully assess their deficiencies and capabilities.

Integrating operations, technology, systems, management, back office personnel and pre- or post-completion costs for future acquisitions may prove more difficult or expensive than anticipated, thereby rendering the value of any company or assets acquired less than the amount paid. We may also take on unexpected liabilities which are uncapped, have to undertake unanticipated capital expenditures in connection with a new acquisition or provide uncapped liabilities in connection with the purchase and sale of assets, which are customary in such agreements. The integration of acquired businesses or assets requires significant time and effort on the part of our management. Following such integration efforts, prior acquisitions may still not achieve the level of financial or operational performance that was anticipated when they were acquired. In addition, the integration of new acquisitions can be difficult and disrupt our own business because our operational and business culture may differ from the cultures of the acquired businesses, unpopular cost-cutting measures may be required, internal controls may be more difficult to maintain and control over cash flows and expenditures may be difficult to establish. If we encounter any of the foregoing issues in relation to one of our acquisitions this could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***We may be unable to make attractive acquisitions or successfully integrate acquired businesses, and any inability to do so may disrupt our business and hinder our ability to grow.***

In the future we may make acquisitions of businesses that complement or expand our current business. However, we may not be able to identify attractive acquisition opportunities. Even if we do identify attractive acquisition opportunities, we may not be able to complete the acquisition or do so on commercially acceptable terms.

The success of any completed acquisition will depend on our ability to integrate effectively the acquired business into our existing operations. The process of integrating acquired businesses may involve unforeseen difficulties and may require a disproportionate amount of our managerial and financial resources.

In addition, possible future acquisitions may be larger and for purchase prices significantly higher than those paid for earlier acquisitions. No assurance can be given that we will be able to identify additional suitable acquisition opportunities, negotiate acceptable terms, obtain financing for acquisitions on acceptable terms or successfully acquire identified targets. Our failure to achieve consolidation savings, to integrate the acquired businesses and assets into our existing operations successfully or to minimize any unforeseen operational difficulties could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Our Credit Facility also limits our ability to incur certain indebtedness, which could indirectly limit our ability to engage in acquisitions of businesses.

***We may not have good title to all our assets and licenses.***

Although we believe that we take due care and conduct due diligence on new acquisitions in a manner that is consistent with industry practice, there can be no assurance that we have good title to all our assets and the rights to develop and produce natural gas and oil from our assets. Such reviews are inherently incomplete and it is generally not feasible to review in depth every individual well or field involved in each acquisition. There can be no assurance that any due diligence carried out by us or by third parties on our behalf in connection with any assets that we acquire will reveal all of the risks associated with those assets, and the assets may be subject to preferential purchase rights, consents and title defects that were not apparent at the time of acquisition. We may acquire interests in properties on an “as is” basis without recourse to the seller of such interest or the seller may have limited resources to provide post-sale indemnities. In addition, changes in law or change in the interpretation of law or political events may arise to defeat or impair our claim to certain properties which we currently own or may acquire which could result in a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***The issuance of additional ordinary shares in the Company in connection with future acquisitions or other growth opportunities, any share incentive or share option plan or otherwise may dilute all other shareholdings.***

We may seek to raise financing to fund future acquisitions and other growth opportunities. We may, for these and other purposes, issue additional equity or convertible equity securities. As a result, existing holders of ordinary shares may suffer dilution in their percentage ownership or the market price of the ordinary shares may be adversely affected.

As of June 30, 2023, we have issued options under our equity incentive plans to employees and executive directors for a total of 4,784,274 new ordinary shares of the Company, all of which are currently outstanding, and have also entered into restricted stock unit agreements and performance stock unit agreements with certain employees, of which 9,361,961 restricted stock units and 16,294,943 performance stock units are outstanding. We may, in the future, issue further options and/or warrants to subscribe for new ordinary shares to certain advisers, employees, directors, senior management and/or consultants of the Company. The exercise of any such options would result in a dilution of the shareholdings of other investors. Additionally, although we currently have no plans for an offering of ordinary shares, it is possible that we may decide to offer additional ordinary shares in the future. Subject to any applicable pre-emption rights, any future issues of ordinary shares by the Company may have a dilutive effect on the holdings of shareholders and could have a material adverse effect on the market price of ordinary shares as a whole.

***Restrictions in our existing and future debt agreements could limit our growth and our ability to engage in certain activities.***

Our Credit Facility contains a number of significant covenants that may limit our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- incur liens;
- sell assets;
- make certain debt payments;
- enter into agreements that restrict or prohibit the payment of dividends;

- limits our subsidiaries' ability to make certain payments with respect to their equity, based on the pro forma effect thereof on certain financial ratios, which would be the source of distributable profits from which we may issue a dividend; and
- conduct hedging activities.

In addition, our Credit Facility requires us to maintain compliance with certain financial covenants.

We may also be prevented from taking advantage of business opportunities that arise because of the limitations from the restrictive covenants under our Credit Facility. These restrictions may limit our ability to obtain future financings to withstand a future downturn in our business or the economy in general, or to otherwise conduct necessary corporate activities.

A breach of any covenant in our Credit Facility will result in a default under the agreement and may result in an event of default under the Credit Facility if such default is not cured during any applicable grace period. An event of default, if not waived, could result in acceleration of the indebtedness outstanding under our Credit Facility and in an event of default with respect to, and an acceleration of, the indebtedness outstanding under any other debt agreements to which we are a party. Any such accelerated indebtedness would become immediately due and payable. If that occurs, we may not be able to make all of the required payments or borrow sufficient funds to refinance such indebtedness. Even if new financing were available at that time, it may not be on terms that are acceptable to us.

***Any significant reduction in our borrowing base under our Credit Facility as a result of periodic borrowing base redeterminations or otherwise may negatively impact our ability to fund our operations.***

Our Credit Facility limits the amounts we can borrow up to a borrowing base amount, which the lenders, in their sole discretion, unilaterally determine based upon our reserve reports for the applicable period and other data and reports. Such determinations will be made on a regular basis semi-annually (each a "Scheduled Redetermination") and at the option of the lenders with more than 66.6% of the loans and commitments under the Credit Facility, no more than one time in between each Scheduled Redetermination. As of the date hereof, our borrowing base is \$425 million.

In the future, we may not be able to access adequate funding under our Credit Facility as a result of a decrease in our borrowing base due to the issuance of new indebtedness, the outcome of a borrowing base redetermination, or an unwillingness or inability on the part of lending counterparties to meet their funding obligations and the inability of other lenders to provide additional funding to cover a defaulting lender's portion. Declines in commodity prices from their current levels could result in a determination to lower the borrowing base and, in such a case, we could be required to repay any indebtedness in excess of the redetermined borrowing base. As a result, we may be unable to make acquisitions or otherwise carry out business plans, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***The securitizations of our limited purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiaries may expose us to financing and other risks, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to access the securitization market in the future, which may require us to seek more costly financing.***

Through limited purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiaries ("SPVs"), we have securitized and expect to securitize in the future, certain of our assets to generate financing. In such transactions, we convey a pool of assets to an SPV, that, in turn, issues certain securities or enters into certain debt agreements, such as our Term Loan I. The securities issued by the SPVs and the Term Loan I are each collateralized by a pool of assets. In exchange for the transfer of finance receivables to the SPV, we typically receive the cash proceeds from the sale of the securities or entering into term loans.

Although our SPVs have successfully completed securitizations in connection with the Term Loan I, the ABS I Notes, ABS II Notes, ABS III Notes, ABS IV Notes, ABS V Notes, ABS VI Notes and ABS VII Notes (each as defined herein), there can be no assurance that we, through our SPVs, will be able to complete additional securitizations, particularly if the securitization markets become constrained. In addition, the value of any securities that our limited purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiaries

retain in our securitizations, including securities retained to comply with applicable risk retention rules, might be reduced or, in some cases, eliminated as a result of an adverse change in economic conditions or the financial markets. In addition, our Term Loan I, ABS I Notes, ABS II Notes, ABS III Notes, ABS IV Notes, ABS V Notes, ABS VI Notes and ABS VII are subject to customary accelerated amortization events, including events tied to the failure to maintain stated debt service coverage ratios.

If it is not possible or economical for us to securitize our assets in the future, we would need to seek alternative financing to support our operations and to meet our existing debt obligations, which may be less efficient and more expensive than raising capital via securitizations and may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and liquidity.

***An increase in interest rates would increase the cost of servicing our indebtedness and could reduce our profitability, decrease our liquidity and impact our solvency.***

Our Credit Facility provides for, and our future debt agreements may provide for, debt incurred thereunder to bear interest at variable rates. As of June 30, 2023, we had \$265 million outstanding on our Credit Facility. Increases in interest rates would increase the cost of servicing indebtedness under our Credit Facility or under future debt agreements subject to interest at variable rates, and materially reduce our profitability, decrease our liquidity and impact our solvency. As of October 31, 2023, we had \$313 million outstanding on our Credit Facility.

***Our hedging activities could result in financial losses or could reduce our net income.***

To achieve more predictable cash flows, we employ a hedging strategy involving opportunistically hedging a majority of our first two years of production as well as hedging a significant percentage of production beyond our first two years of forecasted production. Even so, the remainder of our production that is unhedged is exposed to the continuing and prolonged declines in the prices of natural gas, NGLs and oil. Our results of operations and financial condition would be negatively impacted if the prices of natural gas, NGLs or oil were to remain depressed or decline materially from current levels. To achieve more predictable cash flows and to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in the prices of natural gas, NGLs and oil, we may enter into additional hedging arrangements for a significant portion of our production.

Our derivative contracts may result in substantial gains or losses. For example, we reported an operating loss of \$671 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared with an operating loss of \$467 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. While our earnings are impacted by a variety of factors as described in “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*,” a key driver of our year over year increase in operating loss was attributable to an increase of \$209 million in the mark-to-market valuation adjustment on our derivative financial instrument valuations to \$861 million in 2022 from \$652 million in 2021. There can be no assurance that we will not realize additional losses due to our hedging activities in the future. In addition, if we enter into any derivative contracts and experience a sustained material interruption in our production, we might be forced to satisfy all or a portion of our hedging obligations without the benefit of the cash flows from our sale of the underlying physical commodity, resulting in a substantial diminution of our liquidity. Our ability to use hedging transactions to protect us from future natural gas, NGL and oil price volatility will be dependent upon natural gas, NGL and oil prices at the time we enter into future hedging transactions and our future levels of hedging and, as a result, our future net cash flows may be more sensitive to commodity price changes. In addition, if commodity prices remain low, we will not be able to replace our hedges or enter into new hedges at favorable prices.

Our price hedging strategy and future hedging transactions will be determined at our discretion, subject to the terms of certain agreements governing our indebtedness. The prices at which we hedge our production in the future will be dependent upon commodity prices at the time we enter into these transactions, which may be substantially higher or lower than current prices. Accordingly, our price hedging strategy may not protect us from significant declines in prices received for our future production. Conversely, our hedging strategy may limit our ability to realize cash flows from commodity price increases. It is also possible that a substantially larger percentage of our future production will not be hedged as compared with the next few years, which would result in our natural gas, NGL and oil revenues becoming more sensitive to commodity price fluctuations.

***The failure of our hedge counterparties to meet their obligations to us may adversely affect our financial results.***

An attendant risk exists in hedging activities that the counterparty in any derivative transaction cannot or will not perform under the instrument and that we will not realize the benefit of the hedge. Disruptions in the financial markets could lead to sudden decreases in a counterparty's liquidity, which could make them unable to perform under the terms of the derivative contract and we may not be able to realize the benefit of the derivative contract. Any default by the counterparty to these derivative contracts when they become due would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and prospects.

***We may not be able to enter into commodity derivatives on favorable terms or at all.***

To achieve a more predictable cash flow, we employ a hedging strategy involving opportunistically hedging a majority of our first two years of production as well as hedging a significant percentage of production beyond our first two years of forecasted production. If we are unable to maintain sufficient hedging capacity with our counterparties, we could have greater exposure to changes in commodity prices and interest rates, which could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

**Risks Relating to Legal, Tax, Environmental and Regulatory Matters*****We are subject to regulation and liability under environmental, health and safety regulations, the violation of which may affect our financial condition and operations.***

We operate in an industry that has certain inherent hazards and risks, and consequently we are subject to stringent and comprehensive laws and regulations, especially with regard to the protection of health, safety and the environment. For example, we are subject to laws and regulations related to occupational safety and health, hydraulic fracturing activities, air emissions, soil and water quality, the protection of threatened and endangered plant and animal species, biodiversity and ecosystems, and the safety of our assets and employees. Although we believe that we have adequate procedures in place to mitigate operational risks, there can be no assurances that these procedures will be adequate to address every potential health, safety and environmental hazard, and a failure to adequately mitigate risks may result in loss of life, injury, or adverse impacts on the health of employees, contractors and third-parties or the environment. Any failure by us or one of our subcontractors, whether inadvertent or otherwise, to comply with applicable legal or regulatory requirements may give rise to civil, administrative and/or criminal liabilities, civil fines and penalties, delays or restrictions in acquiring or disposing of assets and/or delays in securing or maintaining required permits, licenses and approvals. Further, a lack of regulatory compliance may lead to denial, suspension, or termination of permits, licenses, or approvals that are required to operate our sites or could result in other operational restrictions or obligations. Our health, safety and environmental policies require us to observe local, state and national legal and regulatory requirements and to apply generally accepted industry best practices where legislation or regulation does not exist.

The terms and conditions of licenses, permits, regulatory orders, approvals or permissions may include more stringent operational, environmental and/or health and safety requirements. Obtaining development or production licenses and permits may become more difficult or may be delayed due to federal, regional, state or local governmental constraints, considerations, or requirements on issuing. Furthermore, third-parties such as environmental NGOs may administratively or judicially contest or protest licenses and permits already granted by relevant authorities or applications for the same and operations may be subject to other administrative or judicial challenges.

In addition, under certain environmental laws and regulations, we could be subject to joint and several strict liability for the removal or remediation of previously released materials, pollution, or property contamination regardless of whether we were responsible for the release or contamination or whether the operations were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time those actions were taken. Private parties, including the owners of properties on or adjacent to well sites and facilities where petroleum hydrocarbons or wastes are taken for reclamation or disposal, may also have the right to pursue legal actions as well as to seek damages for non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations or for personal injury or property

damage. In addition, the risk of accidental spills or releases of pollutants or contaminants could expose us to significant liabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We incur, and expect to continue to incur, capital and operating costs in an effort to comply with increasingly complex operational health and safety and environmental laws and regulations. New laws and regulations, the imposition of more stringent requirements in permits and licenses, increasingly strict enforcement of, or new interpretations of, existing laws, regulations and permits and licenses, or the discovery of previously unknown contamination or hazards may require further costly expenditures to, for example:

- modify operations, including an increase in plugging and abandonment operations;
- install or upgrade pollution or emissions control equipment;
- perform site clean ups, including the remediation and reclamation of gas and oil sites;
- curtail or cease certain operations;
- provide financial securities, bonds, and/or take out insurance; or
- pay fees or fines or make other payments for pollution, discharges to the environment or other breaches of environmental or health and safety requirements or consent agreements with regulatory agencies.

We cannot predict with any certainty the full impact of any new laws, regulations, or policies on our operations or on the cost or availability of insurance to cover the risks associated with such operations. The costs of such measures and liabilities related to potential operational health and safety or environmental risks associated with the Company may increase, which could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects. In addition, it is not possible to predict what future operational health and safety or environmental laws and regulations will be enacted or how current or future operational, health, safety or environmental laws and regulations will be applied or enforced. We may have to incur significant expenditure for the installation and operation of additional systems and equipment for monitoring and carry out remedial measures in the event that operational health and, safety and environmental regulations become more stringent or costly reform is implemented by regulators. Any such expenditure may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects. No assurance can be given that compliance with occupational health and safety and environmental laws or regulations in the regions where we operate will not result in a curtailment of production or a material increase in the cost of production or development activities.

***Increasing attention to ESG matters may impact our business and financial results.***

Increasing attention has been given to corporate activities related to ESG matters in public discourse and the investment community. A number of advocacy groups, both domestically and internationally, have campaigned for governmental and private action to promote change at public companies related to ESG matters, including through the investment and voting practices of investment advisers, public pension funds, activist investors, universities and other members of the investing community. These activities include increasing attention and demands for action related to climate change, advocating for changes to companies' board of directors and promoting the use of alternative forms of energy. These activities may result in demand shifts for oil and natural gas products and additional governmental investigations and private litigation against us. In addition, a failure to comply with evolving investor or customer expectations and standards or if we are perceived to not have responded appropriately to the growing concern for ESG issues, regardless of whether there is a legal requirement to do so, could cause reputational harm to our business, increase our risk of litigation, and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operation.

In addition, organizations that provide information to investors on corporate governance and related matters have developed ratings systems for evaluating companies on their approach to ESG matters. These ratings are used by some investors to inform their investment and voting decisions. Unfavorable ESG ratings may lead to increased negative investor sentiment toward us and our industry and to the diversion of investment to other companies or industries, which could have a negative impact on our stock price and our

access to and costs of capital. Also, institutional lenders may decide not to provide funding for oil and natural gas companies based on climate change related concerns, which could affect our access to capital for potential growth projects.

***The current U.S. administration, acting through the executive branch and/or in coordination with Congress, could enact rules and regulations that impose more onerous permitting and other costly environmental, health and safety requirements on our operations.***

Governmental, scientific and public concern over the threat of climate change arising from GHG emissions has resulted in increasing political risks in the United States, including climate change-related commitments expressed by some political candidates who are now, or may in the future be, in political office.

While our operations are largely not conducted on federal lands, we may in the future consider acquisitions of natural gas and oil assets located in areas in which the development of such assets would require permits and authorizations to be obtained from or issued by federal agencies. To conduct these operations, we may be required to file applications for permits, seek agency authorizations and comply with various other statutory and regulatory requirements. Further, new oil and gas leasing on public lands has been the subject of recent proposed reforms, including bans in certain areas, raising royalty rates and implementing stricter standards for entities seeking to purchase oil and gas leases. Complying with any of these requirements may adversely affect our ability to conduct operations at the costs and in the time periods anticipated, and may consequently adversely impact our anticipated returns from our operations.

Presidential or congressional actions could adversely affect our operations by restricting the lands available for development and/or access to permits required for such development, or by imposing additional and costly environmental, health and safety requirements. Any such measures or increased costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

***Our operations are dependent on our compliance with obligations under permits, licenses, contracts and field development plans.***

Our operations must be carried out in accordance with the terms of permits, licenses, operating agreements, annual work programs and budgets. Fines, penalties, or enforcement actions may be imposed and a permit or license may be suspended or terminated if a permit or license holder, or party to a related agreement, fails to comply with its obligations under such permit, license or agreement, or fails to make timely payments of levies and taxes for the licensed activity, or fails to provide the required geological information or meet other reporting requirements. It may from time to time be difficult to ascertain whether we have complied with obligations under permits or licenses as the extent of such obligations may be unclear or ambiguous and regulatory authorities in jurisdictions in which we do business, or in which we may do business in the future, may not be forthcoming with confirmatory statements that work obligations have been fulfilled, which can lead to further operational uncertainty.

In addition, we and our commercial partners, as applicable, have obligations to operate assets in accordance with specific requirements under certain licenses and related agreements, field development agreements, laws and regulations. If we or our partners were to fail to satisfy such obligations with respect to a specific field, the license or related agreements for that field may be suspended, revoked or terminated. Although we have in the past acquired and may in the future acquire shale assets, a significant source of our natural gas and crude oil remains conventional wells. In some instances, these conventional wells are located on the same property as unconventional wells that produce shale oil. In these cases, the rights to access the shale layers of the property will typically be conditioned on the ongoing productivity of conventional wells on the property. Furthermore, the shale rights may be owned by a third party, and in such instances, we will enter into a joint use agreement with the third party. This joint use agreement may stipulate that in consideration for permission to operate the conventional wells, we are to use reasonable efforts to maintain production so that the third party retains the shale licenses. If we fail to maintain production in the conventional wells, under the joint use agreement, we may be liable to the third party for replacing the lost land rights. The relevant authorities are typically authorized to, and do from time to time, inspect to verify compliance by us or our commercial partners, as applicable, with relevant laws and the licenses or the agreements pursuant to which we conduct our business. There can be no assurance that the views of the

relevant government agencies regarding the development of the fields that we operate or the compliance with the terms of the licenses pursuant to which we conduct such operations will coincide with our views, which might lead to disagreements that may not be resolved.

The suspension, revocation, withdrawal or termination of any of the permits, licenses or related agreements pursuant to which we may conduct business, as well as any delays in the continuous development of or production at our fields caused by the issues detailed above could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects. In addition, failure to comply with the obligations under the permits, licenses or agreements pursuant to which we conduct business, whether inadvertent or otherwise, may lead to fines, penalties, restrictions, enforcement actions brought by governmental authorities, withdrawal of licenses and termination of related agreements.

***We do not insure against certain risks and our insurance coverage may not be adequate for covering losses arising from potential operational hazards and unforeseen interruptions.***

We insure our operations in accordance with industry practice and plan to continue to insure the risks we consider appropriate for our needs and circumstances. However, we may elect not to have insurance for certain risks, due to the high premium costs associated with insuring those risks or for various other reasons, including an assessment in some cases that the risks are remote.

Our insurance may not be adequate to cover all losses or liabilities we may suffer. We cannot assure that we will be able to obtain insurance coverage at reasonable rates (or at all), or that any coverage we or the relevant operator obtain, and any proceeds of insurance, will be adequate and available to cover any claims arising. We may become subject to liability for pollution, blow-outs or other hazards against which we have not insured or cannot insure, including those in respect of past activities for which we were not responsible. Any indemnities we may receive from sub-contractors, operators or joint venture partners may be difficult to enforce if such sub-contractors, operators or joint venture partners lack adequate resources.

Operational insurance policies are usually placed in one year contracts and the insurance market can withdraw cover for certain risks due to events occurring in other parts of the industry, thus greatly increasing the costs of risk transfer. For example, in September 2018, a gas pipeline operated by another midstream company exploded in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, a state in which we have operations. The explosion resulted in the destruction of residential property and motor vehicles as well as the evacuation of nearby households. Catastrophic events such as these may cause the insurance costs for our midstream operations to rise, despite us not being involved in the catastrophic event. In the event that insurance coverage is not available or our insurance is insufficient to fully cover any losses, including losses incurred due to lost revenues resulting from third party operations or processing plants, claims and/or liabilities incurred, or indemnities are difficult to enforce, our business and operations, financial results or financial position may be disrupted and adversely affected.

The payment by our insurers of any insurance claims may result in increases in the premiums payable by us for our insurance coverage and could adversely affect our financial performance. In the future, some or all of our insurance coverage may become unavailable or prohibitively expensive.

***Our internal systems and website may be subject to intentional and unintentional disruption, and our confidential information may be misappropriated, stolen or misused, which could adversely impact our reputation and future sales.***

We have faced, and may in the future continue to face, cyber-attacks and data security breaches. Such cyber-attacks and breaches are designed to penetrate our network security or the security of our internal systems, misappropriate proprietary information and/or cause interruptions to our services, and we expect to continue to face similar threats in the future. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to successfully prevent all attacks in the future. Such future attacks could include hackers obtaining access to our systems, the introduction of malicious computer code or denial of service attacks. If an actual or perceived breach of our network security occurs, it could adversely affect our business or reputation, and may expose us to the loss of information, litigation and possible liability. An actual security breach could also impair our ability to operate our business and provide products and services to our customers. Additionally, malicious attacks, including cyber-attacks, may damage our assets, prevent production at our producing assets and otherwise



significantly affect corporate activities. For example, we utilize electronic monitoring of meters and flow rate devices to monitor pressure build-up in our production wells. If there were a cyber-attack that penetrated our monitoring systems such that they provided false readings, this could result in an unknown pressure build-up, creating a dangerous situation which could end up in an explosion. As techniques used to obtain unauthorized access to or to sabotage systems change frequently and may not be known until launched against us or our third-party service providers, we may be unable to anticipate or implement adequate measures to protect against these attacks and our service providers may likewise be unable to do so. Such an outcome would have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

In addition, confidential or financial payment information that we maintain may be subject to misappropriation, theft and deliberate or unintentional misuse by current or former employees, third-party contractors or other parties who have had access to such information. Any such misappropriation and/or misuse of our information could result in the Company, among other things, being in breach of certain data protection requirements and related legislation as well as incurring liability to third parties. We expect that we will need to continue closely monitoring the accessibility and use of confidential information in our business, educate our employees and third-party contractors about the risks and consequences of any misuse of confidential information and, to the extent necessary, pursue legal or other remedies to enforce our policies and deter future misuse. If our confidential information is misappropriated, stolen or misused as a result of a disruption to our website or internal systems this could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

Although we maintain insurance to protect against losses resulting from certain of data protection breaches and cyber-attacks, our coverage for protecting against such risks may not be sufficient.

***Our operations are subject to the risk of litigation.***

From time to time, we may be subject, directly or indirectly, to litigation arising out of our operations and the regulatory environments in our areas of operations. Historically, categories of litigation that we have faced included actions by royalty owners over payment disputes, personal injury claims and property related claims, including claims over property damage, trespass or nuisance. Although we currently face no material litigation that is reasonably expected to have an adverse material impact for which we are not sufficiently indemnified or insured, damages claimed under such litigation in the future may be material or may be indeterminate, and the outcome of such litigation, if determined adversely to us, could individually or in the aggregate, be reasonably expected to have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial position or results of operations. While we assess the merits of each lawsuit and defend ourselves accordingly, we may be required to incur significant expenses or devote significant resources to defend against such litigation. In addition, the adverse publicity surrounding such claims may have a material adverse effect on our business.

***We are subject to certain tax risks.***

Any change in our tax status or in taxation legislation in the United Kingdom or the United States could affect our ability to provide returns to shareholders. Statements in this document concerning the taxation of holders of our ordinary shares are based on current law and practice, which is subject to change.

We are subject to income taxes in the United Kingdom and the United States, and there can be no certainty that the current taxation regime in the United Kingdom, the United States or other jurisdictions within which we currently operate or may operate in the future will remain in force or that the current levels of corporation taxation will remain unchanged. For example, the U.S. government has imposed a minimum tax on corporations and proposed and may enact significant changes to the taxation of business entities including, among others, an increase in the U.S. federal income tax rate applicable to corporations, like us, and surtaxes on certain types of income. Certain U.S. localities also maintain a severance tax or impact fee on the removal of oil and natural gas from the ground and such tax rates may be increased or new severance taxes or impact fees may be implemented. In addition, in response to current global events and consumer hardship, the United Kingdom announced on May 26, 2022 a new “Energy Profits Levy” on oil and gas exploration and production companies operating in the United Kingdom and the UK Continental Shelf at a rate of 25% (subsequently increased to 35%). As we do not operate our exploration, production or

extraction activities in the United Kingdom or in the UK Continental Shelf, we do not expect the Energy Profits Levy to impact our headline corporation tax rate in the United Kingdom, however, the taxation of energy companies remains uncertain, particularly in the context of current global events, and the future stability of such tax regimes cannot be guaranteed.

Our domestic and international tax liabilities are subject to the allocation of expenses in differing jurisdictions. Our effective tax rate could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings and losses in taxing jurisdictions with differing statutory tax rates, certain non-deductible expenses, the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities and changes in federal, state or international tax laws and accounting principles. Increases in our effective tax rate could materially affect our net financial results. Although we believe that our income tax liabilities are reasonably estimated and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws and principles, an adverse resolution of one or more uncertain tax positions in any period could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.

In the past we have been able to offset a large portion of our U.S. federal income tax burden with marginal well tax credits that are available to qualified producers who operate lower-volume wells during a low commodity pricing environment. There can be no assurance that there will be no amendment to the existing taxation laws applicable to us, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial position. Our ability to utilize marginal well tax credits in the United States could be or become subject to limitations (for example, if we are deemed to undergo an “ownership change” for applicable U.S. federal income tax purposes).

The nature and amount of tax that we expect to pay and the reliefs expected to be available to us are each dependent upon several assumptions, any one of which may change and which would, if so changed, affect the nature and amount of tax payable and reliefs available. In particular, the nature and amount of tax payable may be dependent on the availability of relief under tax treaties and is subject to changes to the tax laws or practice in any of the jurisdictions we currently are subject to or may be subject to in the future. Any limitation in the availability of relief under these treaties, any change in the terms of any such treaty or any changes in tax law, interpretation or practice could increase the amount of tax payable by us.

Finally, because we are an entity incorporated in the United Kingdom that is treated as a U.S. corporation for all purposes of U.S. federal income tax law, any changes in U.S. federal income tax law could negatively impact our effective tax rate and cash flows, which could cause our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects to be materially adversely affected.

The taxation of an investment in our ordinary shares depends on the individual circumstances of the holders of our ordinary shares. Holders of our ordinary shares are strongly advised to consult their professional tax advisers.

***Tax legislation may be enacted in the future that could negatively impact our current or future tax structure and effective tax rates.***

Long-standing international tax initiatives that determine each country’s jurisdiction to tax cross-border international trade and profits are evolving as a result of, among other things, initiatives such as the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directives, as well as the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting reporting requirements, mandated and/or recommended by the EU, G8, G20 and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, including the imposition of a minimum global effective tax rate for multinational businesses regardless of the jurisdiction of operation and where profits are generated (Pillar Two). As these and other tax laws and related regulations change (including changes in the interpretation, approach and guidance of tax authorities), our financial results could be materially impacted. Given the unpredictability of these possible changes and their potential interdependency, it is difficult to assess whether the overall effect of such potential tax changes would be cumulatively positive or negative for our earnings and cash flow, but such changes could adversely affect our financial results.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Ordinary Shares**

***Our ordinary shares are subject to market price volatility and the market price may decline disproportionately in response to developments that are unrelated to our operating performance.***

The market price of our ordinary shares has been, and may in the future be, volatile and subject to wide fluctuations as a result of a variety of factors including, but not limited to:

- operating results that vary from our financial guidance or the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- the financial performance of the major end markets that we target;
- the operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider to be comparable to us;
- announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors;
- failure to meet or exceed financial estimates and projections of the investment community or that we provide to the public;
- issuance of new or updated research or reports by securities analysts;
- changes in government regulations;
- financing or other corporate transactions;
- the loss of any of our key personnel;
- sales of our ordinary shares by us, our executive officers and board members or our shareholders in the future;
- price and volume fluctuations in the overall stock market, including as a result of trends in the economy as a whole; and
- other events and factors, many of which are beyond our control.

These and other market and industry factors may cause the market price and demand for our ordinary shares to fluctuate substantially, regardless of our actual operating performance, which may limit or prevent investors from readily selling their ordinary shares and may otherwise negatively affect the liquidity of our ordinary shares. In the past, when the market price of a stock has been volatile, holders of that stock have sometimes instituted securities class action litigation against the issuer. If any of the holders of our ordinary shares were to bring such a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending the lawsuit and the attention of our senior management would be diverted from the operation of our business. Any adverse determination in litigation could also subject us to significant liabilities.

***Prior to this listing, we had a limited public market in the United States for our ordinary shares, and an active market may not develop in which investors can resell our ordinary shares.***

Prior to this listing, there was a limited public market in the United States for our ordinary shares on the OTCQX, although our ordinary shares have traded on the Main Market of the LSE. We cannot predict the extent to which an active market for our ordinary shares in the United States will develop or be sustained or how the development of such a market might affect the market price for our ordinary shares. The initial price of our ordinary shares in the United States will be based on a number of factors, including the trading price of our ordinary shares on the LSE, which may not be indicative of the price at which our ordinary shares will trade following completion of the listing.

The stock markets in general have experienced extreme volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our ordinary shares. Securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in the overall market and in the market price of a company's securities. Such litigation, if instituted against us, could result in very substantial costs, divert our management's attention and resources and harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

***The dual listing of our ordinary shares following this listing may adversely affect the liquidity and value of our ordinary shares.***

Following this listing and after our ordinary shares begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), our ordinary shares will continue to be admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of

the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the LSE. We cannot predict the effect of this dual listing on the value of our ordinary shares. However, the dual listing of our ordinary shares may dilute the liquidity of these securities in one or both markets and may adversely affect the development of an active trading market for our ordinary shares in the United States.

***The requirements of being a U.S. public company, including compliance with the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, may strain our resources, increase our costs and distract management, and we may be unable to comply with these requirements in a timely or cost-effective manner.***

Upon becoming a U.S. public company, we will be required to comply with new laws, regulations and requirements, certain corporate governance provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley Act, related regulations of the SEC and the requirements of the NYSE, with which we were not required to comply as a private company. Complying with these statutes, regulations and requirements will occupy a significant amount of our time and will significantly increase our costs and expenses. We will need to: institute a more comprehensive compliance function to test and conclude on the sufficiency of our internal control over financial reporting; comply with rules promulgated by the NYSE; prepare and distribute periodic public reports; establish new internal policies, such as those relating to insider trading; and involve and retain to a greater degree outside professionals in the above activities. At any time, we may conclude that our internal controls, once tested, are not operating as designed or that the system of internal controls does not address all relevant financial statement risks. In our second annual report on Form 20-F, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Our independent registered public accounting firm may issue a report that concludes it does not believe our internal control over financial reporting is effective. Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley Act requirements may strain our resources, increase our costs and distract management; and we may be unable to comply with these requirements in a timely or cost-effective manner.

As a U.S. public company, we will be subject to significant regulatory oversight and reporting obligations under U.S. federal securities laws and the continuous scrutiny of securities analysts and investors. In addition, most members of our management team have limited experience managing a U.S. public company, interacting with U.S. public company investors, and complying with the increasingly complex laws pertaining to U.S. public companies. Our management team may not successfully or efficiently manage us as a U.S. public company. These new obligations and constituents require significant attention from our management team and could divert our management team’s attention away from the day-to-day management of our business, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Further, we expect that being a U.S. public company subject to these rules and regulations may make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating these rules, and we cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.

***We qualify as a foreign private issuer and, as a result, we will not be subject to U.S. proxy rules and will be subject to Exchange Act reporting obligations that, to some extent, are more lenient and less frequent than those of a U.S. domestic public company.***

Following this listing, we will report under the Exchange Act as a non-U.S. company with foreign private issuer status. Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under the Exchange Act, we are exempt from certain provisions of the Exchange Act that are applicable to U.S. domestic public companies, including (i) the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act; (ii) the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and liability for insiders who profit from trades made in a short period of time; and (iii) the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the SEC of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q containing unaudited financial and other specified information, or current reports on Form 8-K, upon the occurrence of specified significant events. In addition, foreign private issuers are not required to file their annual report on Form 20-F until 120 days

after the end of each fiscal year, while U.S. domestic issuers that are accelerated filers are required to file their annual report on Form 10-K within 75 days after the end of each fiscal year. Foreign private issuers also are exempt from Regulation Fair Disclosure, aimed at preventing issuers from making selective disclosures of material information. As a result of the above, you may not have the same protections afforded to shareholders of companies that are not foreign private issuers, some investors may find the ordinary shares less attractive, and there may be a less active trading market for the ordinary shares.

***As a foreign private issuer, we are permitted to adopt certain home country practices in relation to corporate governance matters that differ significantly from the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE. These practices may afford less protection to shareholders than they would enjoy if we complied fully with the corporate governance listing standards of the NYSE.***

As a foreign private issuer listed on the NYSE, we will be subject to corporate governance listing standards. However, NYSE rules permit a foreign private issuer like us to follow the corporate governance practices of its home country in lieu of certain NYSE corporate governance listing standards, provided that we disclose which requirements that we have not complied with in any year and confirm the UK corporate governance practices we have complied with. Certain corporate governance practices in the United Kingdom, which is our home country, may differ significantly from the NYSE corporate governance listing standards. Although we voluntarily comply with the higher corporate governance standards of the UK Corporate Governance Code, we could include non-independent directors as members of our nomination and remuneration committee, and our independent directors would not necessarily hold regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present. We may in the future elect to follow home country practices in the United Kingdom with regard to other matters. Therefore, our shareholders may be afforded less protection than they otherwise would have under the NYSE corporate governance listing standards applicable to U.S. domestic issuers. See “*Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — C. Board Practices.*”

***We may lose our foreign private issuer status, which would then require us to comply with the Exchange Act's domestic reporting regime and cause us to incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses.***

As a foreign private issuer, we are not required to comply with all of the periodic disclosure and current reporting requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to U.S. domestic issuers. To the extent we no longer qualify as a foreign private issuer as of June 30, 2024 (the end of our second fiscal quarter in the fiscal year after this listing), we would be required to comply with all of the periodic disclosure and current reporting requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to U.S. domestic issuers as of July 1, 2024. In order to maintain our current status as a foreign private issuer, either (a) a majority of our ordinary shares must be either directly or indirectly owned of record by non-residents of the United States or (b)(i) a majority of our executive officers or directors cannot be U.S. citizens or residents, (ii) more than 50% of our assets must be located outside the United States and (iii) our business must be administered principally outside the United States. If we lose our status as a foreign private issuer, we would be required to comply with the Exchange Act reporting and other requirements applicable to U.S. domestic issuers, including the requirement to prepare our financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which are more detailed and extensive than the requirements for foreign private issuers. We may also be required to make changes in our corporate governance practices in accordance with various SEC and NYSE rules. The regulatory and compliance costs to us under U.S. securities laws if we are required to comply with the reporting requirements applicable to a U.S. domestic issuer may be significantly higher than the cost we would incur as a foreign private issuer. As a result, we expect that a loss of foreign private issuer status would increase our legal and financial compliance costs and would make some activities highly time consuming and costly. If we lose foreign private issuer status and are unable to comply with the reporting requirements applicable to a U.S. domestic issuer by the applicable deadlines, we would not be in compliance with applicable SEC rules or the rules of NYSE, which could cause investors could lose confidence in our public reports and could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our ordinary shares. We also expect that if we were required to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to U.S. domestic issuers, it would make it more difficult and expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain coverage. These rules and regulations could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors.

***Failure to comply with requirements to design, implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on our business.***

As a UK public company traded on the Main Market of the LSE, we are not required to evaluate our internal control over financial reporting in a manner that meets the rules and regulations of the SEC.

The process of designing and implementing effective internal control over financial reporting is a continuous effort that requires us to anticipate and react to changes in our business and the economic and regulatory environments and to expend significant resources to maintain internal control over financial reporting that is adequate to satisfy our reporting obligations as a U.S. public company. If we are unable to establish or maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting, it could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations on a timely basis, result in material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements and harm our results of operations. In addition, we will be required, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, to furnish a report by management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in the second annual report following the completion of this listing. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. Assessing the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting will require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation. Testing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting may divert our management's attention from other matters that are important to our business.

We may not be able to conclude on an annual basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting or our independent registered public accounting firm may not issue an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. If either we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal control over financial reporting or our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to issue an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our ordinary shares.

During the preparation of our December 31, 2021 consolidated financial statements, we identified a material weakness in the design of our internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of a company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

We did not design and maintain an effective control related to the completeness and accuracy of the data provided to specialists used in business combinations. Although this deficiency did not result in a material misstatement to the consolidated financial statements, this deficiency could result in misstatements in our accounting for acquisitions that we account for as business combinations that would result in a material misstatement to the annual or interim consolidated financial statements that would not be prevented or detected.

During 2022, we implemented a remediation plan, primarily consisting of adding control activities to re-validate the completeness and accuracy of the data provided to specialists throughout the business combination business cycle for each acquisition. While we believe our remediation efforts were successful, we are also not required to evaluate our internal control over financial reporting in a manner that meets the rules and regulations of the SEC given our foreign private issuer status as a UK public company. Our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our second annual report on Form 20-F. No other material weakness in financial reporting has been identified in the years ended 2021 or 2022, or through June 30, 2023.

***We will incur increased costs as a result of operating as a public company in the United States, and our management will be required to devote substantial time to new compliance initiatives and corporate governance practices.***

As a U.S. public company, we will incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur previously. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the listing requirements of NYSE and other applicable securities rules and regulations impose various

requirements on non-U.S. reporting public companies, including the establishment and maintenance of disclosure controls and procedures, internal control over financial reporting and corporate governance practices. Our management and other personnel will need to devote a substantial amount of time to these compliance initiatives. Moreover, these rules and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and will make some activities more time consuming and costly. For example, we expect that these rules and regulations may increase the cost of our director and officer liability insurance.

However, these rules and regulations are often subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices.

***Because we may not pay any cash dividends on our ordinary shares in the future, capital appreciation, if any, may be your sole source of gains and you may never receive a return on your investment.***

Under current UK law, a company's accumulated realized profits, so far as not previously utilized by distribution or capitalization, must exceed its accumulated realized losses so far as not previously written off in a reduction or reorganization of capital duly made (on a non-consolidated basis), before dividends can be paid. Therefore, we must have distributable profits before issuing a dividend. Although we historically declared dividends on our ordinary shares, in the future, our board of directors may decide, in its discretion, not to declare and pay dividends based on a number of factors, including our performance and financial condition, cash requirements, future prospects, commodity prices, the performance and dividend yield of our peers, in addition to general economic conditions. Further, the Company's Credit Facility contains a restricted payment covenant that limits its subsidiaries' ability to make certain payments with respect to their equity, based on the pro forma effect thereof on certain financial ratios, which would be the source of distributable profits from which we may issue a dividend. Consequently, any historical declared dividends are in no way a guide to potential future dividends and capital appreciation, if any, on our ordinary shares may be your sole source of gains.

***There is no guarantee that we will continue to pay dividends on our ordinary shares in the future.***

Our ability and the Board's decision to pay dividends is dependent upon our performance and financial condition, cash requirements, future prospects, commodity prices, the performance and dividend yield of our peers, compliance with the financial covenants and restricted payments covenant in our Credit Facility, profits available for distribution and other factors deemed to be relevant at the time and on the continued health of the markets in which we operate. Further, subsequent to our listing on the NYSE, while our Board's evaluation of our ability or need to pay dividends will primarily remain a question of the foregoing factors, it will also take into account the performance of our ordinary shares, including relative to our peer group. There can be no guarantee that we will continue to pay dividends in the future on our ordinary shares.

***The rights of our shareholders may differ from the rights typically offered to shareholders of a U.S. corporation.***

We are incorporated under UK law. The rights of holders of ordinary shares are governed by UK law, including the provisions of the UK Companies Act 2006 (the "Companies Act 2006"), and by our Articles of Association. These rights differ in certain respects from the rights of shareholders in typical U.S. corporations. See "Item 10. Additional Information — B. Memorandum and Articles of Association" in this registration statement for a description of the principal differences between the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to us and, for example, the Delaware General Corporation Law relating to shareholders' rights and protections.

***Claims of U.S. civil liabilities may not be enforceable against us.***

We are incorporated under the laws of the United Kingdom. In addition, certain of our directors and officers reside outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon such persons or to enforce judgments obtained in U.S. courts against them or us, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws.

The United States and the United Kingdom do not currently have a treaty providing for recognition and enforcement of judgments (other than arbitration awards) in civil and commercial matters. Consequently, a final judgment for payment given by a court in the United States, whether or not predicated solely upon U.S. securities laws, would not automatically be recognized or enforceable in the United Kingdom. In addition, uncertainty exists as to whether UK courts would entertain original actions brought in the UK against us or our directors or senior management predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. Provided that certain requirements are met, a final and conclusive monetary judgment for a definite sum obtained against us in U.S. courts (that is not a sum payable in respect of taxes or similar charges or in respect of a fine or a penalty), would be treated by the courts of the UK as a cause of action in itself and sued upon as a debt at common law without any retrial of the issue. Whether the relevant requirements are met in respect of a judgment based upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. securities laws, including whether the award of monetary damages under such laws would constitute a penalty, is an issue for the court making such decision. If a UK court gives judgment for the sum payable under a U.S. judgment, the UK judgment will be enforceable by methods generally available for this purpose. These methods generally permit the UK court discretion to prescribe the manner of enforcement.

As a result, U.S. investors may not be able to enforce against us or our executive officers, board of directors or certain experts named herein who are residents of the United Kingdom or countries other than the United States any judgments obtained in U.S. courts in civil and commercial matters, including judgments under the U.S. federal securities laws.

### **General Risks**

#### ***Events of force majeure may limit our ability to operate our business and could adversely affect our operating results.***

The weather, unforeseen events, or other events of force majeure in the areas in which we operate could cause disruptions or suspension of our operations. This suspension could result from a direct impact to our properties or result from an indirect impact by a disruption or suspension of the operations of those upon whom we rely for gathering and transportation. If disruption or suspension were to persist for a long period, our results of operations would be materially impacted.

#### ***If securities or industry analysts do not publish research, or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research, about our business, the price of our ordinary shares and our trading volume could decline.***

The trading market for our ordinary shares will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. Securities and industry analysts do not currently, and may never, publish research on us. If no or too few securities or industry analysts commence coverage on us, the trading price for our ordinary shares would likely be negatively affected. In the event securities or industry analysts initiate coverage, if one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our ordinary shares or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, the price of our ordinary shares would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of us or fail to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our ordinary shares could decrease, which might cause the price of our ordinary shares and trading volume to decline.

### **Item 4. Information on the Company.**

#### **A. History and Development of the Company**

The Company, formerly Diversified Gas & Oil plc, is an independent energy company engaged in the production, marketing and transportation of natural gas as well as oil from its complementary onshore upstream and midstream assets, primarily located within the Appalachian and Central Regions of the United States. Our Appalachia assets consist primarily of producing wells in conventional reservoirs and the Marcellus and Utica shales, within Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, while our Central Region, located in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and portions of Texas, includes producing wells in multiple producing formations, including the Bossier, Haynesville Shale and Barnett Shale Plays, as well as the Cotton Valley and the Mid-Continent producing areas. We were incorporated in 2014 in the United



Kingdom, and our predecessor business was founded in 2001 by our Chief Executive Officer, Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr., with an initial focus on primarily natural gas and also oil production in West Virginia. In recent years, we have grown rapidly by capitalizing on opportunities to acquire and enhance producing assets and leveraging the operating efficiencies that result from economies of scale. Since 2017, and through June 30, 2023, we have completed 24 acquisitions for a combined purchase price of approximately \$2.6 billion. We had average daily production of 852 MMcfpd and 811 MMcfpd for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively.

We have consistently driven our operations towards sustainability and efficiency throughout our history, but we believe we are also at the forefront of U.S. natural gas and oil producers in our commitment to ESG goals. While the global energy economy is reliant on natural gas as an energy source, we believe it is imperative that natural gas wells and pipelines be operated by responsible owners with a strong commitment to the environment, and we believe our operational track record demonstrates that responsibility and stewardship. Given our operational focus on efficient, environmentally sound natural gas production, we believe we are ideally positioned to help serve current energy demands and play a key role in the clean energy transition.

### ***Recent Developments***

We announced on July 17, 2023 the sale of undeveloped acres in Oklahoma, within the Company’s Central Region, for net consideration of approximately \$16 million.

We announced on September 26, 2023 that we completed the semi-annual borrowing base redetermination of our revolving Credit Facility. The borrowing base under the Credit Facility was increased to \$425 million reflective of the addition of certain collateral previously acquired from EQT and certain smaller operators in Appalachia.

In November 2023, we formed DP Lion Holdco LLC, a limited-purpose, bankruptcy remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue Class A and Class B asset-backed security Notes (collectively “ABS VII”), which are secured by certain producing natural gas and oil assets located in Appalachia. The Class A Notes are rated BBB+ and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$142 million. The Class B Notes are rated BB- and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$20 million.

The ABS VII Class A Notes accrue interest at a stated 8.243% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of February 2034. The ABS VII Class B Notes accrue interest at a stated 12.725% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of August 2032. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes are payable on a monthly basis.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes could be required to apply 25% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, for the Class A Notes, (a) (i) If the Senior DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; and (c) if the Senior LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

For the Class B Notes, (a) (i) If the Aggregate DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; and (c) if the Aggregate LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

The ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes contain two performance targets. First, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity of at least 25% on December 31, 2026 and at least 35% on December 31, 2030. Second, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in methane emissions intensity of at least 30% on December 31, 2026 and of at least 50% on December 31, 2030. For each of these targets that we fail to meet or fail to have certified by an external verifier that we have met, by April 30, 2026, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes will

be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the above performance targets by the applicable deadlines.

Effective December 5, 2023, we executed a 20-for-1 consolidation of our outstanding shares. The pro forma impact of this consolidation on weighted average shares outstanding and earnings (loss) per share is included within the statements below and shows the impact of treating the consolidation as if it occurred at the beginning of the earliest period presented.

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	December 31, 2022	Year Ended	
		December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Revenue	\$ 1,919,349	\$1,007,561	\$ 408,693
Operating expense	(445,893)	(291,213)	(203,963)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(222,257)	(167,644)	(117,290)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,251,199</b>	<b>\$ 548,704</b>	<b>\$ 87,440</b>
General and administrative expense	(170,735)	(102,326)	(77,234)
Allowance for expected credit losses	—	4,265	(8,490)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment	2,379	(901)	(2,059)
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	(1,758,693)	(974,878)	(94,397)
Gain on bargain purchases	4,447	58,072	17,172
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (671,403)</b>	<b>\$ (467,064)</b>	<b>\$ (77,568)</b>
Finance costs	(100,799)	(50,628)	(43,327)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(27,569)	(24,396)	(15,424)
Other income (expense)	269	(8,812)	(421)
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$ (799,502)</b>	<b>\$ (550,900)</b>	<b>\$ (136,740)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	178,904	225,694	113,266
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	940	51	(28)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (619,658)</b>	<b>\$ (325,155)</b>	<b>\$ (23,502)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>			
Diversified Energy Company PLC	\$ (625,410)	\$ (325,509)	\$ (23,474)
Non-controlling interest	4,812	303	—
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>			
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted	844,080	793,542	685,170
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.03)
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	42,204	39,677	34,258
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (14.82)	\$ (8.20)	\$ (0.69)

(a) Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — basic and diluted and pro forma earnings (loss) per shares — basic and diluted reflect the retroactive adjustment to reflect the Group's 20-for-1 share consolidation effective December 5, 2023.

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Revenue	\$ 487,305	\$ 933,528
Operating expense	(227,299)	(206,357)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(115,036)	(118,480)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$ 144,970</b>	<b>\$ 608,691</b>
General and administrative expense	(55,156)	(114,282)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment	7,729	1,050
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	812,113	(1,673,841)
Gain on bargain purchases	—	1,249
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 909,656</b>	<b>\$(1,177,133)</b>
Finance costs	(67,736)	(39,162)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(13,991)	(14,003)
Other income (expense)	327	171
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$ 828,256</b>	<b>\$(1,230,127)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	(197,324)	294,877
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(88)	132
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 630,844</b>	<b>\$ (935,118)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>		
Diversified Energy Company PLC	\$ 629,985	\$ (937,412)
Non-controlling interest	947	2,162
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>		
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$ 0.68	\$ (1.10)
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	\$ 0.67	\$ (1.10)
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	926,066	849,621
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	937,838	849,621
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – basic <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 13.60	\$ (22.07)
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 13.43	\$ (22.07)
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – basic <sup>(a)</sup>	46,303	42,481
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	46,892	42,481

(a) Pro forma earnings (loss) per share — basic, pro forma earnings (loss) per share — diluted, pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — basic and pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — diluted reflect the retroactive adjustment for the Group's 20-for-1 share consolidation effective December 5, 2023.

**Other Information**

We were incorporated as a public limited company with the legal name Diversified Gas & Oil plc under the laws of the United Kingdom on July 31, 2014 with the company number 09156132. On May 6, 2021, we changed our company name to Diversified Energy Company plc.

Our registered office is located at 4th Floor Phoenix House, 1 Station Hill, Reading, Berkshire United Kingdom, RG1 1NB. In February 2017, our shares were admitted to trading on the AIM Market of the

London Stock Exchange (“AIM”) under the ticker “DGOC.” In May 2020, our shares were admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the LSE. The shares trading on AIM were cancelled concurrent to their admittance on the LSE. With the change in corporate name in 2021, our shares listed on the LSE began trading under the new ticker “DEC.”

Our principal executive offices are located at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, and our telephone number at that location is +1 205 408 0909. Our website address is [www.div.energy](http://www.div.energy). The information contained on, or that can be accessed from, our website does not form part of this registration statement. We have included our website address solely as an inactive textual reference.

For a description of our principal capital expenditures and divestitures for the three years ended December 31, 2022 and for those currently in progress, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects*”.

## **B. Business Overview**

Our strategy is primarily to acquire and manage natural gas and oil properties while leveraging our associated midstream assets to maximize cash flows. We seek to improve the performance and operations of our acquired assets through our deployment of rigorous field management programs and/or refreshing infrastructure. Through operational efficiencies, we demonstrate our ability to maximize value by enhancing production while lowering costs and improving well productivity. We adhere to stringent operating standards, with a strong focus on health, safety and the environment to ensure the safety of our employees and the local communities in which we operate. We believe that acting as a careful steward of our assets will improve revenue and margins through captured natural gas emissions while reducing operating costs, which benefits our profitability. This focus on operational excellence, including the aim of reducing natural gas emissions, also benefits the environment and communities in which we operate.

### **Our Business Strategy**

- Optimization of long-life, low-decline assets to enhance margins and improve cash flow
- Generate consistent shareholder returns through vertical integration, strategic hedging and cost optimization
- Disciplined growth through accretive acquisitions of producing assets
- Maintain a strong balance sheet with ability to opportunistically access capital markets
- Operate assets in a safe, efficient manner with what we believe are industry-leading ESG initiatives

### **Our Strengths**

- Low-risk and low-cost portfolio of assets
- Long-life and low-decline production
- High margin assets benefiting from significant scale and owned midstream and asset retirement infrastructure
- Highly experienced management and operational team
- Track record of successful consolidation and integration of acquired assets

### **Outlook**

Looking forward, we will continue to prudently manage our long-life, low-decline asset portfolio and the consistent cashflows they produce. We plan to maintain our hedging strategy to protect cash flow. We will seek to retain our strategic advantages in purposeful growth through a disciplined acquisition strategy that continues to secure low-cost financing that supports acquisitive growth while maintaining low leverage and ample liquidity. In addition, we intend to remain proactive in our ESG endeavors by seeking to secure future capital allocation for ESG initiatives.

**Reserve Data****Summary of Reserves**

The following table presents our estimated net proved reserves, Standardized Measure and PV-10 as of December 31, 2022, using SEC pricing. Standardized Measure has been presented inclusive and exclusive of taxes and is based on the proved reserve report as of such date by NSAI, our independent petroleum engineering firm. A copy of the proved reserve report is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this registration statement forms a part. See the below subsections titled “— Preparation of Reserve Estimates” and “— Estimation of Proved Reserves” for a definition of proved reserves and the technologies and economic data used in their estimation.

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
	<u>SEC Pricing<sup>(1)</sup></u>
<b>Proved developed reserves</b>	
Natural gas (MMcf)	4,340,779
NGLs (MBbls)	101,931
Oil (MBbls)	14,830
<b>Total proved developed reserves (MBoe)</b>	<b><u>840,224</u></b>
<b>Proved undeveloped reserves</b>	
Natural gas (MMcf)	8,832
NGLs (MBbls)	—
Oil (MBbls)	—
<b>Total proved undeveloped reserves (MBoe)</b>	<b><u>1,472</u></b>
<b>Total proved reserves</b>	
Natural gas (MMcf)	4,349,611
NGLs (MBbls)	101,931
Oil (MBbls)	14,830
<b>Total proved reserves (MBoe)</b>	<b><u>841,696</u></b>
<b>Prices used</b>	
Natural gas (MMBtu)	\$ 6.36
Oil and NGLs (Bbls)	\$ 94.14
<b>PV-10 (thousands)</b>	
Pre-tax (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 8,825,462
PV of Taxes	<u>(2,082,362)</u>
<b>Standardized Measure</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,743,100</u></b>
<b>Percent of estimated total proved reserves that are:</b>	
Natural gas	86.1%
Proved developed	99.8%
Proved undeveloped	0.2%

- (1) Our estimated net proved reserves were determined using average first-day-of-the-month prices for the prior 12 months in accordance with SEC guidance. For natural gas volumes, the average Henry Hub spot price of \$6.36 per MMBtu as of December 31, 2022 was adjusted for gravity, quality, local conditions, gathering and transportation fees, and distance from market. For NGLs and oil volumes, the average WTI price of \$94.14 per Bbl as of December 31, 2022 was similarly adjusted for gravity, quality, local conditions, gathering and transportation fees, and distance from market. All prices are held constant throughout the lives of the properties.
- (2) The PV-10 of our proved reserves as of December 31, 2022 was prepared without giving effect to taxes or hedges. PV-10 is a non-GAAP and non-IFRS financial measure and generally differs from

Standardized Measure, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, because it does not include the effects of income taxes on future net cash flows. We believe that the presentation of PV-10 is relevant and useful to our investors as supplemental disclosure to the Standardized Measure because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our reserves prior to taking into account future corporate income taxes and our current tax structure. While the Standardized Measure is free cash dependent on the unique tax situation of each company, PV-10 is based on a pricing methodology and discount factors that are consistent for all companies. Because of this, PV-10 can be used within the industry and by creditors and securities analysts to evaluate estimated net cash flows from proved reserves on a more comparable basis. Investors should be cautioned that neither PV-10 nor the Standardized Measure represents an estimate of the fair market value of our proved reserves.

#### Proved Reserves

As of December 31, 2022, our estimated proved reserves totaled 842 MMBoe, an increase of 9.1% from the prior year-end with a Standardized Measure of \$6.7 billion. Natural gas constituted approximately 86.1% of our total estimated proved reserves and 86.1% of our total estimated proved developed reserves. The following table provides a summary of the changes in our proved reserves for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

	<u>Total (MMBoe)</u>
<b>Total proved reserves as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b><u>535,979</u></b>
Extensions and discoveries	—
Revisions to previous estimates	(65,911)
Purchase of reserves in place	108,781
Sales of reserves in place	(547)
Production	<u>(36,538)</u>
<b>Total proved reserves as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b><u>541,765</u></b>
Extensions and discoveries	—
Revisions to previous estimates	90,251
Purchase of reserves in place	210,086
Sales of reserves in place	(27,340)
Production	<u>(43,257)</u>
<b>Total proved reserves as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b><u>771,505</u></b>
Extensions and discoveries	2,221
Revisions to previous estimates	63,302
Purchase of reserves in place	55,174
Sales of reserves in place	(1,152)
Production	<u>(49,354)</u>
<b>Total proved reserves as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b><u>841,696</u></b>

#### *Extensions and Discoveries*

In 2022, we elected to participate in select development activities on a non-operated basis generating 2,221 MBoe in reserves.

During 2021, no reserves were added from extension or discovery activities.

During 2020, no reserves were added from extension or discovery activities.

#### *Revisions to Previous Estimates*

During 2022, we recorded 63,302 MBoe in revisions to previous estimates. These positive performance revisions were primarily associated with changes in the trailing 12-month average realized Henry Hub spot

price, which increased approximately 77% as compared to the December 31, 2021 Henry Hub spot price due to the war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as other geopolitical factors. These factors primarily drove a net upward revision of 64,344 MBoe due to changes in pricing that impacted well economics. These increases were offset by a 1,042 MBoe downward revision for changes in timing.

During 2021, 90,251 MBoe in revisions to previous estimates were primarily associated with changes in the 12-month average realized Henry Hub spot price, which increased approximately 81% as compared to December 31, 2020.

During 2020, 65,911 MBoe in revisions to previous estimates were primarily associated with changes in the 12-month average realized Henry Hub spot price, which decreased approximately 24% as compared to December 31, 2019.

#### ***Purchase of Reserves in Place***

During 2022, 55,174 MBoe of purchases of reserves in place were associated with the East Texas and ConocoPhillips acquisitions. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information about these acquisitions.

During 2021, 210,086 MBoe of purchases of reserves in place were associated with the Indigo, Tanos, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information about these acquisitions.

During 2020, 108,781 MBoe of purchases of reserves in place were associated with the Carbon and EQT acquisitions. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information about these acquisitions.

#### ***Sales of Reserves in Place***

During 2022, 1,152 MBoe of sales of reserves in place were primarily associated with the divestitures of non-core assets.

During 2021, 27,340 MBoe of sales of reserves in place were primarily associated with the divestment of assets to Oaktree for their subsequent participation in the Indigo acquisition. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information about divestitures.

During 2020, 547 MBoe of sales of reserves in place were primarily associated with the divestitures of non-core assets.

#### **Productive Wells**

Productive wells consist of producing wells, wells capable of production and wells awaiting connection to production facilities. Gross wells are the total number of producing wells in which we have an interest, operated and non-operated, and net wells are the sum of our fractional working interest owned in gross wells. The following table summarizes our productive natural gas and oil wells as of December 31, 2022.

	As of December 31, 2022
<b>Total gross productive wells</b>	<b>77,598</b>
Natural gas wells	74,690
Oil wells	2,908
<b>Total net productive wells</b>	<b>62,176</b>
Natural gas wells	60,847
Oil wells	1,329
	As of December 31, 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>
Total gross in progress wells	7
Total net in progress wells	1

(1) Comprised of wells in the Appalachian Region.

#### Exploratory and Development Drilling Activities

Information regarding our drilling and development activities is set forth below:

Year	Development					
	Productive Wells		Dry Wells		Total	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
2022	5	2	—	—	5	2
2021	—	—	—	—	—	—
2020	—	—	—	—	—	—

We drilled no exploratory wells (productive or dry) during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

During 2021, we completed the Tapstone Acquisition, which included five wells in the Central Region that were under development by Tapstone as of December 31, 2021. We engaged third parties to complete this development activity, however they remained in progress as of December 31, 2021.

During 2022, we completed the development of the five wells referenced in the preceding paragraph that had been under development as of December 31, 2021. We then elected to participate in seven development opportunities on a non-operating basis in our Appalachian Region. All seven of the Appalachian development wells remained in progress as of December 31, 2022. As of the date of this registration statement, two of the Appalachian development wells have been completed and five remain in progress.

#### Proved Undeveloped Reserves

We aim to obtain proved developed producing wells through acquisitions in accordance with our growth strategy rather than through development activities. We accordingly contribute limited capital to development activities. From time to time, when acquiring packages of wells, we will acquire certain locations that are in development by the acquiree at the time of the acquisition or could be developed in the future. When economic, we will engage third parties to complete the existing development activities, and such reserves are included below as proved undeveloped reserves. We do not have a development program and, as a result, any additional undrilled locations that we hold cannot be classified as undeveloped reserves in accordance with SEC rules unless a development plan is in place. As of December 31, 2022, we had no such development plans and therefore have not classified these undrilled locations as proved undeveloped reserves.

The following table summarizes the changes in our estimated proved undeveloped reserves during 2020, 2021 and 2022:

	Total (MBoe)
<b>Proved undeveloped reserves as of December 31, 2019</b>	—
Extensions and discoveries	—
Revisions to previous estimates	—
Purchase of reserves in place	—
Sales of reserves in place	—
Converted to proved developed reserves	—
<b>Proved undeveloped reserves as of December 31, 2020</b>	—
Extensions and discoveries	—
Revisions to previous estimates	—



	Total (MBoe)
Purchase of reserves in place	584
Sales of reserves in place	—
Converted to proved developed reserves	—
<b>Proved undeveloped reserves as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b>584</b>
Extensions and discoveries	1,472
Revisions to previous estimates	—
Purchase of reserves in place	—
Sales of reserves in place	—
Converted to proved developed reserves	(584)
<b>Proved undeveloped reserves as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>1,472</b>

#### *Extensions and Discoveries*

During 2022, we elected to participate in select development activities where third parties were engaged to complete the development. Seven of these wells were in progress as of December 31, 2022, generating 1,472 MBoe in proved undeveloped reserves.

During 2021, no reserves were added from extension or discovery activities.

During 2020, no reserves were added from extension or discovery activities.

#### *Purchase of Reserves in Place*

There were no purchases of proved undeveloped reserves in place during 2022.

During 2021, the 584 MBoe of purchase of reserves in place were associated with the Tapstone Acquisition and related to five wells that were under development as of December 31, 2021. We engaged third parties to complete this development activity and during 2022 these were converted to proved developed reserves. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information about acquisitions.

During 2020, there were no purchases of proved undeveloped reserves in place.

#### *Converted to Proved Developed Reserves*

During 2022, we completed the development of the five wells referenced in the preceding paragraph that were under development as of December 31, 2021, thereby converting those wells to proved developed reserves. Total capital expenditures in connection with converting those wells to proved developed reserves were approximately \$20 million.

During 2021, no reserves were converted to proved developed reserves.

During 2020, no reserves were converted to proved developed reserves.

#### **Developed and Undeveloped Acreage**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the total developed and undeveloped acreage in which we owned an interest as of December 31, 2022. Developed acres are acres spaced or assigned to productive wells and does not include undrilled acreage held by production under the terms of the lease. Undeveloped acres are acres on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of commercial quantities of oil or natural gas, regardless of whether such acreage contains proved reserves. Approximately 92% of our acreage was held by production at December 31, 2022.

	Developed Acreage		Undeveloped Acreage		Total Acreage	
	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>	Gross <sup>(1)</sup>	Net <sup>(2)</sup>
As of December 31, 2022	5,049,469	2,742,117	8,009,257	5,516,466	13,058,726	8,258,583

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- (1) A gross acre is an acre in which a working interest is owned. The number of gross acres is the total number of acres in which a working interest is owned.
  - (2) A net acre is deemed to exist when the sum of the fractional ownership working interests in gross acres equals one. The number of net acres is the sum of the fractional working interests owned in gross acres expressed as whole numbers and fractions thereof.

The undeveloped acreage numbers presented in the table above have been compiled using best efforts to review and determine acreage that is not currently drilled but may be available for drilling at the current time under certain circumstances. Whether or not undrilled acreage may be drilled and thereafter produce economic quantities of oil or gas is related to many factors which may change over time, including oil and gas prices, service vendor availability, regulatory regimes, midstream markets, end user demand, and macro and micro financial conditions; the undeveloped acreage described herein is presented without an opinion as to economic viability, as a result of the aforesaid factors. Additionally, it is noted that certain formations on a land tract may be already developed while other formations are undeveloped.

The following table sets forth the number of total gross and net undeveloped acres as of December 31, 2022 that will expire in 2023, 2024 and 2025 unless production is established within the spacing units covering the acreage prior to the expiration dates or unless such acreage is extended or renewed.

	Gross	Net
2023	680,886	678,191
2024	3	3
2025	344	29

Our primary focus is to operate our existing producing assets in a safe, efficient and responsible manner, however we also assess areas subject to lease expiration for potential development opportunities when prudent. As of December 31, 2022, we had no development plans other than the in-progress wells described above and therefore have not classified any other potential undrilled locations on this acreage as proved undeveloped reserves.

#### **Preparation of Reserve Estimates**

Our reserve estimates as of December 31, 2022 included in this registration statement were independently evaluated by our independent engineers, NSAI, in accordance with petroleum engineering and evaluation standards published by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers and definitions and guidelines established by the SEC.

NSAI is a worldwide leader of petroleum property analysis for industry and financial organizations and government agencies. NSAI was founded in 1961 and performs consulting petroleum engineering services under Texas Board of Professional Engineers Registration No. F-2699. Within NSAI, the technical persons primarily responsible for auditing the estimates set forth in the NSAI reserves report incorporated herein are Mr. Robert C. Barg and Mr. William J. Knights. Mr. Barg, a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas (No. 71658), has been practicing consulting petroleum engineering at NSAI since 1989 and has over six years of prior industry experience. He graduated from Purdue University in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Knights, a Licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas, Geology (No. 1532), has been practicing consulting petroleum geoscience at NSAI since 1991 and has over 10 years of prior industry experience. He graduated from Texas Christian University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology in 1984 with a Master of Science Degree in Geology. Both technical principals meet or exceed the education, training and experience requirements set forth in the Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves Information promulgated by the Society of Petroleum Engineers; both are proficient in judiciously applying industry standard practices to engineering and geoscience evaluations, as well as applying SEC and other industry reserves definitions and guidelines.

Our internal staff of petroleum engineers and geoscience professionals work closely with our independent reserve engineers to ensure the integrity, accuracy and timeliness of data furnished to our

independent reserve engineers in their reserve evaluation process. Our technical team regularly meets with the independent reserve engineers to review properties and discuss methods and assumptions used to prepare reserve estimates. The reserve estimates and related reports are reviewed and approved by our Vice President of Reservoir Engineering. The Vice President of Reservoir Engineering has been with the Company since 2018 and has 24 years of experience in petroleum engineering, with over 20 years of experience evaluating natural gas and oil reserves, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering. Prior to joining the Company in 2018, our Vice President of Reservoir Engineering served in various reservoir engineering roles for public companies engaged in the exploration and production operations, and is also a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

#### Estimation of Proved Reserves

Proved reserves are reserves which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible from a given date forward from known reservoirs under existing economic conditions, operating methods and government regulations prior to the time at which contracts providing the right to operate expires, unless evidence indicates that renewal is reasonably certain. The term “reasonable certainty” implies a high degree of confidence that the quantities of oil or natural gas actually recovered will equal or exceed the estimate. To achieve reasonable certainty, we and the independent reserve engineers employed technologies that have been demonstrated to yield results with consistency and repeatability. The technologies and economic data used in the estimation of our proved reserves include, but are not limited to, well logs, geologic maps and available downhole and production data, micro-seismic data and well-test data.

Reserve engineering is and must be recognized as a subjective process of estimating volumes of economically recoverable oil and natural gas that cannot be measured in an exact manner. The accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and of engineering and geological interpretation. As a result, the estimates of different engineers often vary. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production may justify revisions of such estimates. Accordingly, reserve estimates often differ from the quantities of natural gas, NGLs and oil that are ultimately recovered. Estimates of economically recoverable natural gas, NGLs and oil and of future net cash flows are based on a number of variables and assumptions, all of which may vary from actual results, including geologic interpretation, prices and future production rates and costs. See “Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors” for additional information.

#### Production Volumes, Average Sales Prices and Operating Costs

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Production</b>			
Natural Gas (MMcf)	255,597	234,643	199,667
NGLs (MBbls)	5,200	3,558	2,843
Oil (MBbls)	1,554	592	417
<b>Total production (MBoe)</b>	<b>49,354</b>	<b>43,257</b>	<b>36,538</b>
<b>Average realized sales price</b> <i>(excluding impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>			
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 6.04	\$ 3.49	\$ 1.72
NGLs (Bbls)	36.29	32.53	8.15
Oil (Bbls)	89.85	65.26	36.12
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 37.95</b>	<b>\$ 22.50</b>	<b>\$ 10.45</b>
<b>Average realized sales price</b> <i>(including impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>			
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.33
NGLs (Bbls)	19.84	15.52	13.95
Oil (Bbls)	72.00	71.68	52.97

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 19.80</b>	<b>\$ 15.08</b>	<b>\$ 14.40</b>
<b>Operating costs per Boe</b>			
LOE <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 3.70	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.53
Production taxes <sup>(2)</sup>	1.50	0.71	0.38
Midstream operating expense <sup>(3)</sup>	1.44	1.40	1.45
Transportation expense <sup>(4)</sup>	2.39	1.86	1.24
<b>Total operating expense per Boe</b>	<b>\$ 9.03</b>	<b>\$ 6.73</b>	<b>\$ 5.58</b>

- (1) LOE is defined as the sum of employee and benefit expenses, well operating expense (net), automobile expense and insurance cost.
- (2) Production taxes include severance and property taxes. Severance taxes are generally paid on produced natural gas, NGLs and oil production at fixed rates established by federal, state or local taxing authorities. Property taxes are generally based on the taxing jurisdictions' valuation of our natural gas and oil properties and midstream assets.
- (3) Midstream operating expenses are daily costs incurred to operate our owned midstream assets inclusive of employee and benefit expenses.
- (4) Transportation expenses are daily costs incurred from third-party systems to gather, process and transport our natural gas, NGLs and oil.

#### Significant Fields

The Company operates in four primary fields: (i) Appalachia, which is comprised of the stacked Marcellus and Utica shales (ii) East Texas and Louisiana, which consists of the stacked Cotton Valley, Haynesville, and Bossier shales, (iii) the Barnett Shale and (iv) the Midcontinent region, in North Texas and Oklahoma, which also consists of various stacked plays. The following table presents production for the Company's Appalachian region, which is considered significant, or greater than 15% of the Company's total proved reserves.

	Appalachia		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Production</b>			
Natural Gas (MMcf)	180,194	201,635	199,667
NGLs (MBbls)	2,810	2,690	2,843
Oil (MBbls)	423	446	417
<b>Total production (MBoe)</b>	<b>33,265</b>	<b>36,743</b>	<b>36,538</b>

#### Customers

Our production is generally sold on month-to-month contracts at prevailing market prices. During the year ended December 31, 2022, no customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues. During the year ended December 31, 2021, two customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues, representing 22% of consolidated revenues. During the year ended December 31, 2020, two customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues, representing 22% of consolidated revenues.

Because alternative purchasers of oil and natural gas are readily available, we believe that the loss of any of these purchasers would not result in a material adverse effect on our ability to sell future oil and natural gas production. In order to mitigate potential exposure to credit risk, we may require from time to time for our customers to provide financial security.

**Delivery Commitments**

We have contractually agreed to deliver firm quantities of natural gas to various customers, which we expect to fulfill with production from existing reserves. We regularly monitor our proved developed reserves to ensure sufficient availability to meet these commitments. The following table summarizes our total gross commitments, compiled using best estimates based on our sales strategy, as of December 31, 2022.

	Natural gas (MMcf)
2023	61,367
2024	44,162
2025	972
Thereafter	—

**Transportation and Marketing**

Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC, our wholly owned marketing subsidiary, provides marketing services and contractual pipeline capacity management services primarily for our benefit, but also to certain third parties.

Our transportation infrastructure is diversified and allows us to capitalize on strengthening markets while also providing reliable takeaway capacity. This is principally achieved through our vertically integrated midstream systems and the synergistic nature of our asset base. As a result, our midstream infrastructure allows for access to advantageous pricing year-round and flow assurance while entering into minimal firm transportation agreements.

When prudent, however, we enter into arrangements that capture opportunities related to the marketing and transportation of natural gas, NGLs and oil, which primarily involve the marketing of our own equity production and that of royalty owners that hold interests in our wells. Additionally, from time-to-time, we assume firm transportation agreements when acquiring wells.

Our midstream systems, as well as our arrangements, allow us to access growing high-demand markets in the U.S. Gulf Coast region while low-cost transportation on northeast pipelines allows us to capture in-basin pricing. Certain of our capacity agreements contain multiple extension and reduction options that allow us to adjust our transportation infrastructure as necessary for our production or to capture future market opportunities. As of December 31, 2022, our transportation arrangements provide access to 636 MMcfepd of takeaway capacity. These firm transportation agreements may require minimum volume delivery commitments, which we expect to principally fulfill with production from existing reserves.

To date, we have not experienced significant difficulty in transporting or marketing our natural gas, NGLs and oil production as it becomes available; however, there is no assurance that we will always be able to transport and market all of our production. See “Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business, Operations and Industry — We may experience delays in production, marketing and transportation.”

**Competition**

Our marketing activities compete with numerous other companies offering the same services, many of which possess larger financial and other resources than we have. Some of these competitors are other producers and affiliates of companies with extensive pipeline systems that are used for transportation from producers to end users. Other factors affecting competition are the cost and availability of alternative fuels, the level of consumer demand and the cost of and proximity to pipelines and other transportation facilities. We believe that our ability to compete effectively within the marketing segment in the future depends upon establishing and maintaining strong relationships with customers.

**Seasonality**

Demand for natural gas and oil generally decreases during the spring and fall months and increases during the summer and winter months. However, seasonal anomalies and consumers procurement initiatives

can also lessen seasonal demand fluctuations. Seasonal anomalies can increase competition for equipment, supplies and personnel and can lead to shortages and increase costs or delay our operations.

#### **Title to Properties**

We believe that we have satisfactory title to substantially all of our active properties in accordance with standards generally accepted in the oil and natural gas industry. Our properties are subject to customary royalty and overriding royalty interests, certain contracts relating to the exploration, development, operation and marketing of production from such properties, consents to assignment and preferential purchase rights, liens for current taxes, applicable laws and other burdens, encumbrances and irregularities in title, which we believe do not materially interfere with the use of or affect the value of such properties. Prior to acquiring producing wells, we endeavor to perform a title investigation on an appropriate portion of the properties that is thorough and is consistent with standard practice in the natural gas and oil industry. Generally, we conduct a title examination and perform curative work with respect to significant defects that we identify on properties that we operate. We believe that we have performed reasonable and protective title reviews with respect to an appropriate cross-section of our operated natural gas and oil wells.

#### **Environmental, Health and Safety**

##### ***Overview***

Environmental, health, and safety (“EHS”) management remains a top priority for our company, and we demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship in the communities in which we live and operate.

We believe that good business includes improving the safety of assets we have acquired, eliminating and reducing fugitive emissions, consolidating duplicative pipeline networks, eliminating excessive compression facilities and extending the lives of producing wells in order to offset the need to generate supply from newly drilled wells. We seek to take a rigorous approach to managing the potential impacts of production fluid spills, which may include natural gas liquids, oil or produced water. Proper waste management and protection of biodiversity are of high importance to us, and we continuously work to mitigate or manage any impact from these spills.

Our board of directors and employees have a shared commitment to becoming good and trusted stewards of the environment, to ensure that our operations meet or exceed all applicable EHS standards, and to achieve EHS excellence.

We expect a similar commitment to safety and environmental stewardship from our business partners with whom we conduct business, so we utilize a leading supply chain risk management firm to help us prescreen contractors with high safety performance records and then to continuously monitor the contractors’ performance for ongoing compliance with our own expectations as well as with state and federal operating standards.

##### ***Total Recordable Incident Rate***

We strive to maintain a zero-harm working environment and remain steadfast in our commitment to improving safety performance throughout our footprint. The goal of our occupational health and safety program is to foster a safe and healthy occupational environment for employees and other stakeholders that encounter our operations. Health and safety is a top priority for us and is underscored by our operating performance, as well as our daily operational goals of promoting “Safety — No Compromises.” Our Total Recordable Incident Rate (“TRIR”), defined as the sum of lost time injuries, restricted work injuries and medical treatment injuries per 200,000 work hours, and represents all injuries that require medical treatment in excess of simple first aid, exceeded our goals in 2022 and in 2021 and was driven by a lower frequency of minor incidents throughout the year. Our much improved result in 2022 included several months where we incurred no safety incidents across the organization, reflective of the consistent and continual focus we are investing in our employees. As with any kind of company incident, our senior operations and EHS leadership teams review results with a specific emphasis on root causes and change improvements to

mitigate future incidents. These mitigation efforts are shared with all employees, whether new to the Company following an acquisition or a long-term employee, to help ensure improved performance in the future.

#### ***Preventable Motor Vehicle Accident Rate***

With more than 1,200 employees on the road each day, road safety awareness and safe driving are of paramount importance to us; our goal is zero preventable vehicle incidents. Given our expansive asset portfolio across the Appalachian Basin and Central Region, our well tenders and other field employees often spend a significant portion of their days driving. We realized a significant improvement in our preventable Motor Vehicle Accident (“MVA”) Rate, defined as the rate of preventable accidents that occurred during the year per million miles driven by our field personnel, in 2022. We are proud of this accomplishment given the 24.5 million miles driven by our employees during the course of the year largely as a result of the often rural and widespread nature of our asset base and the additional staff members that joined the Company from our 2022 acquisitions. The improvement in our MVA rate can be attributed to our widespread emphasis on safety in our operations, including driving, the use of dedicated training modules and our Safe Passages recognition program for drivers who achieve an accident-free driving record during the calendar year.

#### ***Reportable Spills***

A spill is the introduction into the environment, other than as authorized and whether intentional or unintentional, of a substance that has the potential to cause adverse effects to the environment, human health or infrastructure. A reportable spill is one that must be disclosed to any regulatory agency where we operate. Intensity rate reflects the reportable volume of oil and produced water spills divided by the total gross volume of oil and produced water handled during the period.

The continued expansion of our operating footprint through Central Region acquisitions has resulted in an increased volume of water produced and handled in our operations due to the geological nature of the formations in the Central Region when compared to Appalachia and the higher concentration of unconventional wells. As a result, we experienced a corresponding increase in the absolute volume of reportable spills compared to prior years of operations, which excluded Central Region operations. We aim for zero spills and continue to seek process enhancements, safety procedures and training to manage and reduce the number of spills in the future.

Our exposure to significant spills of liquid products is inherently low given our current production profile of 86% dry natural gas. Nonetheless, we seek to take a rigorous approach to managing any impact of a potential fluid spill and implement practices and processes to minimize or eliminate such spills.

#### ***Socio-Economic Contribution***

Our community investments are designed to make long-lasting, positive impacts on the communities where we operate and live. We want our actions and economic contributions to make a difference. We start with employing local people to do local work wherever possible, specifically individuals who care about the communities and environments in which they work and live, and that demonstrate passion in how they approach and accomplish their work every day.

We are committed to balancing our business needs with the needs of the communities in which we and our employees operate. In 2022 and throughout 2023, we have continued to develop company-wide programs to enhance our community outreach, including a new grant-giving program and an employee wellness program. In response to our community outreach and engagement work, we have contributed to nearly 140 different organizations that included childhood education, with emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), secondary and higher education, children and adult physical and mental health and wellness, environmental stewardship and biodiversity, fine arts for children, food banks and meal programs, homeless shelters, community and volunteer first responders, and local infrastructure.

#### ***Our Approach to ESG***

Our approach to ESG management encompasses consideration of our climate, environmental and social impacts as well as our responsibility to conduct business in accordance with high standards of

governance. Through our commitment to stakeholder engagement and regular consideration of internal and external feedback, we seek to proactively manage the topics most important to our business and corporate strategy. Our objectives to improve and address these key areas have served as the foundation of our ESG efforts and strategy, informing where progress should be tracked, and new forward-looking targets should be set.

Our ESG programs are bolstered by a unique business model focused on two key environmental stewardship approaches which keep our net zero ambitions at the forefront of our decision-making. First, our operational approach to owned assets centers on investments in improving or restoring production, optimizing the integrity and efficiency of our assets and reducing emissions before safely and permanently retiring those assets at the end of their productive life. Additionally, our approach to new acquisition utilizes intentional consideration of the emissions profile and geographic location of target assets in determining their compatibility with our portfolio and our emissions reduction goals. In doing so, we are able to recognize the immediate accretive benefit of the acquisitions to our emissions profile or to develop a near-term plan to achieve those benefits.

While our current environmental focus is on methane reductions, we also continued work on our marginal abatement cost curve (“MACC”) to help share our Scope 1 and 2 net zero greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions goals. Further, we are endeavoring to partner our MACC efforts with a new process aimed at building and maintaining real-time emissions intelligence through our emissions analytics and reporting platform in order to enhance the accuracy and power of predictive analytics related to our emissions, thus offering management potential access to better data and more tools for more informed decision-making.

Though our upstream, midstream and asset retirement business units encompass distinct activities, we view our corporate and individual employee actions through the lens of a single, unified OneDEC approach that drives a culture of operational excellence fostered through the integration of people and the standardization of processes and systems. Our OneDEC approach is an effort centered around supporting and encouraging company-wide initiatives by ensuring alignment of our corporate and ESG initiatives with departmental action supported by financial investment and boots on the ground. Thus, we embed our strategic frameworks, values and stewardship business model in our OneDEC culture to align our organization, our goals and our priorities around continued progress.

We view sustainability through the dual lens of seeking to create long-term value for our stakeholders and to ensure our daily actions contribute to a sustainable environment and planet for society at large. When we align our stewardship-focused business model and OneDEC culture with our commitment to ESG, we are doing so with this dual lens in mind.

At Diversified, we challenge ourselves to consider these topics and more when we effectuate our business model, corporate strategy, ESG commitments, daily operations and risk management practices.

### **Human Capital Management**

As of December 31, 2022, we had 1,582 full-time employees.

We have an experienced and professional workforce and continue to grow rapidly through successful acquisitions and, in doing so, we welcomed approximately 160 new employees in 2022. The vast majority of our employee base consists of production employees, including our upstream and midstream field personnel. All other employee positions, including back office, administrative and executive positions, are production support roles.

As part of a coordinated diversity and engagement strategy within our recruitment processes, we have engaged a number of external agencies across specific geographic areas of focus within our operating footprint in support of driving diversity within the Company. The composition of our employee workforce is a reflection of the employees that we retain from the sellers at the time of acquisitions. When coupled with a total annual turnover rate of approximately 17.6%, our opportunity to further diversify our workforce is somewhat limited. Nonetheless, we seek to generate a diverse candidate pool from which we can identify and hire the most qualified individuals, regardless of gender, to the benefit of the Company and our stakeholders.



Our board of directors currently consists of three females and four males, and our senior management, including our executive committee and its direct reports but excluding the executive director, consisted of 87 employees. Although our board of directors does not currently have any ethnically diverse members, it acknowledges the UK Listing Rules' requirements of having at least one individual on its board of directors who is from a minority ethnic background, which we are required to comply with by the end of 2023. We intend to add an ethnically diverse member to the board of directors and have engaged a third-party advisor to assist with the search process. The board of directors continues to demonstrate diversity in a wider sense, with directors from the U.S. as well as the UK, bringing a range of domestic and international experience to the board of directors. The board of director's diverse range of experience and expertise covers not only a wealth of experience of operating in the natural gas and oil industry but also extensive technical, operational, financial, legal and environmental expertise.

## **Government Regulation**

### ***General***

Our operations in the United States are subject to various federal, state and local (including county and municipal level) laws and regulations. These laws and regulations cover virtually every aspect of our operations including, among other things: use of public roads; construction of well pads, impoundments, tanks and roads; pooling and unitizations; water withdrawal and procurement for well stimulation purposes; wastewater discharge, well drilling, casing and hydraulic fracturing; stormwater management; well production; well plugging; venting or flaring of natural gas; pipeline construction and the compression and transportation of natural gas and liquids; reclamation and restoration of properties after natural gas and oil operations are completed; handling, storage, transportation and disposal of materials used or generated by natural gas and oil operations; the calculation, reporting and payment of taxes on natural gas and oil production; and gathering of natural gas production. Various governmental permits, authorizations and approvals under these laws and regulations are required for exploration and production as well as midstream operations. These laws and regulations, and the permits, authorizations and approvals issued pursuant to such laws and regulations, are intended to protect, among other things: air quality; ground water and surface water resources, including drinking water supplies; wetlands; waterways; protected plants and wildlife; natural resources; and the health and safety of our employees and the communities in which we operate.

We endeavor to conduct our operations in compliance with all applicable U.S. federal, state and local laws and regulations. However, because of extensive and comprehensive regulatory requirements against a backdrop of variable geologic and seasonal conditions, non-compliance during operations can occur. Certain non-compliance may be expected to result in fines or penalties, but could also result in enforcement actions, additional restrictions on our operations, or make it more difficult for us to obtain necessary permits in the future. The possibility exists that new legislation or regulations may be adopted which could have a significant impact on our operations or on our customers' ability to use our natural gas, natural gas liquids and oil, and may require us or our customers to change their operations significantly or incur substantial costs.

### ***Environmental Laws***

Many of the U.S. laws and regulations referred to above are environmental laws and regulations, which vary according to the jurisdiction in which we conduct our operations. In addition to state or local laws and regulations, our operations are also subject to numerous federal environmental laws and regulations. Below is a discussion of some of the more significant federal laws and regulations applicable to us and our operations.

### ***Clean Air Act***

The federal Clean Air Act and corresponding state laws and regulations regulate air emissions primarily through permitting and/or emissions control requirements. This affects natural gas production and processing operations. Various activities in our operations are subject to regulation, including pipeline compression, venting and flaring of natural gas, and hydraulic fracturing and completion processes, as well as fugitive emissions from operations. We obtain permits, typically from state or local authorities, to conduct these

activities. Additionally, we are required to obtain pre-approval for construction or modification of certain facilities, to meet stringent air permit requirements, or to use specific equipment, technologies or best management practices to control emissions. Further, emissions from certain proximate and related sources may need to be aggregated to provide for regulation and permitting of a single, major source. Federal and state governmental agencies continue to investigate the potential for emissions from oil and natural gas activities, and further regulation could increase our cost or temporarily restrict our ability to produce. For instance, in November 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) proposed new regulations to establish comprehensive standards of performance and emission guidelines for methane and volatile organic compound emissions from new and existing operations in the oil and gas sector, including the exploration and production, transmission, processing and storage segments. In November 2022, the EPA issued supplemental proposed regulations that would strengthen and expand on the regulations proposed in 2021. The public comment period for the proposed supplemental regulations closed in February 2023, and the EPA is in the process of finalizing the regulations. Additionally, the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law in August 2022, included a “methane fee” on natural gas emissions from oil and gas operations based on certain emissions intensity thresholds. The EPA plans to finalize rules related to the methane fee in 2023 and expects the new fees to be imposed beginning with emissions reported for calendar year 2024. The impact of future regulatory and legislative developments, if adopted or enacted, could result in increased compliance costs, increased utility costs, additional operating restrictions on our business and an increase in the cost of products generally. Although such costs may impact our business directly or indirectly by impacting our facilities or operations, the extent and magnitude of that impact cannot be reliably or accurately estimated due to the present uncertainty regarding the additional measures and how they will be implemented.

#### ***Clean Water Act***

The federal Clean Water Act (“CWA”) and corresponding state laws affect our operations by regulating storm water or other discharges of substances, including pollutants, sediment, and spills and releases of oil, brine and other substances, into surface waters, and in certain instances imposing requirements to dispose of produced wastes and other oil and gas wastes at approved disposal facilities. The discharge of pollutants into jurisdictional waters is prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or a delegated state agency. These permits require regular monitoring and compliance with effluent limitations, and include reporting requirements. Federal and state regulatory agencies can impose administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties for non-compliance with discharge permits or other requirements of the CWA and analogous state laws and regulations.

#### ***Endangered Species and Migratory Birds***

The Endangered Species Act and related state laws regulations protect plant and animal species that are threatened or endangered. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act provides similar protections to migratory birds and bald and golden eagles, respectively. Some of our operations are located in areas that are or may be designated as protected habitats for endangered or threatened species, or in areas where migratory birds or bald and golden eagles are known to exist. Laws and regulations intended to protect threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, or bald and golden eagles could have a seasonal impact on our construction activities and operations. New or additional species that may be identified as requiring protection or consideration could also lead to delays in obtaining permits and/or other restrictions, including operational restrictions.

#### ***Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines***

Natural gas pipelines serving our operations are subject to regulation by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s PHMSA pursuant to the NGPSA, as amended by the Pipeline Safety Act of 1992, the Accountable Pipeline Safety and Partnership Act of 1996, the PSIA, the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006, and the 2011 Pipeline Safety Act. The NGPSA regulates safety requirements in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of natural gas pipeline facilities, while the PSIA establishes mandatory inspections for all U.S. oil and natural gas transmission pipelines in high-consequence areas. Additionally, certain states, such as West Virginia, also maintain jurisdiction over intrastate natural gas lines. In October 2019, PHMSA finalized the first of three rules that, collectively, are referred

to as the natural gas “Mega Rule.” The first rule imposed additional safety requirements on natural gas transmission pipelines, including maximum operating pressure and integrity management near HCAs for onshore gas transmission pipelines. PHMSA finalized the second rule extending federal safety requirements to onshore gas gathering pipelines with large diameters and high operating pressures in November 2021. PHMSA published the final of the three components of the Mega Rule in August 2022, which took effect in May 2023. The final rule applies to onshore gas transmission pipelines, clarifies integrity management regulations, expands corrosion control requirements, mandates inspection after extreme weather events, and updates existing repair criteria for both HCA and non-HCA pipelines. Finally, PHMSA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding more stringent gas pipeline leak detection and repair requirements to reduce natural gas emissions on May 18, 2023. The adoption of laws or regulations that apply more comprehensive or stringent safety standards could increase the expenses we incur for gathering service.

***Resource Conservation and Recovery Act***

The federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) and corresponding state laws and regulations impose requirements for the management, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, including wastes generated by our operations. Drilling fluids, produced waters and most of the other wastes associated with the exploration, development and production of natural gas and oil are currently regulated under RCRA’s solid (non-hazardous) waste provisions. However, legislation has been proposed from time to time, and various environmental groups have filed lawsuits, that, if successful, could result in the reclassification of certain natural gas and oil exploration and production wastes as “hazardous wastes,” which would make such wastes subject to much more stringent handling, disposal and clean-up requirements. A change in the RCRA exclusion for drilling fluids, produced waters and related wastes could result in an increase in our costs to manage and dispose of generated wastes, which could have a material adverse effect on the industry as well as on our results of operations and financial position.

***Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act***

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA” or “Superfund”) imposes joint and several liability for costs of investigation and remediation, and for natural resource damages without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on certain classes of persons with respect to the release into the environment of substances designated under CERCLA as hazardous substances. These classes of persons, so-called potentially responsible parties (“PRP”), include the current and past owners or operators of a site where the release occurred and anyone who disposed, transported, or arranged for the disposal, transportation, or treatment of a hazardous substance found at the site. CERCLA also authorized the EPA and, in some instances, third parties to take actions in response to threats to public health or the environment, and to seek to recover from the PRPs the costs of such action. Many states, including states in which we operate, have adopted comparable state statutes.

Although CERCLA generally exempts “petroleum” from regulation, in the course of our operations we have generated and will generate wastes that may fall within CERCLA’s definition of hazardous substances, and may have disposed of these wastes at disposal sites owned and operated by others. We may also be the owner or operator of sites on which hazardous substances have been released. In the event contamination is discovered at a site on which we are or have been an owner or operator, or to which we have sent hazardous substances, we could be jointly and severally liable for the costs of investigation and remediation and natural resource damages. Further, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by hazardous substances or other pollutants released into the environment.

***Oil Pollution Act***

The primary federal law related to oil spill liability is the Oil Pollution Act (“OPA”), which amends and augments oil spill provisions of the Clean Water Act and imposes certain duties and liabilities on certain “responsible parties” related to the prevention of oil spills and damages resulting from such spills in or threatening waters of the United States or adjoining shorelines. A liable “responsible party” includes the owner or operator of a facility, vessel or pipeline that is a source of an oil discharge or that poses the substantial threat of discharge. OPA assigns joint and several liability, without regard to fault, to each liable party for

oil removal costs and a variety of public and private damages. Although defenses exist to the liability imposed by OPA, they are limited. In the event of an oil discharge or substantial threat of discharge, we may be liable for costs and damages.

***Regulation of the Sale and Transportation of Natural Gas, NGLs and Oil***

The transportation and sale, or resale, of natural gas in interstate commerce are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) under the Natural Gas Act of 1938, the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, and regulations issued under those statutes. FERC regulates interstate natural gas transportation rates and terms and conditions of service, which affects the marketing of natural gas that we produce, as well as the revenues we receive for sales of our natural gas. FERC regulations require that rates and terms and conditions of service for interstate service pipelines that transport crude oil and refined products and certain other liquids be just and reasonable and must not be unduly discriminatory or confer any undue preference upon any shipper. FERC regulations also require interstate common carrier petroleum pipelines to file with FERC and publicly post tariffs stating their interstate transportation rates and terms and conditions of service.

Section 1(b) of the Natural Gas Act exempts natural gas gathering facilities from regulation by FERC. However, the distinction between federally unregulated gathering facilities and FERC regulated transmission facilities is a fact-based determination, and the classification of facilities is the subject of ongoing litigation. We own certain natural gas pipeline facilities that we believe meet the traditional tests FERC has used to establish a pipeline’s primary function as “gathering,” thus exempting it from the jurisdiction of FERC under the Natural Gas Act.

Intrastate natural gas transportation is also subject to regulation by state regulatory agencies. The basis for intrastate regulation of natural gas transportation and the degree of regulatory oversight and scrutiny given to intrastate natural gas pipeline rates and services varies from state to state. Like the regulation of interstate transportation rates, the regulation of intrastate transportation rates affects the marketing of natural gas that we produce, as well as the revenues we receive for sales of our natural gas.

FERC regulates the transportation of oil and NGLs on interstate pipelines under the provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act, the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and regulations issued under those statutes. Intrastate transportation of oil, NGLs and other products is dependent on pipelines whose rates, terms and conditions of service are subject to regulation by state regulatory bodies under state statutes.

Natural gas, NGLs and crude oil prices are currently unregulated, but Congress historically has been active in the area of natural gas, NGLs and crude oil regulation. We cannot predict whether new legislation to regulate sales might be enacted in the future or what effect, if any, any such legislation might have on our operations.

***Health and Safety Laws***

Our operations are subject to regulation under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (“OSHA”) and comparable state laws in some states, all of which regulate health and safety of employees at our operations. Additionally, OSHA’s hazardous communication standard, the EPA community right-to-know regulations under Title III of the federal Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act and comparable state laws require that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced by our operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local governments and the public.

***Climate Change Laws and Regulations***

Climate change continues to be a legislative and regulatory focus. There are a number of proposed and recently-enacted laws and regulations at the international, federal, state, regional and local level that seek to limit greenhouse gas emissions, and such laws and regulations that restrict emissions could increase our costs should the requirements necessitate the installation of new equipment or the purchase of emission allowances. For example, the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law in August 2022, includes a “methane fee” that is expected to be imposed beginning with emissions reported for calendar year 2024.

In addition, the current U.S. administration has proposed more stringent methane pollution limits for new and existing gas and oil operations. These laws and regulations could also impact our customers, including the electric generation industry, making alternative sources of energy more competitive and thereby decreasing demand for the natural gas and oil we produce. Additional regulation could also lead to permitting delays and additional monitoring and administrative requirements, in turn impacting electricity generating operations.

At the international level, President Biden has recommitted the United States to the UN-sponsored “Paris Agreement,” for nations to limit their greenhouse gas emissions through non-binding, individually-determined reduction goals every five years after 2020. In April 2021, President Biden announced a goal of reducing the United States’ emissions by 50 – 52% below 2005 levels by 2030. In November 2021, the international community gathered in Glasgow at the 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, during which multiple announcements were made, including a call for parties to eliminate certain fossil fuel subsidies and pursue further action on non-carbon dioxide greenhouse gases. In a related gesture, the United States and European Union jointly announced the launch of the “Global Methane Pledge,” which aims to cut global methane pollution at least 30% by 2030 relative to 2020 levels, including “all feasible reductions” in the energy sector. Such commitments were re-affirmed at the 27<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties in Sharm El Sheikh. Although it is not possible at this time to predict how legislation or new regulations that may be adopted pursuant to the Paris Agreement to address greenhouse gas emissions would impact our business, any such future laws and regulations imposing reporting obligations on, or limiting emissions of greenhouse gases from, our equipment and operations could require us to incur costs to implement such measures associated with our operations.

In addition, activists concerned about the potential effects of climate change have directed their attention at sources of funding for energy companies, which has resulted in certain financial institutions, funds and other sources of capital restricting or eliminating their investment in natural gas and oil activities. Ultimately, this could make it more difficult to secure funding for exploration and production activities. Litigation risks are also increasing, as a number of cities and other local governments have sought to bring suit against the largest oil and natural gas exploration and production companies in state or federal court, alleging, among other things, that such companies created public nuisances by producing fuels that contributed to global climate change effects, such as rising sea levels, and therefore are responsible for roadway and infrastructure damages, or alleging that the companies have been aware of the adverse effects of climate change for some time but defrauded their investors by failing to adequately disclose those impacts.

Additionally, the SEC’s proposed climate rule published in March 2022, requiring the disclosure of a range of climate-related risks, is expected to be finalized late 2023. We are currently assessing this rule, and at this time we cannot predict the costs of implementation or any potential adverse impacts resulting from the rule. To the extent this rule is finalized as proposed, we or our customers could incur increased costs related to the assessment and disclosure of climate-related risks. Additionally, enhanced climate disclosure requirements could accelerate the trend of certain stakeholders and lenders restricting or seeking more stringent conditions with respect to their investments in certain carbon-intensive sectors.

Finally, it should be noted that increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the Earth’s atmosphere may produce climate changes that have significant physical effects, such as the increased frequency and severity of storms, floods, droughts and other extreme climatic events. If any such effects were to occur, they could have an adverse effect on our operations.

**C. Organizational Structure**

The following table sets out details of the Company's significant subsidiaries as of December 7, 2023:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of incorporation/ Principal place of business</u>	<u>Principal activity</u>	<u>Effective interest and proportion of equity held</u>
Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation	United States	Oil and natural gas operations	100
Diversified Production LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas operations	100
Diversified Midstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas operations	100
Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas operations	100
Diversified ABS Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS Phase II Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS Phase II LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS Phase III Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS Phase III LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS Phase IV Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS Phase V Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS Phase V LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	51.25
Diversified ABS Phase VI Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
DP Lion Equity Holdco LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP Lion HoldCo LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP RBL Co LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP Legacy Central LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country of incorporation/ Principal place of business</u>	<u>Principal activity</u>	<u>Effective interest and proportion of equity held</u>
DP Production Holdings II LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DGOC Holdings Sub III LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP Bluegrass Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP Bluegrass LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
DP Vandalia Equity Holdco LLC	United States	Holding Company	100
DP Vandalia Holdco LLC	United States	Holding Company	100
BlueStone Natural Resources II, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Cranberry Pipeline Corporation	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Coalfield Pipeline Company	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
DM Bluebonnet LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
DP Tapstone Energy Holdings, LLC	United States	Holding company	100
DP Legacy Tapstone LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	50.8
TGG Cotton Valley Assets, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Black Bear Midstream Holdings LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Black Bear Midstream LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Black Bear Liquids LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
Black Bear Liquids Marketing LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	100
DM Pennsylvania Holdco LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified Energy Group LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Diversified Energy Company LLC	United States	Holding company	100
Next LVL Energy, LLC	United States	Plugging company	100
Splendid Land, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	55
Riverside Land, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	55
Old Faithful Land, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	55
Link Land, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	55
Giant Land, LLC	United States	Oil and natural gas non-operated assets	55

**D. Property, Plants and Equipment*****Corporate Offices***

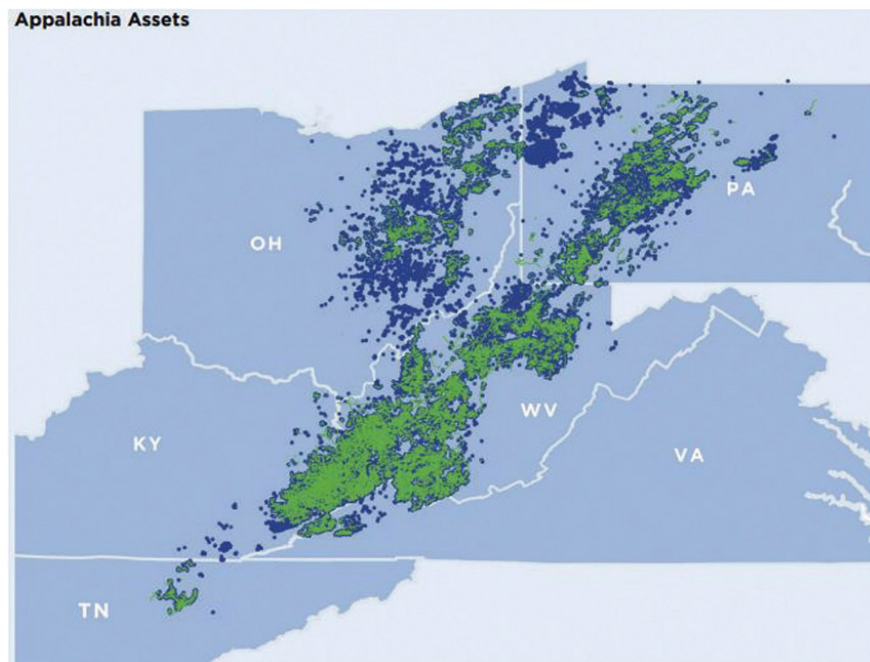
Our principal executive offices are located at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

***Assets and Operations***

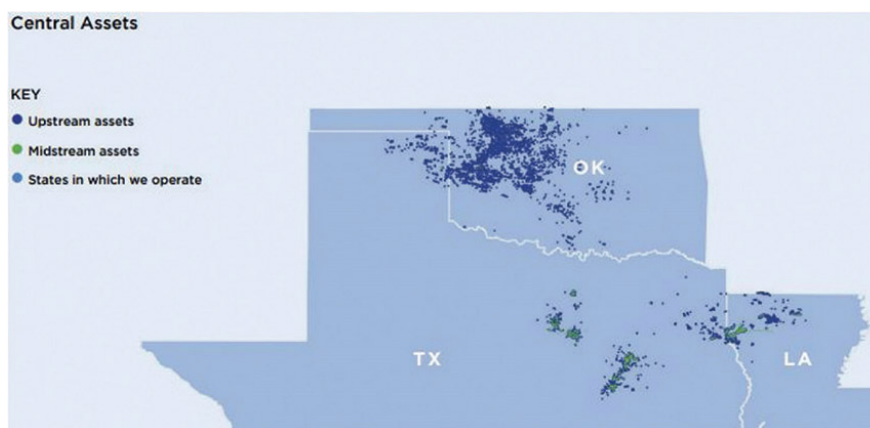
We have historically operated within the Appalachian Basin, which covers an area of 185,500 square miles. While the area came to prominence following the discovery of significant shale gas reserves in 2009 in the Utica and Marcellus shales, it has been a major producer of natural gas, NGLs and oil from conventional vertical well development since the late 19th century, making it the oldest producing basin within the United States.

Our asset base is comprised of approximately 77,500 conventional and unconventional, mature, long-life, low decline natural gas and oil producing wells on a gross productive basis. These mature wells benefit from simple and low-cost maintenance operations and require low ongoing capital expenditures. Our well portfolio exhibits an average long-term decline rate of approximately 8.5% and contains certain wells that have an expected life of greater than 50 years. In addition to the upstream assets, our portfolio contains approximately 17,700 miles of natural gas gathering pipelines and a network of compression stations and processing facilities.

The map below shows the geographic locations of our assets as of December 31, 2022.







#### **Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects**

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 and the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements as of June 30, 2023 and for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and related notes (together, the “historical financial information”). The historical financial information has been included in “*Item 18. Financial Statements.*” The following discussion should also be read in conjunction with other information relating to our business contained in this registration statement, including “*Item 3.D. Risk Factors.*”

The Historical Financial Information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The following discussion includes forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs and involves risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in these statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed below and elsewhere in this registration statement, particularly in “*Item 3.D. Risk Factors.*”

#### **A. Operating Results**

##### **Overview**

We are an independent energy company engaged in the production, marketing and transportation of natural gas, as well as oil from our complementary onshore upstream and midstream assets, primarily located within the Appalachian and Central Regions of the United States. Our proven business model creates sustainable value in today’s natural gas market by investing in producing assets, reducing emissions and improving asset integrity while generating significant, hedge-protected cash flow. We acquire, optimize, produce, transport and retire natural gas from existing wells, seek to optimally steward the resource already developed by others within our industry, reduce the environmental footprint, and sustain important jobs and tax revenues for many local communities. While most companies in our sector are built to explore for and develop new reserves, we fully exploit existing reserves through our focus on safely and efficiently operating existing wells to maximize their productive lives and economic capabilities, which in turn reduces the industry’s footprint on our planet.

**Key Factors Affecting Our Performance**

Our financial condition and results of operations have been, and will continue to be, affected by a number of important factors, including the following:

***Strategic Acquisitions***

We have made, and intend to continue to make, strategic acquisitions to supplement our organic growth, solidify our current market presence and expand into new markets. We have made the following business combinations or asset acquisitions for a total aggregate consideration of \$1.4 billion during the six months ended June 30, 2023 and the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, comprised of:

- March 2023: The Tanos II Assets Acquisition, in which we acquired certain upstream assets and related infrastructure in the Central Region;
- September 2022: The ConocoPhillips Assets Acquisition, in which we acquired certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region
- July 2022: Certain plugging infrastructure in the Appalachian Region;
- May 2022: Certain plugging infrastructure in the Appalachian Region;
- April 2022:
  - The East Texas Assets Acquisition, in which we acquired working interests in certain upstream assets and related facilities within the Central Region from a private seller, in conjunction with Oaktree;
  - Certain midstream assets, inclusive of a processing facility, in the Central Region that was contiguous to our East Texas assets;
- February 2022: Certain plugging infrastructure in the Appalachian Region;
- December 2021: The Tapstone Acquisition, where we acquired working interests in certain upstream assets, field infrastructure, equipment and facilities within the Central Region in conjunction with Oaktree;
- August 2021: The Tanos Acquisition, in which we acquired working interests in certain upstream assets, field infrastructure, equipment and facilities in the Central Region in conjunction with Oaktree;
- July 2021: The Blackbeard Acquisition, in which we acquired certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region;
- May 2021: The Indigo Acquisition, in which we acquired certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region;
- May 2020: The Carbon Acquisition, in which we acquired certain upstream and midstream assets in the Appalachian Region; and
- May 2020: The EQT Acquisition, in which we acquired upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Appalachian Region.

Our strategic acquisitions may affect the comparability of our financial results with prior and subsequent periods. We intend to continue to selectively pursue strategic acquisitions to further strengthen our competitiveness. We will evaluate and execute opportunities that complement and scale our business, optimize our profitability, help us expand into adjacent markets and add new capabilities to our business. The integration of acquisitions also requires dedication of substantial time and resources of management, and we may never fully realize synergies and other benefits that we expect.

***Commodity Price Volatility***

Changes in commodity prices may affect the value of our natural gas and oil reserves, operating cash flow and Adjusted EBITDA, regardless of our operating performance. It is impossible to accurately predict

future natural gas, NGLs and oil price movements. Historically, natural gas prices have been highly volatile and subject to large fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in the demand for natural gas.

We employ a hedging strategy in which we opportunistically hedge a majority of our first two years of production and a significant percentage of production beyond our first two years of forecasted production. Even so, the remainder of our production that is unhedged is exposed to commodity price volatility. As a result our results of operations and financial condition would be negatively impacted if the prices of natural gas, NGLs or oil were to remain depressed or decline materially from current levels. To achieve more predictable cash flows and to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in the prices of natural gas, NGLs and oil we may enter into additional hedging arrangements for a significant portion of our production. The terms of our Credit Facility and ABS Notes (as defined herein) also require us to hedge our production.

Our price hedging strategy and future hedging transactions will be determined at our discretion, subject to the terms of certain agreements governing our indebtedness. The prices at which we hedge our production in the future will be dependent upon commodity prices at the time we enter into these transactions, which may be substantially higher or lower than current prices. Accordingly, our price hedging strategy may not protect us from significant declines in prices received for our future production. Conversely, our hedging strategy may limit our ability to realize higher cash flows from commodity price increases. It is also possible that a substantially larger percentage of our future production will not be hedged as compared with the next few years, which would result in our natural gas, NGLs and oil revenues becoming more sensitive to commodity price fluctuations.

Although the current outlook on natural gas, NGLs and oil prices is generally favorable, and our operations have not been significantly impacted by material declines in commodity prices in the short-term, in the event future disruptions to pricing occur and continue for an extended period of time, the unhedged portion of our cash flows could be adversely impacted.

### **Recent Developments**

Announced on July 17, 2023 the sale of undeveloped acres in Oklahoma, within the Company's Central Region, for net consideration of approximately \$16 million.

Announced on September 26, 2023 that we completed the semi-annual borrowing base redetermination of our revolving Credit Facility. The borrowing base under the Credit Facility was increased to \$425 million reflective of the addition of certain collateral previously acquired from EQT and certain smaller operators in Appalachia.

In November 2023, we formed DP Lion Holdco LLC, a limited-purpose, bankruptcy remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue Class A and Class B asset-backed security Notes (collectively "ABS VII"), which are secured by certain producing natural gas and oil assets located in Appalachia. The Class A Notes are rated BBB+ and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$142 million. The Class B Notes are rated BB- and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$20 million.

The ABS VII Class A Notes accrue interest at a stated 8.243% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of February 2034. The ABS VII Class B Notes accrue interest at a stated 12.725% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of August 2032. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes are payable on a monthly basis.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes could be required to apply 25% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, for the Class A Notes, (a) (i) If the Senior DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; and (c) if the Senior LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

For the Class B Notes, (a) (i) If the Aggregate DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date

is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25% ; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80% , then 100% , otherwise 25% ; and (c) if the Aggregate LTV is greater than 75% , then 100% , otherwise 25%.

The ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes contain two performance targets. First, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity of at least 25% on December 31, 2026 and at least 35% on December 31, 2030. Second, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in methane emissions intensity of at least 30% on December 31, 2026 and of at least 50% on December 31, 2030. For each of these targets that we fail to meet or fail to have certified by an external verifier that we have met, by April 30, 2026, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the above performance targets by the applicable deadlines.

Effective December 5, 2023, we executed a 20-for-1 consolidation of our outstanding shares. The pro forma impact of this consolidation on weighted average shares outstanding and earnings (loss) per share is included within the statements below and shows the impact of treating the consolidation as if it occurred at the beginning of the earliest period presented.

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Revenue	\$1,919,349	\$1,007,561	\$ 408,693
Operating expense	(445,893)	(291,213)	(203,963)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(222,257)	(167,644)	(117,290)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$1,251,199</b>	<b>\$ 548,704</b>	<b>\$ 87,440</b>
General and administrative expense	(170,735)	(102,326)	(77,234)
Allowance for expected credit losses	—	4,265	(8,490)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment	2,379	(901)	(2,059)
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	(1,758,693)	(974,878)	(94,397)
Gain on bargain purchases	4,447	58,072	17,172
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$(671,403)</b>	<b>\$ (467,064)</b>	<b>\$ (77,568)</b>
Finance costs	(100,799)	(50,628)	(43,327)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(27,569)	(24,396)	(15,424)
Other income (expense)	269	(8,812)	(421)
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$(799,502)</b>	<b>\$ (550,900)</b>	<b>\$ (136,740)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	178,904	225,694	113,266
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$(620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	940	51	(28)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$(619,658)</b>	<b>\$ (325,155)</b>	<b>\$ (23,502)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>			
Diversified Energy Company PLC	\$(625,410)	\$ (325,509)	\$ (23,474)
Non-controlling interest	4,812	303	—
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$(620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>			
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted	844,080	793,542	685,170
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	\$(0.74)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.03)

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	42,204	39,677	34,258
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	\$(14.82)	\$ (8.20)	\$ (0.69)

- (b) Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — basic and diluted and pro forma earnings (loss) per shares — basic and diluted reflect the retroactive adjustment to reflect the Group's 20-for-1 share consolidation effective December 5, 2023.

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Revenue	\$487,305	\$ 933,528
Operating expense	(227,299)	(206,357)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(115,036)	(118,480)
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>\$144,970</b>	<b>\$ 608,691</b>
General and administrative expense	(55,156)	(114,282)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment	7,729	1,050
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	812,113	(1,673,841)
Gain on bargain purchases	—	1,249
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$909,656</b>	<b>\$ (1,177,133)</b>
Finance costs	(67,736)	(39,162)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	(13,991)	(14,003)
Other income (expense)	327	171
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$828,256</b>	<b>\$ (1,230,127)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	(197,324)	294,877
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(88)	132
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$630,844</b>	<b>\$ (935,118)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>		
Diversified Energy Company PLC	\$629,985	\$ (937,412)
Non-controlling interest	947	2,162
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>		
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$0.68	\$ (1.10)
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	\$0.67	\$ (1.10)
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	926,066	849,621
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	937,838	849,621
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – basic <sup>(a)</sup>	\$13.60	\$ (22.07)
Pro forma earnings (loss) per share – diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	\$13.43	\$ (22.07)
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – basic <sup>(a)</sup>	46,303	42,481
Pro forma weighted average shares outstanding – diluted <sup>(a)</sup>	46,892	42,481

- (b) Pro forma earnings (loss) per share — basic, pro forma earnings (loss) per share — diluted, pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — basic and pro forma weighted average shares outstanding — diluted reflect the retroactive adjustment for the Group's 20-for-1 share consolidation effective December 5, 2023.

### Segment Reporting

We are an independent owner and operator of producing natural gas and oil wells with properties located in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Our strategy is to acquire long-life producing assets, efficiently operate those assets to maximize cash flow, and then to retire assets safely and responsibly at the end of their useful life. Our assets consist of natural gas and oil wells, pipelines and a network of gathering lines and compression facilities that are complementary to our core assets. We acquire and manage these assets in a complementary fashion to vertically integrate and improve margins rather than managing them as separate operations. Accordingly, when determining operating segments under IFRS 8, we identified one operating segment that produces and transports natural gas, NGLs and oil in the United States. Refer to Note 2 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 2 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for a description of our segment reporting.

### Results of Operations

#### Six Months Ended June 30, 2023 Compared to Six Months Ended June 30, 2022

The following tables set forth our results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. See the below subsection titled “*Other Financial Data and Key Ratios — Non-IFRS Financial Measures*” for a reconciliation of the Non-IFRS measures included in the table to the most directly comparable IFRS financial performance measure.

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Net production</b>				
Natural gas (MMcf)	131,868	127,398	4,470	4%
NGLs (MBbls)	2,981	2,601	380	15%
Oil (MBbls)	738	786	(48)	(6)%
<b>Total production (MBoe)</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>24,620</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>4%</b>
Average daily production (Boepd)	141,972	136,022	5,950	4%
% Natural gas (Boe basis)	86%	86%		
<b>Average realized sales price</b>				
<i>(excluding impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>				
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 2.54	\$ 5.71	\$ (3.17)	(56)%
NGLs (Bbls)	22.53	41.46	(18.93)	(46)%
Oil (Bbls)	73.57	100.28	(26.71)	(27)%
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 17.75</b>	<b>\$ 37.12</b>	<b>\$ (19.37)</b>	<b>(52)%</b>
<b>Average realized sales price</b>				
<i>(including impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>				
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 2.96	\$ 2.68	\$ 0.28	10%
NGLs (Bbls)	23.39	16.61	6.78	41%
Oil (Bbls)	68.44	76.24	(7.80)	(10)%
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 19.87</b>	<b>\$ 18.08</b>	<b>\$ 1.79</b>	<b>10%</b>

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Revenue (in thousands)</b>				
Natural gas	\$334,588	\$ 727,152	\$ (392,564)	(54)%
NGLs	67,159	107,846	(40,687)	(38)%
Oil	54,294	78,817	(24,523)	(31)%
<b>Total commodity revenue</b>	<b>\$456,041</b>	<b>\$ 913,815</b>	<b>\$ (457,774)</b>	<b>(50)%</b>
Midstream revenue	16,662	16,602	60	—%
Other revenue	14,602	3,111	11,491	369%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$487,305</b>	<b>\$ 933,528</b>	<b>\$ (446,223)</b>	<b>(48)%</b>
<b>Gain (loss) on derivative settlements</b>				
<i>(in thousands)</i>				
Natural gas	\$ 55,741	\$ (385,186)	\$ 440,927	(114)%
NGLs	2,569	(64,654)	67,223	(104)%
Oil	(3,785)	(18,891)	15,106	(80)%
<b>Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative settlements<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 54,525</b>	<b>\$ (468,731)</b>	<b>\$ 523,256</b>	<b>(112)%</b>
<b>Total Revenue, Inclusive of Settled Hedges</b>	<b>\$541,830</b>	<b>\$ 464,797</b>	<b>\$ 77,033</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Per Boe Metrics</b>				
<b>Average realized sales price</b>				
<i>(including impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>	\$ 19.87	\$ 18.08	\$ 1.79	10%
Other revenue	1.22	0.80	0.42	53%
LOE	(4.34)	(3.32)	(1.02)	31%
Midstream operating expense	(1.34)	(1.35)	0.01	(1)%
Employees, administrative costs and professional services	(1.50)	(1.47)	(0.03)	2%
Production taxes	(1.22)	(1.37)	0.15	(11)%
Transportation expense	(1.94)	(2.34)	0.40	(17)%
Proceeds received for leasehold sales	0.27	0.06	0.21	350%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA per Boe</b>	<b>11.02</b>	<b>\$ 9.09</b>	<b>\$ 1.93</b>	<b>21%</b>
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	52%	48%		
<b>Other financial metrics (in thousands)</b>				
Adjusted EBITDA	\$282,864	\$ 223,760	\$ 59,104	26%
Operating profit (loss)	\$909,656	\$(1,177,133)	\$2,086,789	(177)%
Net income (loss)	\$630,932	\$ (935,250)	\$1,566,182	(167)%

(1) Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative settlements represents cash (paid) or received on commodity derivative contracts. This excludes settlements on foreign currency and interest rate derivatives as well as the gain (loss) on fair value adjustments for unsettled financial instruments for each of the periods presented.

#### *Production, Revenue and Hedging*

Total revenue in the six months ended June 30, 2023 of \$487 million decreased 48% from \$934 million reported for the six months ended June 30, 2022, primarily due to a 52% decrease in the average realized sales price slightly offset by 4% higher production. Including commodity hedge settlement gains of \$55 million and losses of \$469 million in the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, Total Revenue,

inclusive of settled hedges, increased by 17% to \$542 million in the six months ended June 30, 2023 from \$465 million in the six months ended June 30, 2022.

During the current year's low commodity price environment we have benefited from our ability to opportunistically elevate our hedge floor during last year's elevated commodity market cycle. This enhancement in our weighted-average hedged floor helped drive a \$29 million increase in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges. In addition to our pricing uplift, we also generated an additional \$36 million in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, through increases in production. We sold approximately 25,697 MBoe in the six months ended June 30, 2023 versus approximately 24,620 MBoe in the six months ended June 30, 2022. This increase in volumes sold was due to the March 2023 Tanos II acquisition as well as the integration of production from the East Texas and ConocoPhillips acquisitions which occurred in April and September 2022, respectively.

The following table summarizes average commodity prices for the periods presented with Henry Hub on a per Mcf basis and Mont Belvieu and WTI on a per Bbl basis:

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
Henry Hub	\$ 2.76	\$ 6.06	\$ (3.30)	(54)%
Mont Belvieu	34.28	59.43	(25.15)	(42)%
WTI	74.96	99.00	(24.04)	(24)%

Refer to Note 4 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions.

#### Commodity Revenue

The following table reconciles the change in commodity revenue (excluding the impact of hedges settled in cash) for the six months ended June 30, 2023 by reflecting the effect of changes in volume and in the underlying prices:

	Natural Gas	NGLs	Oil	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
<b>Commodity revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 727,152</b>	<b>\$107,846</b>	<b>\$ 78,817</b>	<b>\$ 913,815</b>
Volume increase (decrease)	25,524	15,755	(4,813)	36,466
Price increase (decrease)	(418,088)	(56,442)	(19,710)	(494,240)
Net increase (decrease)	(392,564)	(40,687)	(24,523)	(457,774)
<b>Commodity revenue for the six months ended June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 334,588</b>	<b>\$ 67,159</b>	<b>\$ 54,294</b>	<b>\$ 456,041</b>

To manage our cash flows in a volatile commodity price environment and as required by our SPV-level asset backed securities, we utilize derivative contracts that allow us to fix the per unit sales prices for approximately 80% of our production over the next twelve months. The tables below set forth the commodity hedge impact on commodity revenue, excluding and including cash received for commodity hedge settlements with natural gas on a per Mcf basis and NGLs and oil on a per Bbl basis:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2023							
	Natural Gas		NGLs		Oil		Total Commodity	
	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$
	<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>							
<b>Excluding hedge impact</b>	<b>\$334,588</b>	<b>\$2.54</b>	<b>\$67,159</b>	<b>\$22.53</b>	<b>\$54,294</b>	<b>\$73.57</b>	<b>\$456,041</b>	<b>\$17.75</b>
Commodity hedge impact	55,741	0.42	2,569	0.86	(3,785)	(5.13)	54,525	2.12
<b>Including hedge impact</b>	<b>\$390,329</b>	<b>\$2.96</b>	<b>\$69,728</b>	<b>\$23.39</b>	<b>\$50,509</b>	<b>\$68.44</b>	<b>\$510,566</b>	<b>\$19.87</b>



	Six Months Ended June 30, 2022							
	Natural Gas		NGLs		Oil		Total Commodity	
	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$
	<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>							
<b>Excluding hedge impact</b>	<b>\$ 727,152</b>	<b>\$ 5.71</b>	<b>\$107,846</b>	<b>\$ 41.46</b>	<b>\$ 78,817</b>	<b>\$100.28</b>	<b>\$ 913,815</b>	<b>\$ 37.12</b>
Commodity hedge impact	(385,186)	(3.03)	(64,654)	(24.85)	(18,891)	(24.04)	(468,731)	(19.04)
<b>Including hedge impact</b>	<b>\$ 341,966</b>	<b>\$ 2.68</b>	<b>\$ 43,192</b>	<b>\$ 16.61</b>	<b>\$ 59,926</b>	<b>\$ 76.24</b>	<b>\$ 445,084</b>	<b>\$ 18.08</b>

Refer to Note 7 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

#### Expenses

	Six Months Ended							
	June 30, 2023	Per Per Boe	June 30, 2022	Per Per Boe	Total Change		Per Boe Change	
					\$	%	\$	%
	<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>							
LOE <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 111,637	\$ 4.34	\$ 81,776	\$ 3.32	\$ 29,861	37%	\$ 1.02	31%
Production taxes <sup>(2)</sup>	31,307	1.22	33,878	1.37	(2,571)	(8)%	(0.15)	(11)%
Midstream operating expense <sup>(3)</sup>	34,391	1.34	33,156	1.35	1,235	4%	(0.01)	(1)%
Transportation expense <sup>(4)</sup>	49,964	1.94	57,547	2.34	(7,583)	(13)%	(0.40)	(17)%
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$227,299</b>	<b>\$ 8.84</b>	<b>\$206,357</b>	<b>\$ 8.38</b>	<b>\$ 20,942</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$ 0.46</b>	<b>5%</b>
Employees, administrative costs and professional services <sup>(5)</sup>	38,497	1.50	36,245	1.47	2,252	6%	0.03	2%
Costs associated with acquisitions <sup>(6)</sup>	8,866	0.35	6,935	0.28	1,931	28%	0.07	25%
Other adjusting costs <sup>(7)</sup>	3,376	0.13	67,033	2.72	(63,657)	(95)%	(2.59)	(95)%
Non-cash equity compensation <sup>(8)</sup>	4,417	0.17	4,069	0.17	348	9%	—	—%
<b>Total operating and G&amp;A expense</b>	<b>\$282,455</b>	<b>\$10.99</b>	<b>\$320,639</b>	<b>\$13.02</b>	<b>\$(38,184)</b>	<b>(12)%</b>	<b>\$(2.03)</b>	<b>(16)%</b>
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	115,036	4.48	118,480	4.81	(3,444)	(3)%	(0.33)	(7)%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$397,491</b>	<b>\$15.47</b>	<b>\$439,119</b>	<b>\$17.83</b>	<b>\$(41,628)</b>	<b>(9)%</b>	<b>\$(2.36)</b>	<b>(13)%</b>

- (1) LOE includes costs incurred to maintain producing properties. Such costs include direct and contract labor, repairs and maintenance, water hauling, compression, automobile, insurance, and materials and supplies expenses.
- (2) Production taxes include severance and property taxes. Severance taxes are generally paid on produced natural gas, NGLs and oil production at fixed rates established by federal, state or local taxing authorities. Property taxes are generally based on the taxing jurisdictions' valuation of the Company's natural gas and oil properties and midstream assets.
- (3) Midstream operating expenses are daily costs incurred to operate the Company's owned midstream assets inclusive of employee and benefit expenses.
- (4) Transportation expenses are daily costs incurred from third-party systems to gather, process and transport the Company's natural gas, NGLs and oil.
- (5) Employees, administrative costs and professional services includes payroll and benefits for our administrative and corporate staff, costs of maintaining administrative and corporate offices, costs of

managing our production operations, franchise taxes, public company costs, fees for audit and other professional services and legal compliance.

- (6) We generally incur costs related to the integration of acquisitions, which will vary for each acquisition. For acquisitions considered to be a business combination, these costs include transaction costs directly associated with a successful acquisition transaction. These costs also include costs associated with transition service arrangements where we pay the seller of the acquired entity a fee to handle various G&A functions until we have fully integrated the assets onto our systems. In addition, these costs include costs related to integrating IT systems and consulting as well as internal workforce costs directly related to integrating acquisitions into our system.
- (7) Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2023 primarily consisted of expenses associated with an unused firm transportation agreement and legal and professional fees related to internal audit and financial reporting. Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2022 primarily consisted of \$28,345 in contract terminations which will allow the Company to obtain more favorable pricing in the future and \$31,099 in costs associated with deal breakage and/or sourcing costs for acquisitions.
- (8) Non-cash equity compensation reflects the expense recognition related to share-based compensation provided to certain key members of the management team.

#### *Operating Expenses*

We experienced an increase in per unit operating expense of 5%, or \$0.46 per Boe, resulting from:

- Higher per Boe LOE that rose 31%, or \$1.02 per Boe, resulting from increases in costs from the assets acquired in the Central Region, which carry a higher unit cost and revenue per unit of production profile, assets from plugging acquisitions and inflationary pressures;

Partially offsetting the per unit increase were decreases due to:

- Lower per Boe production taxes that declined 11%, or \$0.15 per Boe, primarily attributable to a decrease in severance taxes as a result of a decrease in unhedged revenue due to lower commodity prices; and
- Lower per Boe transportation expense that declined 17%, or \$0.40 per Boe, primarily related to decreases in commodity price linked components of third-party midstream rates and costs.

#### *General and Administrative Expense*

G&A expense decreased due to:

- A decrease in other adjusting costs due to the comparatively limited transactional activity during 2023 when compared to June 30, 2022. From time to time we incur costs associated with potential acquisitions. These costs include deposits, rights of first refusal, option agreement costs and other acquisition related payments which can include hedging costs incurred in connection with the potential acquisitions. At times, due to changing macro-economic conditions, commodity price volatility and/or findings observed during our deal diligence efforts, we incur expenses such as breakage and/or deal sourcing fees. In 2021, we paid \$25 million in costs associated with a potential acquisition and, due to decisions we made in the first quarter of 2022, we terminated the transaction and wrote off this \$25 million in certain acquisition related costs related to these items. During 2022, we also incurred an additional \$6 million in costs of this nature. These transactions were classified as other adjusting costs.
- In February 2022, we paid \$28 million to terminate a fixed-price purchase contract associated with certain Barnett volumes acquired during the Blackbeard acquisition. The contract extended through March 2024 and, as a result of the termination, we realized more favorable pricing over this period. This transaction also positioned us to refinance these assets as part of the ABS IV financing arrangement and allowed us to enhance our liquidity by eliminating the need for a \$20 million letter of credit on our Credit Facility. This transaction was classified in other adjusting costs.

Partially offsetting the decrease were increases due to:

- Employees, administrative costs and professional services increased due to investments made in staff and systems to support our enlarged operation. On a per Boe basis, these costs increased 2%, or 0.03 per Boe.
- An increase in costs associated with acquisitions during 2023 when compared to June 30, 2022 was primarily due to costs related to the integration of the Tanos II acquisition, completion of non-core asset sales and the related diligence for each of these transactions.

#### Other Expenses

Depreciation, depletion and amortization (“DD&A”) decreased due to:

- Lower depletion expense due to an increase in our reserve estimates driven primarily by changes in commodity prices year-over-year.

Partially offset by:

- Higher depreciation expense attributable to an increase of property, plant & equipment resulting from acquisitions and maintenance capital expenditures.

Refer to Note 29 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 4 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding reserves and acquisitions, respectively.

#### Derivative Financial Instruments

We recorded the following gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented:

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivatives settlements <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 54,525	\$ (468,731)	\$ 523,256	(112)%
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps <sup>(1)</sup>	(2,824)	828	(3,652)	(441)%
Gain (loss) on foreign currency hedges <sup>(1)</sup>	(521)	—	(521)	(100)%
<b>Total gain (loss) on settled derivative instruments</b>	<b>\$ 51,180</b>	<b>\$ (467,903)</b>	<b>\$ 519,083</b>	<b>(111)%</b>
Gain (loss) on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments <sup>(2)</sup>	760,933	(1,205,938)	1,966,871	(163)%
<b>Total gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>\$812,113</b>	<b>\$(1,673,841)</b>	<b>\$2,485,954</b>	<b>(149)%</b>

(1) Represents the cash settlement of hedges that settled during the period.

(2) Represents the change in fair value of financial instruments net of removing the carrying value of hedges that settled during the period.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the total gain on derivative financial instruments of \$812 million increased by \$2,486 million compared to a loss of \$1,674 million in the six months ended June 30, 2022. Adjusting our unsettled derivative contracts to their fair values drove a gain of \$761 million in the six months ended June 30, 2023, an increase of \$1,967 million, when compared to a loss of \$1,206 million in the six months ended June 30, 2022. While this gain certainly reflects the decrease in commodity markets in relation to our hedge floor, the magnitude of the loss is amplified due to the increase in the size of our long-dated hedge portfolio, which has increased meaningfully with the addition of ABS VI in October 2022. The percentage of our long-term future production hedged increases with each additional ABS transaction and can extend through the life of the note. While the change in fair value is significant and reflective of lower prices on the forward price curve, we use derivative contracts to insulate our cash flow from commodity price volatility.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, the total cash gain on settled derivative instruments was \$51 million, an increase of \$519 million over the six months ended June 30, 2022. The gain on settled derivative instruments relates to lower commodity market prices than those we secured through our derivative contracts. With consistent cash flows central to our strategy, we routinely hedge at levels that, based on our operating and overhead costs, provide a significant Adjusted EBITDA Margin even if it means forgoing potential price upside.

Refer to Note 7 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

#### Finance Costs

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Interest expense, net of capitalized and income amounts <sup>(1)</sup>	\$58,768	\$33,322	\$25,446	76%
Amortization of discount and deferred finance costs	8,968	5,797	3,171	55%
Other	—	43	(43)	(100)%
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>\$67,736</b>	<b>\$39,162</b>	<b>\$28,574</b>	<b>73%</b>

(1) Includes payments related to borrowings and leases.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, interest expense of \$59 million increased by \$25 million compared to \$33 million in the six months ended June 30, 2022, primarily due to the increase in borrowings to fund our 2023 acquisitions as well as the incurrence of a full year of interest on borrowings associated with the 2022 acquisitions. Offsetting these borrowing related increases was a decrease in interest expense for repaid principal of \$153 million on the ABS Notes and Term Loan I as these borrowings are repaid monthly due to their amortizing structures.

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, total borrowings were \$1,555 million and \$1,381 million, respectively. For the period ended June 30, 2023, the weighted average interest rate on borrowings was 6.19% as compared to 5.38% as of June 30, 2022. This increase resulted from a change in the mix of our financing year-over-year as well as the rising interest rate environment. As of June 30, 2023, 82% of our borrowings were in fixed-rate, hedge-protected, amortizing ABS structures as compared to June 30, 2022 when 99% of our borrowings were in fixed-rate structures.

Refer to Notes 4 and 11 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions and borrowings, respectively.

#### Taxation

The effective tax rate is calculated on the face of the Statement of Comprehensive Income by dividing the amount of recorded income tax benefit (expense) by the income (loss) before taxation as follows:

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$ 828,256</b>	<b>\$(1,230,127)</b>	<b>\$2,058,383</b>	<b>(167)%</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	(197,324)	294,877	(492,201)	(167)%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>24.0%</b>		

The differences between the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate and the effective tax rates are summarized as follows:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Expected tax at statutory U.S. federal income tax rate	21.0%	21.0%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	3.0%	3.0%
Other, net	(0.2)%	—%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b><u>23.8%</u></b>	<b><u>24.0%</u></b>

Income tax benefit (expense) is recognized based on management's estimate of the weighted average effective annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual tax rate used for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was 23.8%, compared to 24.0% for the six months ended June 30, 2022. For the six months ended June 30, 2023, we reported a tax expense of \$197 million, a change of \$492 million, compared to a benefit of \$295 million in 2022 which was a result of the change in the income before taxation. The resulting effective tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were 23.8% and 24.0%, respectively. Refer to the following section for additional information regarding period-over-period changes in income (loss) before taxation.

*Operating Profit, Net Income, EPS, and Adjusted EBITDA*

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
	<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>			
Operating profit (loss)	\$909,656	\$(1,177,133)	\$2,086,789	(177)%
Net income (loss)	630,932	(935,250)	1,566,182	(167)%
Adjusted EBITDA	282,864	223,760	59,104	26%
Earnings (loss) per share – basic	\$ 0.68	\$ (1.10)	\$ 1.78	(162)%
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted	\$ 0.67	\$ (1.10)	\$ 1.77	(161)%

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, we reported net income of \$631 million and diluted earnings per share of \$0.67 compared to net loss of \$935 million and loss per share of \$1.10 in 2022, a decrease of 167% and 162%, respectively. We also reported an operating profit of \$910 million compared with an operating loss of \$1,177 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. This year-over-year increase in net income was primarily attributable to an increase of \$1,967 million in the mark-to-market valuation adjustment to \$761 million in 2023 from a \$1,206 million loss in 2022.

Additional adjustments for DD&A, interest, and taxes resulted in Adjusted EBITDA of \$283 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$224 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022, representing an increase of 26%. The increase in this metric is primarily a result of our accretive growth through acquisitions year-over-year.

See the below subsection titled “*Other Financial Data and Key Ratios — Non-IFRS Financial Measures*” for a reconciliation of the Non-IFRS measures to the most directly comparable IFRS financial performance measure.

***Year Ended December 31, 2022 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2021 and Year Ended December 31, 2021 Compared to Year Ended December 31, December 31, 2020***

The following tables set forth our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020. See the below subsection titled “*Other Financial Data and Key Ratios — Non-IFRS Financial Measures*” for a reconciliation of the Non-IFRS measures included in the table to the most directly comparable IFRS financial performance measure.

	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
<b>Net production</b>							
Natural gas (MMcf)	255,597	234,643	199,667	20,954	9%	34,976	18%
NGLs (MBbls)	5,200	3,558	2,843	1,642	46%	715	25%
Oil (MBbls)	1,554	592	417	962	163%	175	42%
<b>Total production (MBoe)</b>	<b>49,354</b>	<b>43,257</b>	<b>36,538</b>	<b>6,097</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>18%</b>
Average daily production (Boepd)	135,216	118,512	99,831	16,704	14%	18,681	19%
% Natural gas (Boe basis)	86%	90%	91%				
<b>Average realized sales price</b>							
<i>(excluding impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>							
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 6.04	\$ 3.49	\$ 1.72	\$ 2.55	73%	\$ 1.77	103%
NGLs (Bbls)	36.29	32.53	8.15	3.76	12%	24.38	299%
Oil (Bbls)	89.85	65.26	36.12	24.59	38%	29.14	81%
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 37.95</b>	<b>\$ 22.50</b>	<b>\$ 10.45</b>	<b>\$ 15.45</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$ 12.05</b>	<b>115%</b>
<b>Average realized sales price</b>							
<i>(including impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>							
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.33	\$ 0.62	26%	\$ 0.03	1%
NGLs (Bbls)	19.84	15.52	13.95	4.32	28%	1.57	11%
Oil (Bbls)	72.00	71.68	52.97	0.32	—%	18.71	35%
<b>Total (Boe)</b>	<b>\$ 19.80</b>	<b>\$ 15.08</b>	<b>\$ 14.40</b>	<b>\$ 4.72</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Revenue (in thousands)</b>							
Natural gas	\$1,544,658	\$ 818,726	\$343,425	\$ 725,932	89%	\$ 475,301	138%
NGLs	188,733	115,747	23,173	72,986	63%	92,574	399%
Oil	139,620	38,634	15,064	100,986	261%	23,570	156%
<b>Total commodity revenue</b>	<b>\$1,873,011</b>	<b>\$ 973,107</b>	<b>\$381,662</b>	<b>\$ 899,904</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>\$ 591,445</b>	<b>155%</b>
Midstream revenue	32,798	31,988	25,389	810	3%	6,599	26%
Other revenue	13,540	2,466	1,642	11,074	449%	824	50%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$1,919,349</b>	<b>\$1,007,561</b>	<b>\$408,693</b>	<b>\$ 911,788</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>\$ 598,868</b>	<b>147%</b>
<b>Gain (loss) on derivative settlements (in thousands)</b>							
Natural gas	\$ (782,525)	\$ (263,929)	\$121,077	\$(518,596)	196%	\$(385,006)	(318)%
NGLs	(85,549)	(60,530)	16,498	(25,019)	41%	(77,028)	(467)%
Oil	(27,728)	3,803	7,025	(31,531)	(829)%	(3,222)	(46)%
<b>Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative settlements<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (895,802)</b>	<b>\$ (320,656)</b>	<b>\$144,600</b>	<b>\$(575,146)</b>	<b>179%</b>	<b>\$(465,256)</b>	<b>(322)%</b>
<b>Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges</b>	<b>\$1,023,547</b>	<b>\$ 686,905</b>	<b>\$553,293</b>	<b>\$ 336,642</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>\$ 133,612</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Per Boe Metrics</b>							
<b>Average realized sales price</b>							
<i>(including impact of derivatives settled in cash)</i>							
	\$ 19.80	\$ 15.08	\$ 14.40	\$ 4.72	31%	\$ 0.68	5%
Other revenue	0.94	0.80	0.74	0.14	18%	0.06	8%

	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
LOE	(3.70)	(2.76)	(2.53)	(0.94)	34%	(0.23)	9%
Midstream operating expense	(1.44)	(1.40)	(1.45)	(0.04)	3%	0.05	(3)%
Employees, administrative costs and professional services	(1.56)	(1.31)	(1.29)	(0.25)	19%	(0.02)	2%
Recurring allowance for credit losses	—	0.10	(0.04)	(0.10)	(100)%	0.14	(350)%
Production taxes	(1.50)	(0.71)	(0.38)	(0.79)	111%	(0.33)	87%
Transportation expense	(2.39)	(1.86)	(1.24)	(0.53)	28%	(0.62)	50%
Proceeds received for leasehold sales	0.05	—	—	0.05	100%	—	—%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA per Boe</b>	<b>\$ 10.20</b>	<b>\$ 7.94</b>	<b>\$ 8.21</b>	<b>\$ 2.26</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>\$ (0.27)</b>	<b>(3)%</b>
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	49%	50%	54%				
<b>Other financial metrics (in thousands)</b>							
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 502,954	\$ 343,145	\$300,590	\$ 159,809	47%	\$ 42,555	14%
Operating profit (loss)	\$ (671,403)	\$ (467,064)	\$ (77,568)	\$(204,339)	44%	\$(389,496)	502%
Net income (loss)	\$ (620,598)	\$ (325,206)	\$ (23,474)	\$(295,392)	91%	\$(301,732)	1,285%

(1) Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative settlements represents cash (paid) or received on commodity derivative contracts. This excludes settlements on foreign currency and interest rate derivatives as well as the gain (loss) on fair value adjustments for unsettled financial instruments for each of the periods presented.

#### *Production, Revenue and Hedging*

##### *2022 vs 2021*

Total revenue in the year ended December 31, 2022 of \$1,919 million increased 90% from \$1,008 million reported for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to a 69% increase in the average realized sales price and 14% higher production. Including commodity hedge settlement losses of \$896 million and losses of \$321 million in 2022 and 2021, respectively, Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, increased by 49% to \$1,024 million in 2022 from \$687 million in 2021.

While the elevated commodity price environment experienced in 2022 played a role in our improved revenues on our unhedged production, we primarily benefited in this market through our ability to opportunistically elevate our hedge floor by 22% year-over-year on hedged volumes. This enhancement in our weighted-average hedged floor helped drive a \$135 million increase in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges. In addition to our pricing uplift, we also generated an additional \$189 million in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, through increases in production. We sold approximately 49,354 MBoe in 2022 versus approximately 43,257 MBoe in 2021. This increase in volumes sold was due to the integration of a full year of production from the 2021 Central Region acquisitions as well as the East Texas and ConocoPhillips acquisitions which occurred in April and September 2022, respectively.

##### *2021 vs 2020*

Total revenue in the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$1,008 million increased 147% from \$409 million reported for the year ended December 31, 2020, primarily due to a 115% increase in the average realized sales price of our production and 18% higher production volumes. Including commodity hedge settlement losses of \$321 million and gains of \$145 million in 2021 and 2020, respectively, Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, increased by 24% to \$687 million in 2021 from \$553 million in 2020.

Higher average realized sales prices in 2021 contributed \$25 million in additional Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, for the year ended December 31, 2021. The majority of the increase in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges or \$101 million, was driven by added production volumes. We produced approximately 43,257 MBoe in 2021 versus approximately 36,538 MBoe in 2020. The increase in volumes was primarily due to the full integration of the assets acquired in May 2020 in connection with the Carbon and EQT acquisitions and the assets acquired in May, July and August 2021, respectively, in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard and Tanos acquisitions, as well as approximately one month of production from the assets acquired in December 2021 in connection with the Tapstone Acquisition.

The following table summarizes average commodity prices for the periods presented with Henry Hub on a per Mcf basis and Mont Belvieu and WTI on a per Bbl basis:

	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
Henry Hub	\$ 6.62	\$ 3.84	\$ 2.08	\$ 2.78	72%	\$ 1.76	85%
Mont Belvieu	51.04	47.49	21.85	3.55	7%	25.64	117%
WTI	93.53	68.26	39.61	25.27	37%	28.65	72%

Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding acquisitions.

#### Commodity Revenue

The following table reconciles the change in commodity revenue (excluding the impact of hedges settled in cash) by reflecting the effect of changes in volume and in the underlying prices:

	Natural Gas	NGLs	Oil	Total
	<i>(In thousands)</i>			
<b>Commodity revenue for the year ended December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 384,121</b>	<b>\$ 33,685</b>	<b>\$ 20,474</b>	<b>\$ 438,280</b>
Volume increase (decrease)	76,900	432	503	77,835
Price increase (decrease)	(117,596)	(10,944)	(5,913)	(134,453)
Net increase (decrease)	(40,696)	(10,512)	(5,410)	(56,618)
<b>Commodity revenue for the year ended December 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 343,425</b>	<b>\$ 23,173</b>	<b>\$ 15,064</b>	<b>\$ 381,662</b>
Volume increase (decrease)	60,159	5,827	6,321	72,307
Price increase (decrease)	415,142	86,747	17,249	519,138
Net increase (decrease)	475,301	92,574	23,570	591,445
<b>Commodity revenue for the year ended December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 818,726</b>	<b>\$ 115,747</b>	<b>\$ 38,634</b>	<b>\$ 973,107</b>
Volume increase (decrease)	73,129	53,414	62,780	189,323
Price increase (decrease)	652,803	19,572	38,206	710,581
Net increase (decrease)	725,932	72,986	100,986	899,904
<b>Commodity revenue for the year ended December 31, 2022</b>	<b>\$1,544,658</b>	<b>\$188,733</b>	<b>\$139,620</b>	<b>\$1,873,011</b>

To manage our cash flows in a volatile commodity price environment and as required by our SPV-level asset backed securities, we utilize derivative contracts which allow us to fix the sales prices at a per unit level for approximately 90% of our production to mitigate commodity risk. The tables below set forth the commodity hedge impact on commodity revenue, excluding and including cash received for commodity hedge settlements with natural gas on a per Mcf basis and NGLs and oil on a per Bbl basis:



Year Ended December 31, 2022								
	Natural Gas		NGLs		Oil		Total Commodity	
	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$
<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>								
Excluding hedge impact	\$1,544,658	\$ 6.04	\$188,733	\$ 36.29	\$139,620	\$ 89.85	\$1,873,011	\$ 37.95
Commodity hedge impact	(782,525)	(3.06)	(85,549)	(16.45)	(27,728)	(17.85)	(895,802)	(18.15)
Including hedge impact	\$ 762,133	\$ 2.98	\$103,184	\$ 19.84	\$111,892	\$ 72.00	\$ 977,209	\$ 19.80

Year Ended December 31, 2021								
	Natural Gas		NGLs		Oil		Total Commodity	
	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$
<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>								
Excluding hedge impact	\$ 818,726	\$ 3.49	\$115,747	\$ 32.53	\$38,634	\$65.26	\$ 973,107	\$22.50
Commodity hedge impact	(263,929)	(1.13)	(60,530)	(17.01)	3,803	6.42	(320,656)	(7.42)
Including hedge impact	\$ 554,797	\$ 2.36	\$ 55,217	\$ 15.52	\$42,437	\$71.68	\$ 652,451	\$15.08

Year Ended December 31, 2020								
	Natural Gas		NGLs		Oil		Total Commodity	
	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$	Revenue	Realized \$
<i>(in thousands, except per unit data)</i>								
Excluding hedge impact	\$343,425	\$1.72	\$23,173	\$ 8.15	\$15,064	\$36.12	\$381,662	\$10.45
Commodity hedge impact	121,077	0.61	16,498	5.80	7,025	16.85	144,600	3.95
Including hedge impact	\$464,502	\$2.33	\$39,671	\$13.95	\$22,089	\$52.97	\$526,262	\$14.40

Refer to Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

#### Expenses

(In thousands, except per unit data)	Year Ended													
	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020		Total Change 2022 – 2021		Per Boe Change 2022 – 2021		Total Change 2021 – 2020		Per Boe Change 2021 – 2020	
	\$	Per Boe	\$	Per Boe	\$	Per Boe	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
LOE <sup>(1)</sup>	\$182,817	\$ 3.70	\$119,594	\$ 2.76	\$ 92,288	\$ 2.53	\$ 63,223	53%	\$ 0.94	34%	\$ 27,306	30%	\$ 0.23	9%
Production taxes <sup>(2)</sup>	73,849	1.50	30,518	0.71	13,705	0.38	43,331	142%	0.79	111%	16,813	123%	0.33	87%
Midstream operating expense <sup>(3)</sup>	71,154	1.44	60,481	1.40	52,815	1.45	10,673	18%	0.04	3%	7,666	15%	(0.05)	(3)%
Transportation expense <sup>(4)</sup>	118,073	2.39	80,620	1.86	45,155	1.24	37,453	46%	0.53	28%	35,465	79%	0.62	50%
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$445,893</b>	<b>\$ 9.03</b>	<b>\$291,213</b>	<b>\$ 6.73</b>	<b>\$203,963</b>	<b>\$ 5.58</b>	<b>\$154,680</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>\$ 2.30</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>\$ 87,250</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>\$ 1.15</b>	<b>21%</b>
Employees, administrative costs and professional services <sup>(5)</sup>	77,172	1.56	56,812	1.31	47,181	1.29	20,360	36%	0.25	19%	9,631	20%	0.02	2%
Costs associated with acquisitions <sup>(6)</sup>	15,545	0.31	27,743	0.64	10,465	0.29	(12,198)	(44)%	(0.33)	(52)%	17,278	165%	0.35	121%
Other adjusting costs <sup>(7)</sup>	69,967	1.42	10,371	0.24	14,581	0.40	59,596	575%	1.18	492%	(4,210)	(29)%	(0.16)	(40)%
Non-cash equity compensation <sup>(8)</sup>	8,051	0.16	7,400	0.17	5,007	0.14	651	9%	(0.01)	(6)%	2,393	48%	0.03	21%
<b>Total operating and G&amp;A expense</b>	<b>\$616,628</b>	<b>\$12.48</b>	<b>\$393,539</b>	<b>\$ 9.09</b>	<b>\$281,197</b>	<b>\$ 7.70</b>	<b>\$223,089</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>\$ 3.39</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$112,342</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>\$ 1.39</b>	<b>18%</b>
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	222,257	4.50	167,644	3.88	117,290	3.21	54,613	33%	0.62	16%	50,354	43%	0.67	21%
Allowance for credit losses <sup>(9)</sup>	—	—	(4,265)	(0.10)	8,490	0.24	4,265	(100)%	0.10	(100)%	(12,755)	(150)%	(0.34)	(142)%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$838,885</b>	<b>\$16.98</b>	<b>\$556,918</b>	<b>\$12.87</b>	<b>\$406,977</b>	<b>\$11.14</b>	<b>\$281,967</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>\$ 4.11</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>\$149,941</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$ 1.73</b>	<b>16%</b>

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- (1) LOE includes costs incurred to maintain producing properties. Such costs include direct and contract labor, repairs and maintenance, water hauling, compression, automobile, insurance, and materials and supplies expenses.
  - (2) Production taxes include severance and property taxes. Severance taxes are generally paid on produced natural gas, NGLs and oil production at fixed rates established by federal, state or local taxing authorities. Property taxes are generally based on the taxing jurisdictions' valuation of the Company's natural gas and oil properties and midstream assets.
  - (3) Midstream operating expenses are daily costs incurred to operate the Company's owned midstream assets inclusive of employee and benefit expenses.
  - (4) Transportation expenses are daily costs incurred from third-party systems to gather, process and transport the Company's natural gas, NGLs and oil.
  - (5) Employees, administrative costs and professional services includes payroll and benefits for our administrative and corporate staff, costs of maintaining administrative and corporate offices, costs of managing our production operations, franchise taxes, public company costs, fees for audit and other professional services and legal compliance.
  - (6) We generally incur costs related to the integration of acquisitions, which will vary for each acquisition. For acquisitions considered to be a business combination, these costs include transaction costs directly associated with a successful acquisition transaction. These costs also include costs associated with transition service arrangements where we pay the seller of the acquired entity a fee to handle various G&A functions until we have fully integrated the assets onto our systems. In addition, these costs include costs related to integrating IT systems and consulting as well as internal workforce costs directly related to integrating acquisitions into our system.
  - (7) Other adjusting costs include items that affect the comparability of results or that are not indicative of trends in the ongoing business. These costs consist of one time projects, contemplated transactions or financing arrangements, contract terminations, deal breakage and/or sourcing costs for acquisitions, and unused firm transportation.
  - (8) Non-cash equity compensation reflects the expense recognition related to share-based compensation provided to certain key members of the management team. Refer to Note 17 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding non-cash share-based compensation.
  - (9) Allowance for credit losses consists of the recognition and reversal of credit losses. Refer to Note 14 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding credit losses.

#### *Operating Expenses*

##### *2022 vs 2021*

We experienced increases in per unit operating expense of 34%, or \$2.30 per Boe, during the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2021 resulting from:

- Higher per Boe LOE that increased 34%, or \$0.94 per Boe, reflective of changes in our portfolio mix due to the higher cost structure of the Central Region and our growing presence there. This metric was also impacted by inflationary pressures, importantly however, even with an increase in unit cost, Adjusted EBITDA margins remained near 50% and reflect the higher revenues per unit of production we generated in the Central Region. The timing of changes in the portfolio mix has impacted this metric as well. During 2022 we had a full year of expenses from the acquired Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos, and Tapstone assets acquired in May, July, August, and December 2021, respectively. In addition, we had additional costs from the East Texas Assets and ConocoPhillips assets acquired in April and September 2022, respectively.
- Higher per Boe production taxes that increased 111%, or \$0.79 per Boe, were primarily attributable to an increase in severance taxes as a result of an increase in revenue due to higher commodity prices

and sold volumes and an increase in property taxes related to the acquired Central Region assets given the difference in the regulatory environment; and

- Higher per Boe transportation expense resulting from increases in third-party midstream rates and changes in our cost mix year-over-year due to the higher transportation expense profile of the Central Region assets.
- Higher per Boe midstream operating expense that increased 3%, or \$0.04 per Boe. This increase was driven by the growth in our midstream operations due to Central Region acquisitions as well as increases in our operating cost due to inflationary pressures.

#### *2021 vs 2020*

We experienced increases in per unit operating expense of 21%, or \$1.15 per Boe, during the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to 2020 primarily as a result of:

- Higher per Boe LOE that increased 9%, or \$0.23 per Boe, primarily as a result of increases in costs from the assets acquired in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions;
- Higher per Boe production taxes that increased 87%, or \$0.33 per Boe, primarily attributable to an increase in severance taxes as a result of an increase in unhedged revenue due to higher commodity prices and sold volumes and an increase in property taxes related to the assets acquired in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions; and
- Higher per Boe transportation expense related to increases in third-party midstream rates and midstream costs related to the assets acquired in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions.

Partially offsetting the per unit total operating expense increase was lower per Boe midstream operating expense that declined 3%, or \$0.05 per Boe. While costs increased due to growth of our midstream workforce to service the additional midstream capabilities we gained as a result of the Carbon and EQT acquisitions in May 2020, the midstream costs are spread across a larger base of producing assets, including production from the assets acquired in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions.

#### *General and Administrative Expense*

##### *2022 vs 2021*

G&A expense increased during the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2021 due to:

- Employees, administrative costs and professional services and non-cash equity compensation increased due to investments made in staff and systems to support our enlarged operation.
- Periodically, we incur costs associated with potential acquisitions that include deposits, rights of first refusal, option agreement costs and hedging costs incurred in connection with the potential acquisitions. At times, due to changing macro-economic conditions, commodity price volatility and/or findings observed during our deal diligence efforts, we incur expenses of this nature as breakage and/or deal sourcing fees. In 2021, we paid \$25 million in costs associated with a potential acquisition and, due to decisions we made in the first quarter of 2022, we terminated the transaction and wrote off \$25 million in certain acquisition related costs related to these items. During 2022, we also incurred an additional \$6 million in costs of this nature. These transactions were classified as other adjusting costs.
- In February 2022, we paid \$28 million to terminate a fixed-price purchase contract associated with certain Barnett volumes acquired during the Blackbeard acquisition. The contract extended through March 2024 and, as a result of the termination, we will realize more favorable pricing over this period. This transaction also positioned us to refinance these assets as part of the ABS IV financing arrangement and allowed us to enhance liquidity by eliminating the need for a \$20 million letter of credit on our Credit Facility. This transaction was classified in other adjusting costs.

Partially offsetting these increases in G&A were decreases in costs during the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2021 due to:

- Lower costs associated with acquisitions during 2022 when compared to 2021, which was primarily due to the timing of acquisitions in 2022 compared to 2021 as well as variability in the extent of integration support needed amongst acquisitions. During 2022, costs consisted of the continued integration of the 2021 Central Region acquisitions, the April 2022 East Texas Assets acquisition, some initial integration costs incurred in connection with the September 2022 ConocoPhillips acquisition as well as expenses for other midstream and asset retirement related transactions. Expenses incurred in 2021 were primarily attributable to the completion of the integration of the Carbon and EQT acquisitions, which were acquired in May 2020, and the integration of the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos, and Tapstone acquisitions, which were acquired in 2021.

#### *2021 vs 2020*

G&A expense increased during the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to 2020 due to:

- Investments made in staff and systems to support our enlarged operations; and
- An increase in acquisition cost as a result of increased activity when compared to the prior year. During 2021, we incurred costs related to the integration of the assets acquired in May, July, August and December 2021, respectively, in connection with the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions.

#### *Other Expenses*

##### *2022 vs 2021*

DD&A increased during the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2021 due to:

- Higher depreciation expense attributable to an increase of property, plant & equipment resulting from acquisitions and maintenance capital expenditures; and
- Higher depletion expense due to a 14% increase in production attributable to an increased number of producing wells from acquisitions.

Allowance for credit losses decreased during the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to 2021 due to:

- The impact on anticipated credit losses on joint interest owner receivables has a direct relationship with pricing and distributions to individual owners. As the pricing environment improved in 2022, the underlying well economics did as well, and as a result, in 2022, we were able to collect on receivables without the need to increase our existing reserves.

##### *2021 vs 2020*

Depreciation, depletion and amortization (“DD&A”) increased during the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to 2020 due to:

- Higher depreciation expense attributable to an increase in property, plant and equipment resulting from acquisitions and maintenance capital expenditures; and
- Higher depletion expense due to an 18% increase in production attributable to an increased number of producing wells from acquisitions.

Allowance for credit losses decreased during the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to 2020 due to:

- The impact on anticipated credit losses on joint interest owner receivables of pricing due to the direct relationship with distributions to individual owners. As the pricing environment improved in 2021, the underlying well economics did as well, and as a result, in 2021, we were able to collect on many of our previously anticipated credit losses and improve the outlook of future collection.

Refer to Notes 5, 10, 11 and 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding acquisitions, natural gas and oil properties, property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments, respectively.

*Derivative Financial Instruments*

We recorded the following gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented:

(In thousands)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022 – 2021	% Change 2022 – 2021	\$ Change 2021 – 2020	% Change 2021 – 2020
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivatives settlements <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (895,802)	\$ (320,656)	\$ 144,600	\$(575,146)	179%	\$(465,256)	(322)%
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps <sup>(1)</sup>	(1,434)	(530)	(202)	(904)	171%	(328)	162%
Gain (loss) on foreign currency hedges <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(1,227)	—	1,227	(100)%	(1,227)	(100)%
<b>Total gain (loss) on settled derivative instruments</b>	<b>\$ (897,236)</b>	<b>\$ (322,413)</b>	<b>\$ 144,398</b>	<b>\$(574,823)</b>	<b>178%</b>	<b>\$(466,811)</b>	<b>(323)%</b>
Gain (loss) on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments <sup>(2)</sup>	(861,457)	(652,465)	(238,795)	(208,992)	32%	(413,670)	173%
<b>Total gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>\$(1,758,693)</b>	<b>\$ (974,878)</b>	<b>\$ (94,397)</b>	<b>\$(783,815)</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$(880,481)</b>	<b>933%</b>

(1) Represents the cash settlement of hedges that settled during the period.

(2) Represents the change in fair value of financial instruments net of removing the carrying value of hedges that settled during the period.

*2022 vs 2021*

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total loss on derivative financial instruments of \$1,759 million increased by \$784 million compared to a loss of \$975 million in 2021. Adjusting our unsettled derivative contracts to their fair values drove a loss of \$861 million in 2022, an increase of \$209 million, when compared to a loss of \$652 million in 2021. While this loss certainly reflects the increase in commodity markets in relation to our hedge floor, the magnitude of the loss is amplified due to the increase in the size of our long-dated hedge portfolio, which has increased meaningfully with the addition of four ABS issuances in 2022 that each contain long dated hedge portfolios that in some cases extend through the life of the note.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total cash loss on settled derivative instruments was \$897 million, an increase of \$575 million over 2021. The loss on settled derivative instruments relates to higher commodity market prices than we secured through our derivative contracts. With consistent cash flows central to our strategy, we routinely hedge at levels that, based on our operating and overhead costs, provide a healthy margin even if it means foregoing potential price upside.

*2021 vs 2020*

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the total loss on derivative financial instruments of \$975 million increased by \$880 million compared to a loss of \$94 million in 2020. Adjusting our unsettled derivative contracts to their fair values drove a loss of \$652 million in 2021, an increase of \$414 million, when compared to a loss of \$239 million in 2020.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the total cash loss on settled derivative instruments was \$322 million, a decrease of \$467 million when compared to 2020. The loss on settled derivative instruments relates to higher commodity market prices than we secured through our derivative contracts.

Refer to Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

*Gain on Bargain Purchases*

We recorded the following gain on bargain purchases in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented:

(In thousands)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
<b>Gain on bargain purchases</b>	<b>\$4,447</b>	<b>\$58,072</b>	<b>\$17,172</b>	<b>\$(53,625)</b>	<b>(92)%</b>	<b>\$40,900</b>	<b>238%</b>

For the past few years the E&P segment of the broader energy sector has been in a period of transition and rebalancing, thus creating opportunities for healthy companies like ours to acquire high quality assets for less than their fair value. We have established a track record of being disciplined in our bidding to acquire assets that meet our strict asset profile and are accretive to our overall corporate value.

The gain on bargain purchases of \$4.4 million recognized in 2022 was primarily a result of measurement period adjustments associated with the 2021 Tapstone Acquisition. The \$58 million of gains on bargain purchases in 2021 were comprised of \$32 million and \$26 million of gains associated with the Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions, respectively. The \$17 million of gains on bargain purchases in 2020 were associated with the Carbon Acquisition.

Gain on bargain purchases are not recorded for transactions that are accounted for as an acquisition of assets under IFRS 3, Business Combinations (“IFRS 3”). Rather, the consideration paid is allocated to the assets acquired on a relative fair value basis.

Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding acquisitions and bargain purchase gain.

*Finance Costs*

(In thousands)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
Interest expense, net of capitalized and income amounts <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 86,840	\$ 42,370	\$ 34,391	\$ 44,470	105%	\$ 7,979	23%
Amortization of discount and deferred finance costs	13,903	8,191	8,334	5,712	70%	(143)	(2)%
Other	56	67	602	(11)	(16)%	(535)	(89)%
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>\$100,799</b>	<b>\$50,628</b>	<b>\$43,327</b>	<b>\$50,171</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>\$7,301</b>	<b>17%</b>

(1) Includes payments related to borrowings and leases.

*2022 vs 2021*

For the year ended December 31, 2022, interest expense of \$87 million increased by \$44 million compared to \$42 million in 2021, primarily due to the increase in borrowings to fund our 2022 acquisitions, incurring a full year of interest on borrowings associated with the 2021 acquisitions and an increase in the weighted-average interest rate on borrowings year-over-year. Offsetting these increases is a decrease in interest expense for repaid principal of \$232 million on the ABS Notes and Term Loan I as these borrowings are repaid monthly due to their amortizing structures.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, total borrowings were \$1,498 million and \$1,042 million, respectively. For the period ended December 31, 2022, the weighted-average interest rate on borrowings was 5.51% as compared to 4.33% as of December 31, 2021. This increase resulted from the rising rate environment’s impact on new ABS issuances, as well as a change in the mix of our financing year-over-year. As a result of our

four ABS issuances in 2022, 96% of our borrowings now reside in fixed-rate, hedge-protected, amortizing structures as of December 31, 2022 compared to 44% as of December 31, 2021.

#### 2021 vs 2020

For the year ended December 31, 2021, interest expense of \$42 million increased by \$8 million compared to \$34 million in 2020, primarily due to the increase in borrowings to fund our 2021 acquisitions as well as the incurrence of a full year of interest on borrowings associated with the 2020 acquisitions. Offsetting these increases was a decrease in interest expense for repaid principal of \$62 million on the ABS Notes (as defined herein) and Term Loan as these borrowings are repaid monthly due to their amortizing structures.

As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, total borrowings were \$1,042 million and \$746 million, respectively. For the period ended December 31, 2021, the weighted average interest rate on borrowings was 4.33% as compared to 4.70% as of December 31, 2020. This decrease resulted from a change in the mix of our financing year-over-year attributable to a larger portion of our borrowings on the Credit Facility, which has a lower interest rate than our other debt sources, in 2021 compared to 2020. In February 2022, the Credit Facility borrowing base was downsized from \$825 million to \$500 million in connection with the issuance of the ABS III Notes and ABS IV Notes (each as defined herein), that have interest rates of 4.88% and 4.95%, respectively.

Refer to Notes 5, 20, and 21 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions, leases and borrowings, respectively.

#### Taxation

The effective tax rate is calculated on the face of the Statement of Comprehensive Income by dividing the amount of recorded income tax benefit (expense) by the income (loss) before taxation as follows:

(In thousands)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022 – 2021	% Change 2022 – 2021	\$ Change 2021 – 2020	% Change 2021 – 2020
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$(799,502)</b>	<b>\$(550,900)</b>	<b>\$(136,740)</b>	<b>\$248,602</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>\$(414,160)</b>	<b>303%</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	178,904	225,694	113,266	(46,790)	(21)%	112,428	99%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>				

The differences between the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate and the effective tax rates are summarized as follows:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Expected tax at statutory U.S. federal income tax rate	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	1.2%	4.4%	5.4%
Federal credits	—%	15.4%	58.8%
Other, net	0.2%	0.2%	(2.4)%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>

#### 2022 vs 2021

For the year ended December 31, 2022, we reported a tax benefit of \$179 million, a change of \$47 million, compared to a benefit of \$226 million in 2021 which was a result of the change in the loss before taxation and a change in the amount of tax credits generated relative to the pre-tax loss. The resulting

effective tax rates for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were 22.4% and 41.0%, respectively. The effective tax rate is primarily impacted by recognition of the marginal well tax credit available to qualified producers. The federal government provides these credits to encourage companies to continue operating lower-volume wells during periods of low prices to maintain the underlying jobs they create and the state and local tax revenues they generate for communities to support schools, social programs, law enforcement and other similar public services.

#### 2021 vs 2020

For the year ended December 31, 2021, we reported a tax benefit of \$226 million, an increase of \$112 million, compared to a benefit of \$113 million in 2020, which was a result of the change in the loss before taxation and a change in the amount of tax credits generated relative to the pre-tax loss. The resulting effective tax rates for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 were 41.0% and 82.8%, respectively. The effective tax rate is primarily impacted by recognition of the marginal well tax credit available to qualified producers. The federal government provides these credits to encourage companies to continue operating lower-volume wells during periods of low prices to maintain the underlying jobs they create and the state and local tax revenues they generate for communities to support schools, social programs, law enforcement and other similar public services. The impact of the marginal well credit on our effective rate is attributable to the larger pre-tax loss in 2021 as compared to 2020.

Refer to Note 8 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding taxation.

#### Operating Profit, Net Income, EPS, and Adjusted EBITDA

(In thousands, except per unit data)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
Operating profit (loss)	\$(671,403)	\$(467,064)	\$(77,568)	\$(204,339)	44%	\$(389,496)	502%
Net income (loss)	(620,598)	(325,206)	(23,474)	(295,392)	91%	(301,732)	1,285%
Adjusted EBITDA	502,954	343,145	300,590	159,809	47%	42,555	14%
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.41)	(0.03)	\$ (0.33)	80%	\$ (0.38)	1,267%

#### 2022 vs 2021

For the year ended December 31, 2022, we reported a net loss of \$621 million and loss per share of \$0.74 compared to net loss of \$325 million and loss per share of \$0.41 in 2021, an increase of 91% and 80%, respectively. We also reported an operating loss of \$671 million compared with an operating loss of \$467 million for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. This year-over-year increase in net loss was primarily attributable to increased gross profit of \$702 million, offset by \$784 million of increased losses on derivatives, \$54 million less in bargain purchase gains, \$50 million more in interest costs, and \$47 million less income tax benefit as compared to 2021.

Excluding the mark-to-market valuation adjustment on long-dated derivative valuations, as well as other customary adjustments, we reported Adjusted EBITDA of \$503 million for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$343 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, representing an increase of 47% driven by our growth through acquisitions.

#### 2021 vs 2020

For the year ended December 31, 2021, we reported a net loss of \$325 million and loss per share (basic and diluted) of \$0.41 compared to net loss of \$23 million and loss per share (basic and diluted) of \$0.03 in 2020, an increase of 1,285% and 1,267%, respectively. We also reported an operating loss of \$467 million compared with an operating loss of \$78 million for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. This year-over-year increase in net loss was primarily attributable to an increase of \$414 million in the mark-to-market valuation adjustment to \$652 million in 2021 from \$239 million in 2020, discussed above.



Excluding the mark-to-market valuation adjustment on long-dated derivative valuations, as well as other customary non-cash or non-recurring adjustments, we reported Adjusted EBITDA of \$343 million compared to \$301 million in 2020, representing an increase of 14% driven from our growth through acquisitions.

See the below subsection titled “*Other Financial Data and Key Ratios — Non-IFRS Financial Measures*” for a reconciliation of the Non-IFRS measures to the most directly comparable IFRS financial performance measure.

### Other Financial Data and Key Ratios

#### Financial Metrics Summary

Certain key operating metrics that are not defined under IFRS (alternative performance measures) are presented below. We use these non-IFRS measures to monitor the underlying business performance of the Company from period to period and to facilitate comparison with our peers. Since not all companies calculate these or other non-IFRS metrics in the same way, the manner in which we have chosen to calculate the non-IFRS metrics presented herein may not be compatible with similarly defined terms used by other companies. The non-IFRS metrics should not be considered in isolation from, or viewed as substitutes for, the financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. See the subsection titled “— Non-IFRS Financial Measures” for further information about such non-IFRS measures, definitions thereof and reconciliations to the most directly comparable IFRS measures.

#### Non-IFRS Financial Measures

##### Adjusted EBITDA

The following table reconciles net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented.

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended		Year Ended		
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	\$ 630,932	\$ (935,250)	\$ (620,598)	\$ (325,206)	\$ (23,474)
Finance costs	67,736	39,162	100,799	50,628	43,327
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	13,991	14,003	27,569	24,396	15,424
Other (income) expense	(327)	(171)	(269)	8,812	421
Income tax (benefit) expense	197,324	(294,877)	(178,904)	(225,694)	(113,266)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	115,036	118,480	222,257	167,644	117,290
Loss on joint and working interest owners receivable	—	—	—	—	6,931
(Gain) loss on bargain purchases	—	(1,249)	(4,447)	(58,072)	(17,172)
(Gain) loss on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments	(760,933)	1,205,938	861,457	652,465	238,795
(Gain) loss on natural gas and oil property and equipment <sup>(1)</sup>	(899)	515	93	901	2,059
Costs associated with acquisitions	8,866	6,935	15,545	27,743	10,465
Other adjusting costs <sup>(2)</sup>	3,376	67,033	69,967	10,371	14,581
Non-cash equity compensation	4,417	4,069	8,051	7,400	5,007
(Gain) loss on foreign currency hedge	521	—	—	1,227	—
(Gain) loss on interest rate swap	2,824	(828)	1,434	530	202
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>\$(348,068)</b>	<b>\$1,159,010</b>	<b>\$1,123,552</b>	<b>\$ 668,351</b>	<b>\$ 324,064</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 282,864</b>	<b>\$ 223,760</b>	<b>\$ 502,954</b>	<b>\$ 343,145</b>	<b>\$ 300,590</b>

- (1) Excludes \$6.8 million, \$1.6 million and \$2.5 million in proceeds received for leasehold sales during the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively.
- (2) Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2023 primarily consisted of expenses associated with an unused firm transportation agreement and legal and professional fees related to internal audit and financial reporting. Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2022 and the year ended December 31, 2022 primarily consisted of \$28 million in contract terminations which may allow the Company to obtain more favorable pricing in the future and \$31 million in costs associated with deal breakage and/or sourcing costs for acquisitions. Other adjusting costs for the year ended December 31, 2021 were primarily associated with one-time projects and contemplated financing arrangements. Also included are expenses associated with an unused firm transportation agreement acquired as part of the Carbon Acquisition. Other adjusting costs for the year ended December 31, 2020, were associated with legal and professional fees related to the up-list to the Premium Segment of the Main Market of the LSE.

*Total Revenue, Inclusive of Settled Hedges; Adjusted EBITDA Margin*

The following table reconciles Total Revenue to Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, to Adjusted EBITDA Margin for the periods presented.

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended		Year Ended		
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Total revenue	\$487,305	\$ 933,528	\$ 1,919,349	\$ 1,007,561	\$408,693
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative instruments <sup>(1)</sup>	54,525	(468,731)	(895,802)	(320,656)	144,600
<b>Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges</b>	<b>\$541,830</b>	<b>\$ 464,797</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,547</b>	<b>\$ 686,905</b>	<b>\$553,293</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$282,864</b>	<b>\$ 223,760</b>	<b>\$ 502,954</b>	<b>\$ 343,145</b>	<b>\$300,590</b>
<b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>54%</b>

- (1) Net gain (loss) on commodity derivative settlements represents cash (paid) or received on commodity derivative contracts. This excludes settlements on foreign currency and interest rate derivatives as well as the gain (loss) on fair value adjustments for unsettled financial instruments for each of the periods presented.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA Margin represents Adjusted EBITDA divided by Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges for each of the periods presented.

*Free Cash Flow*

	Six Months Ended		Year Ended		
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$172,566</b>	<b>\$204,987</b>	<b>\$387,764</b>	<b>\$320,182</b>	<b>\$241,710</b>
LESS: Expenditures on natural gas and oil properties and equipment	(32,332)	(44,539)	(86,079)	(50,175)	(21,947)
LESS: Cash paid for interest	(59,415)	(32,605)	(82,936)	(41,623)	(34,335)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ 80,819</b>	<b>\$127,843</b>	<b>\$218,749</b>	<b>\$228,384</b>	<b>\$185,428</b>

*Adjusted Operating Cost per Boe*

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended		Year Ended		
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Total production (MBoe)</b>	<b>25,697</b>	<b>24,620</b>	<b>49,354</b>	<b>43,257</b>	<b>36,538</b>
Total operating expense	\$227,299	\$206,357	\$445,893	\$291,213	\$203,963
Employees, administrative costs and professional services	38,497	36,245	77,172	56,812	47,181
Recurring allowance for credit losses	—	—	—	(4,265)	1,559
<b>Adjusted Operating Cost</b>	<b>\$265,796</b>	<b>\$242,602</b>	<b>\$523,065</b>	<b>\$343,760</b>	<b>\$252,703</b>
<b>Adjusted Operating Cost per Boe</b>	<b>\$ 10.34</b>	<b>\$ 9.85</b>	<b>\$ 10.60</b>	<b>\$ 7.95</b>	<b>\$ 6.92</b>

*PV-10*

(In thousands)	As of		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>PV-10</b>			
Pre-tax (Non-GAAP) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 8,825,462	\$4,037,016	\$1,086,917
PV of Taxes	(2,082,362)	(703,925)	(81,610)
<b>Standardized Measure</b>	<b>\$ 6,743,100</b>	<b>\$3,333,091</b>	<b>\$1,005,307</b>

- (1) Our estimated net proved reserves were determined using average first-day-of-the-month prices for the prior 12 months in accordance with SEC guidance. For natural gas volumes, the average Henry Hub spot price of \$6.36, \$3.60 and \$1.99 per MMBtu as of December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, was adjusted for gravity, quality, local conditions, gathering and transportation fees, and distance from market. For NGLs and oil volumes, the average WTI price of \$94.14, \$66.55 and \$39.54 per Bbl as of December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, was similarly adjusted for gravity, quality, local conditions, gathering and transportation, fees and distance from market. All prices are held constant throughout the lives of the properties.
- (2) The PV-10 of our proved reserves as of December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 was prepared without giving effect to taxes or hedges. PV-10 is a non-GAAP and non-IFRS financial measure and generally differs from Standardized Measure, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, because it does not include the effects of income taxes on future net cash flows. We believe that the presentation of PV-10 is relevant and useful to our investors as supplemental disclosure to the Standardized Measure because it presents the discounted future net cash flows attributable to our reserves prior to taking into account future corporate income taxes and our current tax structure. While the Standardized Measure is free cash dependent on the unique tax situation of each company, PV-10 is based on a pricing methodology and discount factors that are consistent for all companies. Because of this, PV-10 can be used within the industry and by creditors and securities analysts to evaluate estimated net cash flows from proved reserves on a more comparable basis. Investors should be cautioned that neither PV-10 nor the Standardized Measure represents an estimate of the fair market value of our proved reserves.

**B. Liquidity and Capital Resources****Overview**

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash generated from operations and available borrowings under our Credit Facility. To minimize interest expense, we use our excess cash flow to reduce borrowings on our Credit Facility and as a result have historically carried little cash on our Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as evidenced by \$4 million, \$7 million, \$13 million and \$1 million in cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2023, December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

When we acquire assets to grow, we complement our Credit Facility with asset-backed debt securitized by certain natural gas and oil assets, which are long-term, fixed-rate, fully-amortizing debt structures that better match the long-life nature of our assets. These structures afford us low borrowing rates and also provide a visible path for reducing leverage as we make scheduled principal payments. For larger value-adding acquisitions, and to ensure we maintain a leverage profile that we believe is appropriate for the type of assets we acquire, we also raise proceeds through follow-on equity offerings from time to time.

We monitor our working capital to ensure that the levels remain adequate to operate the business with excess liquidity primarily utilized for the repayment of debt or dividends to shareholders. We are regularly evaluating potential ABS financings consistent with our previous ABS Notes financings. In addition to working capital management, we have a disciplined approach to managing operating costs and allocating capital resources, ensuring that we are generating returns on our capital investments to support the strategic initiatives in our business operations. With respect to our current costs of capital, our ABS Notes are fixed-rate instruments (subject to adjustment pursuant to the sustainability-linked features described below) and our Credit Facility bears a floating rate. Given this mix of borrowings in our portfolio from time to time we use interest rate swaps to prudently balance our exposure to fixed and floating rates. Utilizing this strategy we have worked to mitigate interest rate risk and the rising interest rate environment. Going forward, changes in interest rates will continue to impact the floating rate of interest applicable to borrowings under our Credit Facility and may affect our ability to enter into future debt financing, including refinancing of our Credit Facility or issuing additional asset-backed securitizations, as high inflation may result in a relative increase in the cost of debt capital.

Capital expenditures were \$32 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$45 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. This decrease in capital expenditures was primarily driven by the completion of wells in 2022 that were under development by Tapstone at the time we closed that acquisition in 2021. While our March 2023 Tanos II acquisition also contained wells under development at the times of acquisition, the capital expenditures needed for their development during the six months ended June 30, 2023 was less significant than that required during the six months ended June 30, 2022. Capital expenditures were \$86 million for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$50 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. This increase in capital expenditures was primarily driven by our growth through acquisitions year-over-year and during 2022, including the completion of wells that were under development by Tapstone at the time we closed the Tapstone Acquisition. Capital expenditures were \$50 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$22 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase in capital expenditures was primarily driven by our growth through acquisitions year-over-year. There were no material commitments for capital expenditures as of or subsequent to June 30, 2023. We expect to meet our capital expenditure needs for the foreseeable future from our operating cash flow and our existing cash and cash equivalents. Our future capital requirements will depend on several factors, including our growth rate, future acquisitions and the expansion of our employee headcount, among other things.

With respect to our other known current obligations, we believe that our sources of liquidity and capital resources will be sufficient to meet our existing business needs for at least the next 12 months. However, our ability to satisfy our working capital requirements, debt service obligations, distributions and planned capital expenditures will depend upon our future operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions in the natural gas and oil industry and other financial and business factors, some of which are beyond our control. Refer to Notes 13 and 21 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes 7 and 11 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding our hedging program to mitigate the risk associated with future cash flow generation and current debt obligations.

**Liquidity**

The table below represents our liquidity position as of the periods presented:

(In thousands)	As of			
	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Cash	\$ 4,208	\$ 7,329	\$ 12,558	\$ 1,379
Available borrowings under the Credit Facility <sup>(1)(2)</sup> <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	98,640	183,332	222,263	201,556
<b>Liquidity</b>	<b>\$102,848</b>	<b>\$190,661</b>	<b>\$234,821</b>	<b>\$202,935</b>

- (1) Represents available borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$110 million as of June 30, 2023 less outstanding letters of credit of \$11 million as of such date.
- (2) Represents available borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$194 million as of December 31, 2022 less outstanding letters of credit of \$11 million as of such date.
- (3) Represents available borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$254 million as of December 31, 2021 less outstanding letters of credit of \$32 million as of such date.
- (4) Represents available borrowings under the Credit Facility of \$212 million as of December 31, 2022 less outstanding letters of credit of \$10 million as of such date.

From time to time we enter into financing arrangements which maximize the lending value of our collateral to bolster liquidity. In August 2023, we entered into a credit agreement providing us the ability to borrow up to \$135 million in loans and extensions of credit from the lender upon meeting conditions considered customary for agreements of this nature. This credit agreement was canceled in September 2023 in connection with the completion of the semi-annual borrowing base redetermination of our revolving Credit Facility, which increased our borrowing base to \$425 million from \$375 million. The borrowing base is primarily a function of the value of the natural gas and oil properties that collateralize the lending arrangement.

**Debt**

Our net debt consisted of the following as of the periods presented:

(In thousands)	As of			
	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Credit Facility	\$ (265,000)	\$ (56,000)	\$ (570,600)	\$(213,400)
ABS I Notes	(111,007)	(125,864)	(155,266)	(180,426)
ABS II Notes	(136,550)	(147,458)	(169,320)	(191,125)
ABS III Notes	(295,151)	(319,856)	—	—
ABS IV Notes	(113,609)	(130,144)	—	—
ABS V Notes	(329,381)	(378,796)	—	—
ABS VI Notes	(183,758)	(212,446)	—	—
Term Loan I	(112,433)	(120,518)	(137,099)	(156,805)
Other	(8,319)	(7,084)	(9,380)	(4,730)
<b>Total Debt</b>	<b>\$(1,555,208)</b>	<b>\$(1,498,166)</b>	<b>\$(1,041,665)</b>	<b>\$(746,486)</b>
Cash	4,208	7,329	12,558	1,379
Restricted cash	41,188	55,388	19,102	20,350
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>\$(1,509,812)</b>	<b>\$(1,435,449)</b>	<b>\$(1,010,005)</b>	<b>\$(724,757)</b>

***Credit Facility***

We maintain a revolving loan facility with a lending syndicate, the borrowing base for which is redetermined on a semi-annual, or as needed, basis. The borrowing base is primarily a function of the value of the natural gas and oil properties that collateralize the lending arrangement and will fluctuate with changes in collateral, which may occur as a result of acquisitions or through the establishment of ABS, term loan or other lending structures that result in changes to the collateral base.

In August 2022, we amended and restated the credit agreement governing its Credit Facility. The amendment enhanced the alignment with our stated ESG initiatives by including sustainability performance targets (“SPTs”) similar to those included in the ABS III, IV, V and VI notes, extended the maturity of the Credit Facility to August 2026. In March 2023, we performed a semi-annual redetermination and the borrowing base was resized to \$375 million reflective of the Tanos II collateral and changes in commodity pricing. In September 2023, we increased the borrowing base to \$425 million.

The Credit Facility has an interest rate of SOFR plus an additional spread that ranges from 2.75% to 3.75% based on utilization. Interest payments on the Credit Facility are paid on a quarterly basis. Available borrowings under the Credit Facility were \$99 million as of June 30, 2023 which considers the impact of \$11 million in letters of credit issued to certain vendors.

The Credit Facility contains certain customary representations and warranties and affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants relating to: maintenance of books and records; financial reporting and notification; compliance with laws; maintenance of properties and insurance; and limitations on incurrence of indebtedness, liens, fundamental changes, international operations, asset sales, making certain debt payments and amendments, restrictive agreements, investments, restricted payments and hedging. The restricted payment provision governs our ability to make discretionary payments such as dividends, share repurchases, or other discretionary payments. DP RBL Co LLC must comply with the following restricted payments test in order to make discretionary payments (i) leverage is less than 1.5x and borrowing base availability is >25% (ii) leverage is between 1.5x and 2.0x, free cash flow must be positive and borrowing base availability must be >15% (iii) leverage is between 2.0x and 2.5x, free cash flow must be positive and borrowing base availability must be >20% (iv) our restricted payments are restricted when leverage exceeds 2.5x for DP RBL Co LLC.

Additional covenants require DP RBL Co LLC to maintain a ratio of total debt to EBITDAX of not more than 3.25 to 1.00 and a ratio of current assets (with certain adjustments) to current liabilities of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. The fair value of the Credit Facility approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

The Credit Facility contains three SPTs which, depending on our performance thereof, may result in adjustments to the applicable margin with respect to borrowings thereunder:

- GHG Emissions Intensity: Our consolidated Scope 1 emissions and Scope 2 emissions, each measured as MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per MMcf;
- Asset Retirement Performance: The number of wells we successfully retire during any fiscal year; and
- TRIR Performance: The arithmetic average of the two preceding fiscal years and current period total recordable injury rate computed as the Total Number of Recordable Cases (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) multiplied by 200,000 and then divided by total hours worked by all employees during any fiscal year.

The goals set by the Credit Facility for each of these categories are aspirational and represent higher thresholds than we have publicly set for ourself. The economic repercussions of achieving or failing to achieve these thresholds, however, are relatively minor, ranging from subtracting five basis points to adding five basis points to the applicable margin level in any given fiscal year.

An independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the SPTs.

***Term Loan I***

In May 2020, we acquired DP Bluegrass LLC (“Bluegrass”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to enter into a securitized financing agreement for \$160 million, which was structured as a secured term loan. We issued the Term Loan I at a 1% discount and used the proceeds of \$158 million to fund the Carbon and EQT acquisitions. The Term Loan I is secured by certain producing assets acquired in connection with the Carbon, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions.

The Term Loan I accrues interest at a stated 6.50% annual rate and has a maturity date of May 2030. Interest and principal payments on the Term Loan I are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we incurred \$4 million, \$4 million, \$9 million, \$10 million and \$6 million in interest related to the Term Loan I, respectively. The fair value of the Term Loan I approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

***ABS I Notes***

In November 2019, we formed Diversified ABS LLC (“ABS I”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200 million at par. The ABS I Notes are secured by certain of our upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

Interest and principal payments on the ABS I Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we incurred \$3 million, \$4 million, \$7 million, \$8 million and \$10 million of interest related to the ABS I Notes, respectively. The legal final maturity date is January 2037 with an amortizing maturity of December 2029. The ABS I Notes accrue interest at a stated 5% rate per annum. The fair value of the ABS I Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023. In the event that ABS I has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS I is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with DEC. In particular, (a) with respect to any payment date prior to March 1, 2030, (i) if the debt service coverage ratio (the “DSCR”) as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, the production tracking rate for ABS I is less than 80%, or the loan to value ratio is greater than 85%, then 100%, and (b) with respect to any payment date on or after March 1, 2030, 100%.

***ABS II Notes***

In April 2020, we formed Diversified ABS Phase II LLC (“ABS II”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200 million. The ABS II Notes were issued at a 2.775% discount. We used the proceeds of \$184 million, net of discount, capital reserve requirement, and debt issuance costs, to pay down our Credit Facility. The ABS II Notes are secured by certain of our upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

The ABS II Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.25% rate per annum and have a maturity date of July 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2028. Interest and principal payments on the ABS II Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we incurred \$4 million, \$5 million, \$9 million, \$11 million and \$8 million in interest related to the ABS II Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS II Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS II has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS II is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with DEC. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is

greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS II is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (c) if the loan-to-value ratio (“LTV”) as of such payment date is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (d) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% and ABS II has executed hedging agreements for a minimum period of 30 months starting July 2026 covering production volumes of at least 85% but no more than 95% (the “Extended Hedging Condition”), then 50%, else 0%; (e) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2025 and prior to October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 50%, else 0%; and (f) with respect to any payment date after October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 100%, else 0%.

#### ***ABS III Notes***

In February 2022, we formed Diversified ABS III LLC (“ABS III”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$365 million at par. The ABS III Notes are secured by certain of our upstream producing, Appalachian assets.

The ABS III Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.875% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of April 2039 with an amortizing maturity of November 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS III Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and during the year ended December 31, 2022, we incurred \$8 million, \$7 million and \$15 million in interest related to the ABS III Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS III Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS III has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS III is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with DEC. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS III (as described in the ABS III Indenture) is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS III is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In connection with the issuance of the ABS III Notes, we retained an independent international provider of ESG research and services to provide and maintain a “sustainability score” with respect to Diversified Energy Company PLC and to the extent such score is below a minimum threshold established at the time of issue of the ABS III Notes, the interest payable with respect to the subsequent interest accrual period will increase by five basis points. This score is not dependent on DEC meeting or exceeding any sustainability performance metrics but rather an overall assessment of our corporate ESG profile. Further, this score is not dependent on the use of proceeds of the ABS III Notes and there were no such restrictions on the use of proceeds other than pursuant to the terms of our Credit Facility. We inform the ABS III note holders in monthly note holder statements as to any change in interest rate payable on the ABS III Notes as a result of the change in this sustainability score. While we are not required to publicly release this score, we will provide the score as of the date of our semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such updated score, along with the weighted average interest rate paid on the ABS III Notes as a result of any such five basis point change in interest rate.

#### ***ABS IV Notes***

In February 2022, we formed Diversified ABS IV LLC (“ABS IV”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$160 million at par. The ABS IV Notes are secured by a portion of the upstream producing assets acquired in connection with the Blackbeard Acquisition.

The ABS IV Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.95% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of February 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2030. Interest and principal payments on the



ABS IV Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and during the year ended December 31, 2022, we incurred \$3 million, \$3 million and \$6 million in interest related to the ABS IV Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS IV Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS IV has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS IV is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with DEC. In particular, (a) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS IV is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS IV is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In connection with the issuance of the ABS IV Notes, we retained an independent international provider of ESG research and services to provide and maintain a “sustainability score” with respect to Diversified Energy Company PLC and to the extent such score is below a minimum threshold established at the time of issue of the ABS IV Notes, the interest payable with respect to the subsequent interest accrual period will increase by five basis points. This score is not dependent on DEC meeting or exceeding any sustainability performance metrics but rather an overall assessment of our corporate ESG profile. Further, this score is not dependent on the use of proceeds of the ABS IV Notes and there were no such restrictions on the use of proceeds other than pursuant to the terms of our Credit Facility. We inform the ABS IV note holders in monthly note holder statements as to any change in interest rate payable on the ABS IV Notes as a result of the change in this sustainability score. While we are not required to publicly release this score, we will provide the score as of the date of our semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such updated score, along with the weighted average interest rate paid on the ABS IV Notes as a result of any such five basis point change in interest rate.

#### ***ABS V Notes***

In May 2022, we formed Diversified ABS V LLC (“ABS V”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$445 million at par. The ABS V Notes are secured by a majority of our remaining upstream assets in Appalachia that were not securitized by previous ABS transactions.

The ABS V Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.78% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of May 2039 with an amortizing maturity of December 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS V Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the year ended December 31, 2022, we incurred \$10 million, \$2 million and \$14 million in interest related to the ABS V Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS V Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS V could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS V is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS V is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, a “second party opinion provider” certified the terms of the ABS V Notes as being aligned with the framework for sustainability-linked bonds of the International Capital Markets Association (“ICMA”), applicable to bond instruments for which the financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether predefined ESG objectives, or SPTs, are achieved. The framework has five key components (1) the selection of key performance indicators (“KPIs”), (2) the calibration of SPTs, (3) variation of bond characteristics depending on whether the KPIs meet the SPTs, (4) regular reporting of the status of the KPIs and whether SPTs have been met and (5) independent verification of SPT performance by an external reviewer such as an auditor or environmental consultant. Unlike the ICMA’s framework for green bonds, its framework for sustainability-linked bonds do not require a specific use of proceeds.

The ABS V Notes contain two SPTs. We must achieve, and have certified by April 28, 2027 (1) a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe, and/or (2) a reduction in Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe. For each of these SPTs that we fail to meet, or fail to have certified by an external verifier that we have met, by April 28, 2027, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS V Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the above SPTs by the applicable deadlines. Though we are not required to do so, we intend to disclose this certification on an annual basis in its semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such certification, along with an overall ESG update.

#### ***ABS VI Notes***

In October 2022, we formed Diversified ABS VI LLC (“ABS VI”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue, jointly with Oaktree, BBB+ rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$460 million (\$236 million to DEC, before fees, representative of our 51.25% ownership interest in the collateral assets). The ABS VI Notes were issued at a 2.63% discount and are secured primarily by the upstream assets that were jointly acquired with Oaktree in the 2021 Tapstone Acquisition. Similar to the accounting treatment described in Note 3 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for acquisitions performed in connection with Oaktree, we recorded our proportionate share of the ABS VI Notes in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

The ABS VI Notes accrue interest at a stated 7.50% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2039 with an amortizing maturity of October 2031. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VI Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022, we incurred \$8 million and \$3 million in interest related to the ABS VI Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS VI Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS VI could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS VI is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS VI is greater than 75%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, a “second party opinion provider” certified the terms of the ABS VI Notes as being aligned with the framework for sustainability-linked bonds of the ICMA, applicable to bond instruments for which the financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether predefined ESG objectives, or SPTs, are achieved.

The framework has five key components (1) the selection of KPIs, (2) the calibration of SPTs, (3) variation of bond characteristics depending on whether the KPIs meet the SPTs, (4) regular reporting of the status of the KPIs and whether SPTs have been met and (5) independent verification of SPT performance by an external reviewer such as an auditor or environmental consultant. Unlike the ICMA’s framework for green bonds, its framework for sustainability-linked bonds do not require a specific use of proceeds.

The ABS VI Notes contain two SPTs. We must achieve, and have certified by May 28, 2027 (1) a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe, and/or (2) a reduction in Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe. For each of these SPTs that we fail to meet, or fail to have certified by an external verifier that we have met, by May 28, 2027, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS VI Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the above SPTs by the applicable deadlines. Though we are not required to do so under the indenture, we intend to disclose this certification on an annual basis in our semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such certification, along with an overall ESG update.

***ABS VII Notes***

In November 2023, we formed DP Lion Holdco LLC, a limited-purpose, bankruptcy remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue Class A and Class B asset-backed security Notes (collectively “ABS VII”), which are secured by certain producing natural gas and oil assets located in Appalachia. The Class A Notes are rated BBB+ and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$142 million. The Class B Notes are rated BB- and were issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$20 million.

The ABS VII Class A Notes accrue interest at a stated 8.243% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of February 2034. The ABS VII Class B Notes accrue interest at a stated 12.725% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2043 with an amortizing maturity of August 2032. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes are payable on a monthly basis.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes could be required to apply 25% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, for the Class A Notes, (a) (i) if the Senior DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; and (c) if the Senior LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

For the Class B Notes, (a) (i) If the Aggregate DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; (b) if the production tracking rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; and (c) if the Aggregate LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

The ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes contain two performance targets. First, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity of at least 25% on December 31, 2026 and at least 35% on December 31, 2030. Second, we must achieve, and have certified, a reduction in methane emissions intensity of at least 30% on December 31, 2026 and of at least 50% on December 31, 2030. For each of these targets that we fail to meet or fail to have certified by an external verifier that we have met, by April 30, 2026, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS VII Class A and Class B Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify our performance of the above performance targets by the applicable deadlines.

***Compliance***

As of June 30, 2023, we met or were in compliance with all sustainability-linked debt metrics.

***Our Capital Expenditure Program***

Our strategy to acquire and operate producing assets that generate Adjusted EBITDA Margins of approximately 50% allows us to invest capital back into our operations. In addition, we set goals to achieve “net zero” Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions by 2040 through new investments aimed at emissions reductions, such as investments in natural gas emissions detection devices and conducting aerial scans of our assets.

The majority of our capital expenditures are focused on our midstream operations, which includes pipelines and compression, while the remaining capital expenditures are focused on production optimization, technology, upstream operations, plugging capacity expansion, fleet, emissions reductions, and when prudent, may include development activities targeted at replacing production. Given our operational focus to acquire and operate mature conventional wells and unconventional wells with a shallow decline rate, we do not incur the same level of large capital expenditures associated with drilling and completion activities that would typically be incurred by other development focused exploration and production companies.

In 2022, we paid an annual dividend of \$0.17 per share which represents a 5% increase against 2021, paying an aggregate total of approximately \$143 million in dividends during 2022. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 we paid \$84 million in dividends, equating to \$0.04375 per share.

We have consistently targeted a disciplined leverage profile at or under 2.5 to 1.0 after giving effect to acquisitions and any related financing arrangements. We believe this leverage range is supported by our differentiated business model, namely with long-life, low-decline production providing resilient cash flows, and a strategic financial framework that is bolstered by hedging and amortizing debt instruments. Our weighted-average hedge floor on natural gas production increased from \$3.63 per Mcf as of December 31, 2022 to \$3.79 per Mcf as of June 30, 2023.

Looking forward, we continue to seek to maximize cash flow. We plan to maintain our hedging strategy and take advantage of market opportunities to raise the floor price of our risk management program. We will seek to retain our strategic advantages in purposeful growth through a disciplined capital expenditure program that continues to secure low-cost financing that supports acquisitive growth while maintaining low leverage and ample liquidity. In addition, we intend to remain proactive in our ESG endeavors by seeking to prioritize future capital allocation for ESG initiatives.

#### **Asset Retirement Obligations**

We continue to be proactive and innovative with respect to asset retirement. In 2017, after our LSE IPO, we proactively began to meet with state officials to develop a long-term plan to retire our growing portfolio of long-life wells. Collaborating with the appropriate regulators, we designed our retirement activities to be equitable for all stakeholders with an emphasis on the environment.

During 2021 and 2022 we illustrated our continued emphasis in this area with the establishment of an internal plugging operation providing us greater operation control of asset retirement. During this time we accomplished the following:

- Expanded asset retirement operations from one team and three rigs at December 31, 2021 to 12 teams and 15 rigs at December 31, 2022 through the successful acquisitions of three Appalachian asset retirement companies, which represent a significant portion of the total asset retirement capacity throughout Appalachia;
- Retired 214 wells, inclusive of our Central Region operations, at a consistent average cost of approximately \$23 thousand per well, outpacing calendar year 2021 and 2020 activity when we retired 136 and 92 wells, respectively at the same average annual cost of approximately \$23 thousand per well. These retirements were achieved one full year in advance of our stated goal to retire 200 wells per year by year-end 2023; and
- Secured contracts with the states of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania to use our enhanced asset retirement capacity to manage orphan asset retirement programs and/or participate in the retirement of those state-owned wells on their behalf. We expect these relationships to continue to grow as we further solidify our position as a market leader in asset retirement.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023 we retired 100 Diversified wells, inclusive of the Central Region, at an average cost of approximately \$20 to \$25 thousand per well. We also retired an additional 87 wells for third party producers. Our asset retirement program reflects our solid commitment to a healthy environment and the surrounding communities, and we anticipate continued investment and innovation in this area.

This growth in our asset retirement capacity provides us with the ability to further integrate our asset retirement operations and generate cost efficiencies across a broader footprint. It will also provide us with the ability to generate additional third-party revenues by providing a suite of services to other production companies which can be utilized to help fund the cost associated with our own asset retirement program. As a result, we aim to obtain a prudent mix of both cost reduction and third-party revenues to maximize the benefits of our internal asset retirement program.

The composition of the provision for asset retirement obligations at the reporting date was as follows for the periods presented:

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended	Year Ended		
	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Balance at beginning of period	\$457,083	\$525,589	\$346,124	\$199,521
Additions <sup>(1)</sup>	3,241	24,395	96,292	26,995
Accretion	13,991	27,569	24,396	15,424
Asset retirement costs	(2,077)	(4,889)	(2,879)	(2,442)
Disposals <sup>(2)</sup>	(6,314)	(16,779)	(16,500)	(3,838)
Revisions to estimate <sup>(3)</sup>	(12,942)	(98,802)	78,156	110,464
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$452,982</b>	<b>\$457,083</b>	<b>\$525,589</b>	<b>\$346,124</b>
Less: Current asset retirement obligations	4,517	4,529	3,399	1,882
<b>Non-current asset retirement obligations</b>	<b>\$448,465</b>	<b>\$452,554</b>	<b>\$522,190</b>	<b>\$344,242</b>

- (1) Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 4 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures.
- (2) Associated with the divestiture of natural gas and oil properties in the normal course of business. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 4 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures.
- (3) As of June 30, 2023, we performed normal revisions to our asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$13 million decrease in the liability. This decrease was comprised of a \$16 million decrease attributable to a marginally higher discount rate which was offset by an increase of \$3 million in cost revisions for our recent experiences. The marginal changes in the discount rate are a result of a decline in bond yield volatility over the first half of the year. As of December 31, 2022, we performed normal revisions to our asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$99 million decrease in the liability. This decrease was comprised of a \$145 million decrease attributable to a higher discount rate. The higher discount rate was a result of macroeconomic factors spurred by the increase in bond yields which have elevated with U.S. treasuries to combat the current inflationary environment. Partially offsetting this decrease was \$29 million in cost revisions based on our recent asset retirement experiences and a \$16 million timing revision for the acceleration of our retirement plans made possible by the recent asset retirement acquisitions that improve our asset retirement capacity through the growth of our operational capabilities. As of December 31, 2021, we performed normal revisions to our asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$78 million increase in the liability. This increase was comprised of a \$109 million increase attributable to the lower discount rate which was then offset by a \$27 million reduction in anticipated ARO cost. The remaining change was attributable to timing. The lower discount rate was a result of macroeconomic factors spurred by the COVID-19 recovery, which reduced bond yields and increased inflation. Cost reductions are a result of the expansion of our internal asset retirement program and efficiencies gained. As of December 31, 2020, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations which resulted in a \$110 million adjustment, of which \$103 million relates to macroeconomic factors stemming largely from the COVID-19 pandemic that reduced bond yields and resulted in a lower discount rate applied to our asset retirement obligations liability. The remaining \$8 million relates to pricing-related adjustments based on historical costs incurred to retire wells.

The anticipated future cash outflows for our asset retirement obligations on an undiscounted and discounted basis were as set forth in the tables below as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022. When discounting the obligation, consistent with IFRS guidance, we apply a contingency allowance for annual inflationary cost increases to our current cost expectations and then discount the resulting cash flows using a credit adjusted risk free discount rate resulting in a net discount rate of 3.6% and 3.6%, for the periods

indicated, respectively. While the rate is comparatively small to the commonly utilized PV-10 metric in our industry, the impact is significant due to the long-life low-decline nature of our portfolio. Although productive life varies within our well portfolio, presently we expect all of our existing wells to have reached the end of their economic lives and be retired by approximately 2095, consistent with our reserve calculations which were independently evaluated by third-party engineers as of December 31, 2022.

When evaluating our ability to meet our asset retirement obligations we review reserves models which utilize the income approach to determine the expected discounted future net cash flows from estimated reserve quantities. These models determine future revenues associated with production using SEC pricing then consider the costs to produce and develop reserves, as well as the cost of asset retirement at the end of a well's life. These future net cash flows are discounted using a weighted-average cost of capital of 10% to produce the PV-10 of our reserves. After considering the asset retirement costs in these models, our PV-10 was approximately \$8.8 billion, \$4.0 billion and \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively, illustrating cash flows from our reserves well beyond our retirement obligations.

**As of June 30, 2023:**

	Not Later Than One Year	Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	Later Than Five Years	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Undiscounted	\$4,517	\$17,360	\$1,670,290	\$1,692,167
Discounted	4,517	15,080	433,385	452,982

**As of December 31, 2022:**

	Not Later Than One Year	Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	Later Than Five Years	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Undiscounted	\$4,529	\$19,671	\$1,673,905	\$1,698,105
Discounted	4,529	17,314	435,240	457,083

**As of December 31, 2021:**

	Not Later Than One Year	Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	Later Than Five Years	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Undiscounted	\$3,399	\$17,210	\$1,594,853	\$1,615,462
Discounted	3,399	13,675	508,515	525,589

**Cash Flows**

Our principal sources of liquidity have historically been cash generated from operating activities. To minimize financing costs, we apply our excess cash flow to reduce borrowings on our Credit Facility. When we acquire assets to grow, we complement our Credit Facility with long-term, fixed-rate, fully-amortizing debt structures that better match the long-life nature of our assets. These structures afford us low borrowing rates and also provide a visible path for reducing leverage as we make scheduled principal payments. For larger value-adding acquisitions, and to ensure we maintain a leverage profile that we believe is appropriate for the type of assets we acquire, we will also raise equity proceeds through follow-on equity offerings.

We monitor our working capital to ensure that the levels remain adequate to operate the business with excess cash primarily being utilized for the repayment of debt or shareholder distributions. In addition to working capital management, we have a disciplined approach to managing operating costs and allocating capital resources, ensuring that we are generating returns on our capital investments to support the strategic initiatives in our business operations.

	Six Months Ended			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 172,566	\$ 204,987	\$ (32,421)	(16)%
Net cash used in investing activities	(250,017)	(122,118)	(127,899)	105%
Net cash provided by financing activities	74,330	91,915	(17,585)	(19)%
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$ (3,121)</b>	<b>\$ 174,784</b>	<b>\$ (177,905)</b>	<b>(102)%</b>

(In thousands)	Year Ended						
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	\$ Change 2022–2021	% Change 2022–2021	\$ Change 2021–2020	% Change 2021–2020
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 387,764	\$ 320,182	\$ 241,710	\$ 67,582	21%	\$ 78,472	32%
Net cash used in investing activities	(386,457)	(627,712)	(245,119)	241,255	(38)%	(382,593)	156%
Net cash provided by financing activities	(6,536)	318,709	3,127	(325,245)	(102)%	315,582	10,092%
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$ (5,229)</b>	<b>\$ 11,179</b>	<b>\$ (282)</b>	<b>\$ (16,408)</b>	<b>(147)%</b>	<b>\$ 11,461</b>	<b>(4,064)%</b>

#### Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, net cash provided by operating activities of \$173 million decreased \$32 million, or 16%, when compared to \$205 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. The decrease in net cash provided by operating activities was predominantly attributable to the following:

- A turnover in our working capital position of \$194 million, reflecting the impact of the rapid changes in commodity markets during the post-pandemic era. During the six months ended June 30, 2022 commodity pricing was rapidly accelerating allowing us to build a working capital benefit of \$92 million. When prices cycled back down in 2023 the build up in working capital began to unwind generating cash outflows of \$102 million; and
- These outflows from working capital turnover were offset in part by a \$59 million increase in Adjusted EBITDA as well as declines of \$64 million in other adjusting costs during the six months ended June 30, 2023 when compared to the six months ended June 30, 2022. Additionally, our hedge modifications transitioned from an outflow of \$7 million to an inflow of \$17 million offsetting an additional \$24 million in year-over-year working capital turnover.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, net cash provided by operating activities of \$388 million increased by \$68 million, or 21%, when compared to \$320 million in 2021. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was predominantly attributable to the following:

- An increase in Total Revenue, inclusive of settled hedges, which marginally offset the increases in expenses described above. This net increase in Adjusted EBITDA was then offset by the increases in cost associated with acquisitions and hedge optimization payments described in Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement; and
- Changes in working capital generated additional cash inflows, driven by increasing accounts payable balances, accrued liability, and distribution in suspense balances. These increases are a function of our period-over-period growth through acquisitions and the higher price environment experienced in 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash provided by operating activities of \$320 million increased by \$78 million, or 32%, as compared to \$242 million in 2020. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was predominantly attributable to the following:

- An increase in Total Revenues, inclusive of hedges, which marginally offset the increases in expenses described above. This increase was then offset by the increases in costs associated with acquisitions described above as well as by increases in hedge modification payments that were made to take advantage of the higher commodity price environment; and
- A meaningful increase in working capital inflows, driven by increasing accounts payable balances. This increase in accounts payable was a function of the increase in hedge settlement payments, as discussed above, and of increases that resulted from our growth through acquisitions.

Production, realized prices, operating expenses, and G&A are discussed above.

#### **Net Cash Used in Investing Activities**

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, net cash used in investing activities of \$250 million increased \$128 million, or 105%, from outflows of \$122 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. The change in net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- An increase in cash outflows of \$161 million for acquisition and divestiture activity resulted in cash outflows associated with acquisitions, net of proceeds from divestitures, of \$225 million during the six months ended June 30, 2023, compared to \$64 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. Refer to Note 4 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures; and
- The increase in cash outflows for acquisition and divestiture activity was offset in part by a \$13 million decrease in capital expenditures. Capital expenditures were \$32 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to \$45 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. This decrease in capital expenditures was primarily driven by a decline in development costs year-over-year due to the timing of completion activities.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, net cash used in investing activities of \$386 million decreased by \$241 million, or 38%, from outflows of \$628 million in 2021. The change in net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- A decrease in cash outflows of \$268 million for acquisition and divestiture activity provided cash outflows associated with acquisitions and divestitures was \$313 million during the year ended December 31, 2022 when compared to \$580 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures; and
- Capital expenditures were \$86 million for the year ended December 31, 2022 compared to \$50 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. This increase in capital expenditures is primarily driven by our growth through acquisitions year-over-year.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash used in investing activities of \$628 million increased by \$383 million, or 156%, as compared to \$245 million in 2020. The change in net cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- An increase in cash outflows of \$356 million for acquisition and divestiture activity resulted in cash outflows associated with acquisitions and divestitures of \$580 million during the year ended December 31, 2021, compared to \$224 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. Refer to Note 5 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures; and
- Capital expenditures were \$50 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 compared to \$22 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase in capital expenditures was primarily driven by



our growth through acquisitions year-over-year. As of and subsequent to December 31, 2021, we have not incurred any material capital commitments.

#### **Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities**

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, net cash provided by financing activities of \$74 million decreased \$18 million, or 19%, as compared to \$92 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. This change in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- Our Credit Facility activity resulted in net proceeds of \$209 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 versus net repayments of \$571 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022, with much of the decrease in our Credit Facility borrowings being attributable to the proceeds generated by the ABS notes in 2022;
- Our other borrowing structures generated net repayments of \$152 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, as compared to net proceeds of \$908 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022. This is primarily a result of the ABS III, IV, V, and VI issuances in 2022 to being held for a full reporting cycle when compared to 2023;
- An increase of \$157 million in proceeds from equity issuances as there were no issuances for the six months ended June 30, 2022;
- An increase of \$12 million in dividends paid for the six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2022; and
- An increase of \$73 million in hedge modifications as there were no financing-related hedge modifications for the six months ended June 30, 2023 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, net cash provided by financing activities of \$7 million decreased by \$325 million, or 102%, as compared to \$319 million in 2021. This change in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- Credit Facility activity resulted in net repayments of \$515 million in 2022 versus net proceeds of \$357 million in 2021, with much of the increase attributable to the issuance of the ABS III-VI Notes in 2022 which refinanced a portion of our Credit Facility by converting it to fixed rate, hedge protected, amortizing structures;
- Our ABS Notes and the Term Loan I generated net proceeds of \$967 million in 2022 which consisted of \$1.1 billion in proceeds, net of discounts, debt issuance costs and hedge book modifications, and \$232 million in repayments. By comparison our ABS Notes and Term Loan I had net repayments of \$67 million in 2021 with no comparative new issuances;
- A decrease of \$214 million in proceeds from equity issuances since we did not issue new equity in 2022;
- An increase of \$13 million in dividends paid in 2022 as compared to 2021;
- An increase of \$35 million in the repurchase of shares, inclusive of EBT repurchases, as there were no similar repurchases in 2021; and
- Restricted cash outflows increased by \$38 million year-over-year as a result of the establishment of the interest reserve required by our ABS III — VI Notes that were issued in 2022. No similar notes were issued in 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash provided by financing activities of \$319 million increased by \$316 million, or 10,092%, as compared to \$3 million in 2020. This change in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily attributable to the following:

- Credit Facility activity resulted in net proceeds of \$357 million in 2021 versus net repayments of \$223 million in 2020, with much of the increase attributable to the expanded borrowing base for acquisition activity;

- Structured debt facilities resulted in repayments of \$62 million in 2021, as compared to net proceeds of \$318 million (proceeds of \$353 million and repayments of \$35 million) in 2020. The increase in repayments is a result of the May 2020 issuance of the ABS II Notes and Term Loan I and a partial year of amortizing principal repayments in 2020;
- An increase of \$132 million in proceeds from equity issuances that raised \$214 million in 2021 as compared to equity issuances that raised \$81 million in 2020. The additional proceeds were used to finance acquisition activity;
- An increase of \$32 million in dividends paid in 2021 as compared to 2020;
- A decrease of \$16 million in the repurchase of shares as we did not repurchase any shares in 2021; and
- A decrease in restricted cash outflows of \$14 million year-over-year as a result of the establishment of the interest reserve required by our long-term financing agreements for the ABS II Notes and Term Loan I in the prior year. These reserves naturally decline over time with the amortizing nature of the financing structure.

Refer to Notes 13, 16, 18 and 21 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes 7, 8, 9 and 11 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding share capital, dividends and borrowings, respectively.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We may enter into off-balance sheet arrangements and transactions that give rise to material off-balance sheet obligations. As of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, our material off-balance sheet arrangements and transactions include operating service arrangements and \$11 million and \$11 million in letters of credit outstanding against our Credit Facility, respectively. There are no other transactions, arrangements or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons that are reasonably likely to materially affect our liquidity or availability of capital resources.

#### Contractual Obligations and Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

We have various contractual obligations in the normal course of our operations and financing activities. Significant contractual obligations as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	Not Later Than One Year	Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	Later Than Five Years	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
<b>Recorded contractual obligations</b>				
Trade and other payables	\$ 69,744	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 69,744
Borrowings	231,819	972,846	350,543	1,555,208
Leases	10,645	22,663	—	33,308
Asset retirement obligation <sup>(1)</sup>	4,517	17,360	1,670,290	1,692,167
Other liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	158,045	936	—	158,981
<b>Off-Balance Sheet contractual obligations</b>				
Firm Transportation	31,599	36,025	176,464	244,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$506,369</b>	<b>\$1,049,830</b>	<b>\$2,197,297</b>	<b>\$3,753,496</b>

- (1) Represents our asset retirement obligation on an undiscounted basis. On a discounted basis the liability is \$453 million as of June 30, 2023 as presented on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

- (2) Represents accrued expenses and net revenue clearing. Excludes taxes payable, asset retirement obligations, revenue to be distributed and the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree.

We believe that our cash flows from operations and existing liquidity will be sufficient to meet our existing contractual obligations and commitments for at least the next 12 months. Cash flows from operations were \$173 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, which includes only partial-year contributions from our Tanos II acquisition in 2023. Cash flows from operations were \$388 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, which includes only partial-year contributions from our acquisitions in 2022. As of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, we had current assets of \$339 million and \$354 million, respectively, and available borrowings on our Credit Facility of \$99 million and \$183 million, respectively, (excluding \$11 million and \$11 million in outstanding letters of credit, respectively), which could also be used to service our contractual obligations and commitments over the next 12 months.

#### ***Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings***

From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. We are not currently a party to any material litigation proceedings, the outcome of which, if determined adversely to us, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably expected to have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial position or results of operations. In addition, we are not aware of any material legal or administrative proceedings contemplated to be brought against us.

We have no other contingent liabilities that would have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### ***Environmental Matters***

Our operations are subject to environmental laws and regulation in all the jurisdictions in which we operate. We are unable to predict the effect of additional environmental laws and regulations that may be adopted in the future, including whether any such laws or regulations would adversely affect our operations. We can offer no assurance regarding the significance or cost of compliance associated with any such new environmental legislation or regulation once implemented.

In May 2022, we joined the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 (the “OGMP”), a multi-stakeholder initiative launched by the United Nations Environment Program and Climate and Clean Air Coalition in partnership with the European Commission, the UK Government, Environmental Defense Fund and other leading natural gas and oil companies, to further advance our commitment to reducing emissions.

The OGMP is a voluntary commitment which includes establishment of a credible pathway to attaining the “Gold Standard Compliance” designation for the natural gas produced by the Company. We have attained the “Gold Standard Pathway” for our implementation plan whereby we seek to improve our current measurement processes for natural gas emissions. We expect the impact on our operations to be improved efficiency and reduced emissions.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 3 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for information regarding recent accounting pronouncements applicable to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Refer to Notes 3 and 4 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 3 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for information regarding our significant accounting policies, judgments and estimates.

#### **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk**

We are exposed to a variety of financial risks such as market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, capital risk and collateral risk. We manage these risks by monitoring the unpredictability of financial markets and seeking to minimize potential adverse effects on our financial performance on a continuous basis.

Our principal financial liabilities are comprised of borrowings, leases and trade and other payables, used primarily to finance and financially guarantee our operations. Our principal financial assets include cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables derived from our operations.

We also enter into derivative financial instruments which, depending on market dynamics, are recorded as assets or liabilities. To assist with the design and composition of our hedging program, we engage a specialist firm with the appropriate skills and experience to manage our risk management derivative-related activities.

### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the possibility that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of two types of risk: interest rate risk and commodity price risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include borrowings and derivative financial instruments. Derivative and non-derivative financial instruments are used to manage market price risks resulting from changes in commodity prices and foreign exchange rates, which could have a negative effect on assets, liabilities or future expected cash flows.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

We are subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates. Our borrowings primarily consist of fixed-rate amortizing notes and our variable rate Credit Facility as illustrated below.

(In thousands)	June 30, 2023		December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Borrowings	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Borrowings	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Borrowings	Interest Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
ABS Notes and Term Loan I	\$ 1,281,889	5.68%	\$ 1,435,082	5.70%	\$ 461,685	5.54%
Credit Facility	\$ 265,000	8.65%	\$ 56,000	7.42%	\$ 570,600	3.50%

- (1) The interest rate on the ABS Notes and Term Loan I borrowings represents the weighted-average fixed-rate of the notes while the interest rate presented for the Credit Facility represents the floating rate as of June 30, 2023, December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Credit Facility transitioned from LIBOR to SOFR during the regular spring redetermination. We did not experience a material impact from the transition.

Refer to Note 21 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 11 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding the ABS Notes, Term Loan I and Credit Facility. The table below represents the impact of a 100 basis point adjustment in the borrowing rate for the Credit Facility and the corresponding impact on finance costs. This represents a reasonably possible change in interest rate risk.

Credit Facility Interest Rate Sensitivity (In thousands)	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
+100 Basis Points	\$ 2,650	\$ 560	\$ 5,706
-100 Basis Points	\$(2,650)	\$(560)	\$(5,706)

During 2022, we entered into four ABS financing arrangements with fixed interest rates thereby decreasing our exposure to rising short-term interest rates. We strive to maintain a prudent balance of floating and fixed-rate borrowing exposure, particularly during uncertain market conditions. As part of our risk mitigation strategy from time to time we enter into swap arrangements to increase or decrease exposure to floating or fixed- interest rates to account for changes in the composition of borrowings in our portfolio. As a result, the total principal hedged through the use of derivative financial instruments varies from period to period. The fair value of our interest rate swaps represents an asset of \$0.4 million as of June 30, 2023 and a liability of \$3 million and \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively Refer to Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 7 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

*Commodity Price Risk*

Our revenues are primarily derived from the sale of our natural gas, NGLs and oil production, and as such, we are subject to commodity price risk. Commodity prices for natural gas, NGLs and oil can be volatile and can experience fluctuations as a result of relatively small changes in supply, weather conditions, economic conditions and government actions. For the six months ended June 30, 2023 and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, our commodity revenue was \$456 million, \$1,873 million, \$973 million and \$382 million respectively. We enter into derivative financial instruments to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in commodity prices. The total volumes hedged through the use of derivative financial instruments varies from period to period, but generally our objective is to hedge at least 65% for the next 12 months, at least 50% in months 13 to 24, and a minimum of 30% in months 25 to 36, of our anticipated production volumes. Refer to Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Note 7 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

By removing price volatility from a significant portion of our expected production through 2032, it has mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on our operating cash flow for those periods. While mitigating negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits we would receive from increases in commodity prices. For further detail regarding the risks to our business resulting from commodity price volatility, see “*Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business, Operations and Industry — Volatility and future decreases in natural gas, NGLs and oil prices could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows or prospects.*”

**Credit and Counterparty Risk**

We are exposed to credit and counterparty risk from the sale of our natural gas, NGLs and oil. Trade receivables from customers are amounts due for the purchase of natural gas, NGLs and oil. Collectability is dependent on the financial condition of each customer. We review the financial condition of customers prior to extending credit and generally do not require collateral in support of their trade receivables. We had no customers that comprised over 10% of our total trade receivables from customers as of June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and one customer that comprised 13% of our total trade receivables from customers as of December 31, 2021. As of June 30, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, our trade receivables from customers were \$172 million, \$278 million and \$268 million, respectively.

We are also exposed to credit risk from joint interest owners, which are individuals and entities that own a working interest in the properties we operate. Joint interest receivables are classified in trade receivables, net in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. We have the ability to withhold future revenue payments to recover any non-payment of joint interest receivables. As of June 30, 2023, December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, our joint interest receivables were \$23 million, \$19 million and \$15 million, respectively.

The majority of trade receivables are current and we believe these receivables are collectible. Refer to Note 3 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information.

**Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the possibility that we will not be able to meet our financial obligations as they are due. We manage this risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves through the use of cash from operations and borrowing capacity on the Credit Facility. We also continuously monitor our forecasts and actual cash flows to ensure we maintain an appropriate amount of liquidity.

**Capital Risk**

We define capital as the total of equity shareholders’ funds and long-term borrowings net of available cash balances. Our objectives when managing capital are to provide returns for shareholders and safeguard the ability to continue as a going concern while pursuing opportunities for growth through identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions and constructing new infrastructure on existing proved leaseholds. Our

Board does not establish a quantitative return on capital criteria, but rather promote year-over-year Adjusted EBITDA growth. We seek to maintain a leverage target at or below 2.5x after giving effect to acquisitions and any related financing arrangements.

#### ***Collateral Risk***

We have pledged 100% of our upstream natural gas and oil properties in Appalachia and the upstream natural gas and oil properties in the Barnett Shale (excluding those in the Alliance, Texas area, which have been pledged under the Credit Facility) as of June 30, 2023 to fulfil the collateral requirements for borrowings under the ABS Notes and Term Loan I. Our remaining natural gas and oil properties collateralize the Credit Facility. The fair value of the borrowings collateral is based on a third-party engineering reserve calculation using estimated cash flows discounted at 10% and a commodities futures price schedule. Refer to Notes 5 and 21 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes 4 and 11 in the Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements found elsewhere in this registration statement for additional information regarding acquisitions and borrowings, respectively.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

During the preparation of our December 31, 2021 consolidated financial statements, we identified a material weakness pertaining to the completeness and accuracy of data provided to specialists used in the evaluation of fair value of natural gas and oil properties acquired in business combinations. During 2022, we implemented a remediation plan, primarily consisting of adding control activities to re-validate the completeness and accuracy of the data provided to specialists throughout the business combination business cycle for each acquisition. While we believe our remediation efforts were successful, we are also not currently required to evaluate our internal control over financial reporting in a manner that meets the rules and regulations of the SEC given our foreign private issuer status as a UK public company. As a result, we have not engaged our external auditors to perform an audit over our internal control over financial reporting. Upon completion of this listing, we will be subject to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 which requires that we include a report of management on our internal control over financial reporting in our second annual report on Form 20-F. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our second annual report on Form 20-F. No other material weakness in financial reporting has been identified in 2020, 2021, 2022 or during the first six months of 2023.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. See “*Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Ordinary Shares — Failure to comply with requirements to design, implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could have a material adverse effect on our business.*”

#### **C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, etc.**

Not Applicable.

#### **D. Trend Information**

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in this registration statement, we are not aware of any trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events since December 31, 2022 that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our revenues, income, profitability, liquidity or capital resources, or that would cause the disclosed financial information to be not necessarily indicative of future operating results or financial conditions. For a discussion of trend information, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects — A. Operating Results — Key factors Affecting Our Performance.*”

#### **E. Critical Accounting Estimates**

Refer to Note 4 (Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates) in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2022 found elsewhere in this registration statement for information regarding our significant judgments and estimates.

**Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees****A. Directors and Senior Management**

The following table presents information about our current executive directors and board members, including their ages as of October 31, 2023:

Name	Age	Position
Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr.	54	Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Bradley G. Gray <sup>(1)</sup>	55	President and Chief Financial Officer
Benjamin Sullivan	44	Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal & Risk Officer, and Corporate Secretary
David E. Johnson <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	63	Independent Chairman of the Board
Martin K. Thomas <sup>(3)</sup>	59	Vice Chairman of the Board
Kathryn Z. Klaber <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	58	Independent Director
Sylvia J. Kerrigan <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	58	Senior Independent Director
Sandra M. Stash <sup>(2)(4)(5)</sup>	64	Independent Director
David J. Turner, Jr. <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	60	Independent Director

(1) Mr. Gray was a director for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2022 and until September 15, 2023, but is no longer an executive director as of the date of this registration statement.

(2) Remuneration Committee member

(3) Nomination and Governance Committee member

(4) Sustainability and Safety Committee member

(5) Audit and Risk Committee member

The current business addresses for our executive officers and directors is c/o Diversified Energy Company plc, 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

**Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr.** is our co-founder and has served as our Chief Executive Officer since the founding of our predecessor entity in 2001. Mr. Hutson also serves on our board of directors. Prior to founding the Company, Mr. Hutson held finance and accounting roles for 13 years at Bank One (Columbus, Ohio) and Compass Bank (Birmingham, Alabama). Mr. Hutson has a B.S. degree in Accounting from Fairmont State College — West Virginia and received a CPA license (Ohio).

**Bradley G. Gray** has served as our President and Chief Financial Officer since September 2023, and prior to that served as Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer since October 2016. Prior to joining us, Mr. Gray served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Royal Cup, Inc. from August 2014 to October 2016. Prior to that, from 2006 to 2014, Mr. Gray served in various roles at The McPherson Companies, Inc., most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from September 2006 to December 2013. Mr. Gray previously worked in various financial and operational roles at Saks Incorporated from 1997 to 2006. Mr. Gray has a B.S. degree in Accounting from the University of Alabama and was formerly a licensed CPA (Alabama).

**Benjamin Sullivan** has served as our Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal & Risk Officer, and Corporate Secretary since September 2023, and prior to that served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since 2019. Prior to joining us, Mr. Sullivan worked with Greylock Energy, LLC (an ArcLight Capital Partners portfolio company) and its predecessor, Energy Corporation of America, from 2012 to 2017, most recently as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary from 2017 to 2019. Prior to that, Mr. Sullivan served as counsel for EQT Corporation from 2006 to 2012. He is a member of the leadership and board of directors of several commerce, legal and industry groups, and has considerable experience in corporate governance and reporting/ESG, complex commercial transactions, land/real estate, acquisitions & divestitures, financing, government investigations and corporate

workouts and restructurings. Mr. Sullivan received a B.A. from University of Kentucky and a J.D. degree from the West Virginia University College of Law. He holds licenses to practice law in several states, including Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

**David E. Johnson** has served on our board of directors since February 2017 and as our Independent Chairman of the Board since April 2019. He has worked at a number of leading investment firms, as both an investment analyst and a manager, and more recently in equity sales and investment management. Mr. Johnson currently serves on the board of Chelverton Equity Partners, an AIM-listed holding company, where he serves as a member of the Remuneration, Audit and Nomination committees. Previously, Mr. Johnson was a consultant at Chelverton Asset Management from August 2016 to February 2019. Prior to that, he worked as a fund manager for the investment department a large insurance company and then as Head of Sales and Head of Equities at a London investment bank. Mr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Reading.

**Martin K. Thomas** has served on our board of directors since January 2015. Since January 2022, Mr. Thomas has served as a consultant at the law firm Wedlake Bell LLP, from where he was previously a Partner from January 2018 to December 2021. During his more than 30-year legal career, Mr. Thomas has also served as Partner of Watson Farley & Williams LLP from February 2015 to April 2017 and as consultant of the same firm from May 2017 to May 2018. Mr. Thomas earned a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Reading and completed his Law Society Final Examinations at The College of Law in the UK.

**Kathryn Z. Klaber** has served on our board of directors since January 2023. Since 2014, Ms. Klaber has served as the Managing Director of The Klaber Group, which provides strategic consulting services to businesses and organizations with a focus on energy development in the United States and abroad. Prior to founding The Klaber Group, Ms. Klaber launched the Marcellus Shale Coalition, serving as its first CEO from 2009 to 2013. Previously in her career, Ms. Klaber also served as the Executive Vice President for Competitiveness at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Economy League, and consultant at Environmental Resources Management, where she gained significant experience in EHS strategy and compliance. Ms. Klaber received her B.A. in Environmental Science from Bucknell University and her MBA from Carnegie Mellon University.

**Sylvia J. Kerrigan** has served on our board of directors since October 2021. Currently, she is the Chief Legal Officer at Occidental Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: OXY). Prior to joining Occidental, Ms. Kerrigan served as the Executive Director of the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Center for Energy, Law and Business at the University of Texas, where she remains a member of the Executive Council. In Ms. Kerrigan's more than 20 years with Marathon Oil Corporation, she served in a number of roles overseeing public policy, legal and compliance, corporate positioning and external communications before retiring in 2017 after eight years as the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Ms. Kerrigan has also served as a director for Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc. since August 2022 and Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for Southwestern University since March 2014. Ms. Kerrigan holds a Directorship Certification through the National Association of Corporate Directors. Ms. Kerrigan earned a Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

**Sandra M. Stash** has served on our board of directors since October 2019. Ms. Stash joined Tullow Oil in October 2013 serving as Executive Vice President of Safety, Operations and Engineering, and External Affairs where she served until March 2020. Ms. Stash is a Certified Director of the National Association of Corporate Directors and currently serves on the boards of Chaarat Gold Holdings Limited (AIM: CGH), Trans Mountain Company, Warriors and Quiet Waters, Colorado School of Mines Board of Governors, First Montana Bank and African Gifted Foundation. Ms. Stash earned a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

**David J. Turner, Jr.** has served on our board of directors since May 2019. Mr. Turner has served as Chief Financial Officer of Regions Financial Corporation (NYSE: RF) since 2010 where he leads all finance operations, including mergers and acquisitions, financial systems, investor relations, corporate treasury, corporate tax, management planning and reporting and accounting. Prior to his appointment as Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Turner oversaw the Internal Audit Division for AmSouth Bank (which merged with Regions Financial Corporation in 2006) from April 2005 to March 2010. Before beginning his



banking career, Mr. Turner was a certified public accountant and an Audit Partner with Arthur Andersen and KPMG specializing in financial services clients. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Alabama.

#### ***Family Relationships***

There are no family relationships among any of our executive officers or directors.

#### ***Appointment Rights***

The Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, but so that the total number of directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with our Articles of Association.

No person (other than a director retiring in accordance with our Articles of Association) shall be elected or re-elected a director at any general meeting unless:

- he is recommended by the board of directors; or
- not less than 14 nor more than 42 days before the date appointed for the meeting there has been given to the Company, by a shareholder (other than the person to be proposed) entitled to vote at the meeting, notice of his intention to propose a resolution for the election of that person, stating the particulars which would, if he were so elected, be required to be included in the Company's register of directors and a notice executed by that person of his willingness to be elected.

Every resolution of a general meeting for the election of a director shall relate to one named person and a single resolution for the election of two or more persons shall be void, unless a resolution that it shall be so proposed has been first agreed to by the meeting without any vote being cast against it.

At each annual general meeting every director shall retire from office. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election, and a director who is re-elected will be treated as continuing in office without a break.

A retiring director who is not re-elected shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires.

If the Company, at any meeting at which a director retires in accordance with our Articles of Association, does not fill the office vacated by such director, the retiring director, if willing to act, shall be deemed to be re-elected, unless at the meeting a resolution is passed not to fill the vacancy or to elect another person in his place or unless the resolution to re-elect him is put to the meeting and lost.

## **B. Compensation**

#### ***Compensation of Executive Directors and Key Management Compensation***

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the aggregate compensation paid to the members of our board of directors and our executive officers for services in all capacities was approximately \$10 million. This amount includes the following compensation paid to our executive directors for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Name	Base Salary	Annual Bonus	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation	Total
<i>(Amounts rounded to the nearest thousand)</i>					
Robert Russell ("Rusty") Hutson, Jr.	\$719,932	\$1,072,488	\$49,276	\$4,029,582	\$5,871,278
Bradley G. Gray <sup>(1)</sup>	\$437,240	\$ 558,043	\$47,500	\$2,378,157	\$3,420,940

(1) Mr. Gray was a director for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2022 and until September 15, 2023, but is no longer an executive director as of the date of this registration statement.

*Pension, Retirement or Similar Benefits*

Our executive officers are entitled to matching contributions from us of up to \$23,100 per annum into their 401(k) retirement plans. They also receive a range of core benefits such as life insurance, private medical coverage and annual health screens.

***Non-Executive Director Compensation****Directors' Compensation Policy*

The aggregate fees and any benefits of the Chairman of the Board and non-executive directors will not exceed the limit from time to time prescribed within the Company's Articles of Association for such fees which is currently £1,055,000 per annum.

The following table sets forth the compensation paid during 2022 to the current non-executive directors, all of which was in the form of annual fees:

Name	Compensation <i>(amounts in \$)</i>
David E. Johnson	199,698
Martin K. Thomas	145,212
David J. Turner, Jr.	155,842
Sandra M. Stash	144,554
Melanie A. Little	145,108
Sylvia J. Kerrigan	120,275

In addition, non-executive directors are reimbursed all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties and any tax thereon in accordance with the Company's Non-Executive Director Expense Reimbursement Policy.

***Equity Compensation Arrangements****2017 Equity Incentive Plan*

Our board of directors adopted the Diversified Gas & Oil plc 2017 Equity Incentive Plan on January 30, 2017, which was amended and restated on March 29, 2021 (as amended, the "2017 Equity Incentive Plan"). Under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan the Company offers incentives to employees and executive directors. Awards granted under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan are administered by the board of directors (or duly constituted committee thereof), which are also responsible for, among other things, construing and interpreting the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Subject to certain conditions, a total of up to 65,680,609 new ordinary shares of the Company are or shall be, from time to time, available to satisfy awards under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares available for distribution under the Equity Incentive may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued shares, treasury shares or shares reacquired by the Company in any manner. The 2017 Equity Incentive Plan provides for the potential award of two types of share option awards: incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options. The 2017 Equity Incentive Plan sets out eligibility conditions that must be followed, including that incentive stock options are only to be granted to employees and each award granted under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan must be evidenced by an award agreement. The 2017 Equity Incentive Plan also provides for other awards consisting of stock appreciation rights, restricted awards, performance share awards and performance compensation awards. Performance compensation awards may take the form of a cash bonus, a portion of which may be deferred through the grant of restricted stock units. Award levels are determined each year by the Remuneration Committee. An award may not be granted to an individual if such grant would cause the aggregate total market value (as measured at the respective dates of grant) of the maximum number of shares that may be acquired on realization of the individual's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan awards in relation to the same financial year to exceed 200% of the individual's base salary at the date of grant. The vesting of awards granted to executive directors and other senior employees is normally dependent upon the satisfaction of stretching performance

conditions that are appropriate to the strategic objectives of the Company. If the Remuneration Committee so determines upon the grant of certain types of awards, the number of shares under an award may be increased to account for dividends paid on any vesting shares in the period between grant and vesting (or such other period as the Remuneration Committee may determine). Alternatively, participants may receive a cash sum equal to the value of dividends paid on any vesting shares in the relevant period. Where appropriate, awards under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan are granted subject to the Company's policy relating to malus and clawback and post-vesting holding periods. In any 10-year period, the Company may not grant awards under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan if such grant would cause the number of shares that could be issued under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan or any other share plan adopted by the Company or any other company under the Company's control on or after our admission on the LSE to exceed 10% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital at the proposed date of grant. The 2017 Equity Incentive Plan is governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

The following table summarizes the number of outstanding shares and options granted to executive directors and non-executive directors, as of June 30, 2023:

Name	Performance Stock Units	Stock Options	Exercise Price Per Ordinary Share (in £)	Grant Date	Expiration Date (if applicable)	Plan Name
<b>Executive Director</b>						
Robert Russell ("Rusty")						
Hutson, Jr.	—	1,286,666	£0.84	04/14/2018	04/14/2028	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	—	932,000	£1.20	05/09/2019	05/09/2029	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	1,113,874	—	n/a	03/15/2021	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	1,691,660	—	n/a	03/15/2022	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	2,113,938	—	n/a	03/21/2023	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
Bradley G. Gray <sup>(1)</sup>						
	—	589,721	£0.84	04/14/2018	04/14/2028	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	—	427,166	£1.20	05/09/2019	05/09/2029	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	684,825	—	n/a	03/15/2021	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	866,715	—	n/a	03/15/2022	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
	1,068,713	—	n/a	03/21/2023	n/a	2017 Equity Incentive Plan
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>						
David E. Johnson	—	—				
Martin K. Thomas	—	—				
David J. Turner, Jr	—	—				
Sandra M. Stash	—	—				
Kathryn Z. Klaber	—	—				
Sylvia J. Kerrigan	—	—				

(1) Mr. Gray was a director for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2022, but is no longer an executive director as of the date of this registration statement.

#### **2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**

We have adopted the Diversified Energy Company PLC Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the "ESPP"), which is intended to constitute an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The material terms of the ESPP are summarized below.

**Shares Available.** The maximum number of our ordinary shares that may be issued under the ESPP shall not exceed 6,000,000 ordinary shares.

**Administration.** Our board of directors or the remuneration committee will have authority to adopt such rules, regulations, guidelines and forms as they deem necessary for the proper administration of the

ESPP, to interpret the provisions and supervise the administration of the ESPP, and to take all necessary or advisable actions in connection with administration of the ESPP.

*Eligibility.* The plan administrator may designate certain of our subsidiaries and/or parent corporations, whether now or subsequently established, as participating “related corporations” in any given offering under the ESPP. Employees of our company and our designated related corporations are eligible to participate in the ESPP if they meet the eligibility requirements under the ESPP and applicable offering. Members of our board of directors, including executive directors, are not eligible to participate in the ESPP.

Subject to certain conditions and exceptions, the plan administrator may provide that each person, who, during an offering, first becomes an eligible employee, will receive a purchase right under that offering on a date specified in the offering. Employees who choose not to participate in an offering may enroll in any subsequent offering period, provided the eligibility and other applicable requirements are met.

In no event may an employee be granted rights to purchase stock under the ESPP if such employee, immediately after the grant, would own (directly or through attribution) stock possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of all shares of the Company or of any related corporation.

The plan administrator may establish sub-plans and initiate separate offerings through such sub-plans for the purpose of (i) facilitating participation in the ESPP by non-U.S. employees in compliance with foreign laws and regulations, without affecting the qualification of the remainder of the ESPP under Section 423 of the Code, or (ii) qualifying the ESPP for preferred tax treatment under U.S. or foreign tax laws. Alternatively, and in order to comply with the laws of a domestic or foreign jurisdiction, the plan administrator may, in its discretion, establish less favorable offering terms and conditions for citizens or residents of non-U.S. jurisdictions than for the employees residing in the United States.

*Participation in an Offering.* Eligible employees can become participants in the ESPP by enrolling and authorizing payroll deductions by the deadline established by the plan administrator for the applicable offering. Ordinary shares will be offered under the ESPP during the periods of time established by the plan administrator for each offering (i.e., offering periods). The length of offering periods under the ESPP will be determined by the plan administrator and may not exceed 27 months. Employee payroll deductions will be used to purchase shares on each purchase date during an offering period. The number of purchase periods within, and purchase dates during, each offering period will be established by the plan administrator. Offering periods under the ESPP will commence when determined by the plan administrator. The plan administrator may, in its discretion and subject to the ESPP requirements, establish new or different terms for future offering periods.

The ESPP permits participants to purchase our ordinary shares through payroll deductions of up to 15% of their compensation (as defined by the plan administrator in each offering), which may be determined as a percentage of compensation or a maximum dollar amount. Participants may reduce or increase their contributions during an offering period, so long as it is permitted in the offering, company policies and under applicable law. If required under applicable law or specifically provided in the offering, in addition to or instead of making contributions by payroll deductions, a participant may make contributions through the payment by cash, check or wire transfer prior to a purchase date.

In connection with each offering, the plan administrator may establish (i) a maximum number of shares that may be purchased by any participant on any purchase date during such offering, (ii) a maximum aggregate number of shares that may be purchased by all participants pursuant to such offering, (iii) a maximum aggregate number of shares that may be purchased by all participants on any purchase date under the offering, and/or (iv) a maximum and/or minimum contribution amount. In addition, no eligible employee is permitted to accrue purchase rights under the ESPP if such rights, together with any other rights granted under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company and any related corporations, permit such eligible employee’s purchase rights to accrue at a rate which, when aggregated, exceeds \$25,000 worth of shares during any calendar year during which such rights are outstanding (based on the fair market value of such shares determined at the time the purchase rights are granted).

On each offering date, each participant will be granted a purchase right to purchase our ordinary shares. On each purchase date, each participant’s accumulated contributions will be applied towards the

purchase of ordinary shares at the purchase price specified in the offering document. The purchase price will be established by the plan administrator, but will not be less than 85% of the lower of the fair market value of our ordinary shares on the offering date or on the applicable purchase date.

Subject to compliance with a withdrawal deadline, if any, participants may voluntarily end their participation in the ESPP by delivering to the Company a withdrawal form, and will be paid their accumulated but unused contributions that have not yet been used to purchase our ordinary shares. Upon such withdrawal, the participant's purchase right in the offering will immediately terminate. Participation ends automatically if a participant is no longer an employee for any reason or for no reason (subject to any post-employment participation period required by law) or otherwise becomes ineligible to participate in the ESPP.

*Transferability.* A participant may not transfer rights granted under the ESPP other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution or, if permitted by the Company, by a beneficiary designation.

*Certain Transactions.* In the event of capitalization adjustments (i.e., certain transactions or events affecting our ordinary shares, without the receipt of consideration by the Company, such as merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, reincorporation, share dividend, dividend in property other than cash, large nonrecurring cash dividend, share split, liquidating dividend, combination of shares, exchange of shares, change in corporate structure or other similar equity restructuring transactions), the plan administrator will make equitable adjustments to the ESPP and outstanding rights. In addition, in the event of a corporate transaction (as defined in the ESPP), (i) any surviving company or acquiring company (or its parent company) may assume or continue outstanding purchase rights or may substitute similar rights (including a right to acquire the same consideration paid to the shareholders in the corporate transaction) for outstanding purchase rights, or (ii) if any surviving or acquiring company (or its parent company) does not assume or continue such purchase rights or does not substitute similar rights for such purchase rights, then the participants' accumulated contributions will be used to purchase ordinary shares within 10 business days prior to the corporate transaction under the outstanding purchase rights, and the purchase rights and the ESPP will terminate immediately after such purchase.

*Plan Amendment; Termination.* The plan administrator may amend, suspend or terminate the ESPP at any time. However, shareholder approval will be required for any amendment of the ESPP for which shareholder approval is required by applicable law.

#### ***Insurance and Indemnification***

To the extent permitted by the Companies Act 2006, we are empowered to indemnify our directors against any liability they incur by reason of their directorship. We maintain directors' insurance to insure such persons against certain liabilities. We have entered into a deed of indemnity with each of our directors.

Further, we provide our directors with directors' liability insurance. Insofar as indemnification of liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our board of directors or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

### **C. Board Practices**

#### ***Composition of our Board of Directors***

Our board of directors is composed of seven members. As a foreign private issuer, under the listing requirements and rules of the NYSE, we are not required to have independent directors on our board of directors, except that our audit committee is required to consist fully of independent directors, subject to certain phase-in schedules. Our board of directors has determined that six of our seven directors do not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of director and that each of these directors is "independent" as that term is defined under the rules of the NYSE.

***Duration of Board Term***

Our executive director's service agreement is of indefinite duration, subject to termination by the Company or the individual on 6 months' notice. The service agreements of our current executive director complies with that policy. Each non-executive director serves on our board of directors for an initial period of 12 months, subject to re-election at each annual general meeting of the Company and are terminable on three months' notice given by either party.

***Executive Director Employment Agreements***

We entered into written service agreements with each of our executive directors who were on the board for fiscal year 2022. Each of these agreements contains provisions regarding non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality of information and intellectual property.

***Robert Russell ("Rusty") Hutson, Jr.***

We entered into a service agreement with Mr. Hutson on January 30, 2017. The Executive Director Remuneration Policy entitles Mr. Hutson to receive a base salary of \$749,840 for 2023 and an opportunity to earn an annual discretionary performance-based bonus of up to 175% of base salary, subject to the achievement of performance goals determined in accordance with our annual bonus plan.

Annual bonus plan levels and the appropriateness of measures are reviewed annually at the commencement of each financial year to ensure they continue to support the Company's strategy. The performance measures applied may be financial or non-financial; quantitative and qualitative; and corporate, divisional or individual and with such weightings as the Remuneration Committee considers appropriate. The metrics and weightings applicable in 2023 are as follows: 50% Adjusted EBITDA per Share, 20% Cash Cost per Mcfe and 30% ESG/EHS. Mr. Hutson is also entitled to automobile benefits and to participate in all our employee benefit plans, programs or arrangements in which other employees located in the United States are eligible to participate in, which includes a matching contribution under our 401(k) plan.

Either party may terminate the employment agreement by giving the other party at least six months' written notice, unless Mr. Hutson is terminated for cause (as described in Mr. Hutson's service agreement) or we instead terminate Mr. Hutson with immediate effectiveness and make a payment in lieu of notice equal to his basic salary that he would otherwise be entitled to for the whole or any remaining notice period. Mr. Hutson can also be placed on garden leave for all or part of the remaining period of his employment once notice to terminate employment has been served. Mr. Hutson's service agreement also contains restrictive covenants pursuant to which he has agreed to refrain from the following: (i) soliciting business from our key customers; (ii) carrying out business with our key customers; (iii) interfering with any of our key suppliers; (iv) soliciting any of our key employees; (v) employing or engaging any of our key employees; and (vi) competing with us, for a period of twelve months following termination of his employment.

***Bradley G. Gray***

Mr. Gray was a director for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2022, but is no longer an executive director as of the date of this registration statement. We entered into a service agreement with Mr. Gray on January 30, 2017. The Executive Director Remuneration Policy entitles Mr. Gray to receive a base salary of \$455,188 for 2023 and an opportunity to earn an annual discretionary performance-based bonus of up to 150% of base salary, subject to the achievement of performance goals determined in accordance with our annual bonus plan.

Annual bonus plan levels and the appropriateness of measures are reviewed annually at the commencement of each financial year to ensure they continue to support the Company's strategy. The performance measures applied may be financial or non-financial; quantitative and qualitative; and corporate, divisional or individual and with such weightings as the Remuneration Committee considers appropriate. The metrics and weightings applicable in 2023 are as follows: 50% Adjusted EBITDA per Share, 20% Cash Cost per Mcfe and 30% ESG/EHS. Mr. Gray is also entitled to automobile benefits and to participate in all our employee benefit plans, programs or arrangements in which other employees located in the United States are eligible to participate in, which includes a matching contribution under our 401(k) plan.

Either party may terminate the employment agreement by giving the other party at least six months' written notice, unless Mr. Gray is terminated for cause (as described in Mr. Gray's service agreement) or we instead terminate Mr. Gray with immediate effectiveness and make a payment in lieu of notice equal to his basic salary that he would otherwise be entitled to for the whole or any remaining notice period. Mr. Gray can also be placed on garden leave for all or part of the remaining period of his employment once notice to terminate employment has been served. Mr. Gray is also entitled to a severance payment equal to six months' salary in equal monthly instalments if he is terminated in certain circumstances, subject to Mr. Gray entering into a general release. Mr. Gray's service agreement also contains restrictive covenants pursuant to which he has agreed to refrain from the following: (i) soliciting business from our key customers; (ii) carrying out business with our key customers; (iii) interfering with any of our key suppliers; (iv) soliciting any of our key employees; (v) employing or engaging any of our key employees; and (vi) competing with us, for a period of twelve months following termination of his employment.

#### Corporate Governance Practices and Foreign Private Issuer Status

Companies listed on the NYSE must comply with the corporate governance standards provided under Section 303A of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. As a "foreign private issuer," as defined by the SEC, we will be permitted to follow home country corporate governance practices, instead of certain corporate governance practices required by the NYSE for U.S. domestic issuers, except that we are required to comply with Sections 303A.06, 303A.11 and 303A.12(b) and (c) of the Listed Company Manual. Under Section 303A.06, we must have an audit committee that meets the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. Under Section 303A.06, we must disclose any significant ways in which their corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies under NYSE listing standards. Finally, under Section 303A.12(b) and (c), we must promptly notify the NYSE in writing after becoming aware of any non-compliance with any applicable provisions of this Section 303A and must annually make a written affirmation to the NYSE. Further, an LSE listed company must disclose in its annual financial report a statement of how the listed company has applied the principles set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code, in a manner that would enable shareholders to evaluate how the principles have been applied, and a statement as to whether the listed company has (a) complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code; or (b) not complied throughout the accounting period with all relevant provisions set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code and if so, setting out: (i) those provisions, if any it has not complied with; (ii) in the case of provisions whose requirements are of a continuing nature, the period within which, if any, it did not comply with some or all of those provisions; and (iii) the company's reasons for non-compliance.

The table below briefly describes the significant differences between our UK corporate governance practices and the NYSE corporate governance rules.

Section	NYSE Corporate Governance Rules	UK Corporate Governance Practices
303A.01	A listed company must have a majority of independent directors.	At least half the board of a listed company, excluding the chair, should be non-executive directors whom the board considers to be independent.
303A.02	No director qualifies as "independent" unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with the listed company (whether directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the company).	The board of a listed company should identify in the annual report each non-executive director it considers to be independent.  Circumstances which are likely to impair, or could appear to impair, a non-executive director's independence include, but are not limited to, whether a director: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is or has been an employee of the company or group within the last five years;</li> </ul>

Section	NYSE Corporate Governance Rules	UK Corporate Governance Practices
303A.03	<p>The non-management directors of a listed company must meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. If a listed company chooses to hold regular meetings of all non-management directors, such listed company should hold an executive session including only independent directors at least once a year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has, or has had within the last three years, a material business relationship with the company, either directly or as a partner, shareholder, director or senior employee of a body that has such a relationship with the company;</li> <li>• has received or receives additional remuneration from the company apart from a director's fee, participates in the company's share option or a performance-related pay scheme, or is a member of the company's pension scheme;</li> <li>• has close family ties with any of the company's advisers, directors or senior employees;</li> <li>• holds cross-directorships or has significant links with other directors through involvement in other companies or bodies;</li> <li>• represents a significant shareholder; or</li> <li>• has served on the board for more than nine years from the date of their first appointment.</li> </ul> <p>Where any of these or other relevant circumstances apply, and the board nonetheless considers that the non-executive director is independent, a clear explanation should be provided.</p> <p>The chair of the board of a listed company should hold meetings with the non-executive directors without the executive directors present. The annual report should set out the number of meetings of the board and its committees, and the individual attendance by Directors.</p> <p>Further, the board should appoint one of the independent non-executive directors to be the senior independent director to provide a sounding board for the chair and serve as an intermediary for the other directors and shareholders. Led by the senior independent director, the non-executive directors should meet without the chair present at least annually to appraise the chair's performance, and on other occasions as</p>



Section	NYSE Corporate Governance Rules	UK Corporate Governance Practices
303A.04	A listed company must have a nominating/corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors, with a written charter that covers certain minimum specified duties.	necessary. A listed company should establish a nomination committee. A majority of members of the committee should be independent non-executive directors. The chair of the board should not chair the committee when it is dealing with the appointment of their successor.
303A.05	A listed company must have a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors, with a written charter that covers certain minimum specified duties.	A listed company should establish a remuneration committee of independent non-executive directors, with a minimum membership of three. In addition, the chair of the board can only be a member if they were independent on appointment and cannot chair the committee. Before appointment as chair of the remuneration committee, the appointee should have served on a remuneration committee for at least 12 months.
303A.06	A listed company must have an audit committee with a minimum of three independent directors who satisfy the independence requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10A-3, with a written charter that covers certain minimum specified duties.  As a foreign private issuer, we are required to comply with Section 303A.06, where we must have an audit committee that satisfies the requirements of Exchange Act Rule 10A-3.	A listed company should establish an audit committee of independent non-executive directors, with a minimum membership of three. The chair of the board should not be a member. The board should satisfy itself that at least one member has recent and relevant financial experience. The committee as a whole shall have competence relevant to the sector in which the company operates.
303A.08	Shareholders must be given the opportunity to vote on all equity-compensation plans and material revisions thereto, with limited exemptions set forth in the NYSE rules.	A listed company must obtain approval for it, or any of its major subsidiary undertakings (whether or not incorporated in the UK), to implement an employees' share scheme that involves or may involve the issue of new shares or the transfer of treasury shares or a long term incentive scheme in which one or more directors of the listed company is eligible to participate.
303A.09	A listed company must adopt and disclose corporate governance guidelines that cover certain minimum specified subjects.	The UK Corporate Governance Code applies to all companies with a premium listing, whether they are incorporated in the UK or elsewhere and it provides that a company must disclose specified information in its annual financial report to comply with certain provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code.

Section	NYSE Corporate Governance Rules	UK Corporate Governance Practices
303A.10	<p>A listed company must adopt and disclose a code of business conduct and ethics for directors, officers and employees, and promptly disclose any waivers of the code for directors or executive officers. To the extent that a listed company's board or a board committee determines to grant any waiver of the code of business conduct and ethics for an executive officer or director, the waiver must be disclosed to shareholders within four business days of such determination.</p> <p>We may choose not to disclose the waiver in the manner set forth in the NYSE corporate governance listing standards.</p>	<p>There is no requirement under UK law for a listed company to adopt a code of business conduct and ethics; we do not currently have a code of business conduct and ethics although may in the future choose to adopt one.</p>
303A.12	<p>(a) Each listed company CEO must certify to the NYSE each year that he or she is not aware of any violation by the company of NYSE corporate governance listing standards.</p> <p>(b) Each listed company CEO must promptly notify the NYSE in writing after any executive officer of the listed company becomes aware of any non-compliance with any applicable provisions of this Section 303A.</p> <p>(c) Each listed company must submit an executed Written Affirmation annually to the NYSE. In addition, each listed company must submit an interim Written Affirmation as and when required by the interim Written Affirmation form specified by the NYSE.</p> <p>As a foreign private issuer, we are required to comply with Section 303A.12.</p>	

Section 312.03 of the NYSE Rules also requires that a listed company obtain, in specified circumstances, (1) shareholder approval to adopt or materially revise equity compensation plans, as well as (2) shareholder approval prior to an issuance (a) of more than 1% of its ordinary shares (including derivative securities thereof) in either number or voting power to related parties, (b) of more than 20% of its outstanding ordinary shares (including derivative securities thereof) in either number or voting power or (c) that would result in a change of control. We intend to follow home country law in determining whether shareholder approval is required.

Section 302 of the NYSE Rules also requires that a listed company hold an annual shareholders' meeting for holders of securities during each fiscal year. We may follow home country law in determining whether and when such shareholders' meetings are required.

We may in the future decide to use other foreign private issuer exemptions with respect to some or all of the other requirements under the NYSE Rules. Following our home country governance practices may provide less protection than is accorded to investors under the NYSE listing requirements applicable to domestic issuers.

We intend to take all actions necessary for us to maintain compliance as a foreign private issuer under the applicable corporate governance requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the rules adopted by the SEC and NYSE listing standards.

Because we are a foreign private issuer, our directors and senior management are not subject to short-swing profit and insider trading reporting obligations under Section 16 of the Exchange Act. They will, however, be subject to the obligations to report changes in share ownership under Section 13 of the Exchange Act and related SEC rules.

#### **Committees of our Board of Directors**

Our board of directors has four standing committees: an Audit and Risk Committee, a Remuneration Committee, a Nomination and Governance Committee and a Sustainability and Safety Committee. Each of these committees will be governed by a charter that is consistent with applicable UK law, as well as SEC and NYSE corporate governance rules, effective upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this registration statement forms a part, and which will be available on the “About Us” section of our website at [www.div.energy](http://www.div.energy). Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference into this registration statement, and you should not consider information on our website to be part of this registration statement.

#### ***Audit and Risk Committee***

Under NYSE corporate governance rules, we are required to maintain an audit committee consisting of all independent directors, each of whom is financially literate and one of whom is designated as the audit and risk committee financial expert.

Our Audit and Risk Committee consists of Kathryn Z Klaber, Sandra M. Stash and David J. Turner, Jr. Mr. Turner serves as the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. All members of our Audit and Risk Committee meet the requirements for financial literacy under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE corporate governance rules. Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Turner is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the SEC rules and has the requisite financial experience as defined by the NYSE corporate governance rules.

Our board of directors has determined that each member of our audit committee is “independent” as such term is defined in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act, which is different from the general test for independence of board and committee members.

The Audit and Risk Committee charter will set forth the responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee consistent with UK law, the SEC rules and the NYSE corporate governance rules.

Upon completion of this listing, the Audit and Risk Committee will be responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing accounting policies and the integrity and content of the financial statements;
- monitoring disclosure controls and procedures and the adequacy and effectiveness of our internal financial control and risk management systems, including establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- monitoring, reviewing and discussing with the executive officers, the board and the independent auditor our financial statements and our financial reporting process;
- reviewing and approving the statements to be included in annual reports on internal control and risk management;

- the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of any registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit services;
- pre-approving the audit services and non-audit services to be provided by our independent auditor before the auditor is engaged to render such services;
- recommending the appointment of the independent auditor to the general meeting of shareholders;
- evaluating the independent auditor's qualifications, performance and independence, and presenting its conclusions to the full board on at least an annual basis;
- engaging independent counsel and other advisors;
- overseeing and advising the board on cybersecurity matters;
- obtaining sufficient funding to pay external advisors; and
- approving or ratifying any related person transaction (as defined in our related person transaction policy) in accordance with our related person transaction policy.

The Audit and Risk Committee will meet at least three times per year and at such other times as one or more members of the Audit and Risk Committee deem necessary and will meet at least once per year with our independent accountant, without our executive officers being present.

#### ***Remuneration Committee***

Our Remuneration Committee consists of David E. Johnson, Sandra M. Stash, David J. Turner, and Sylvia J. Kerrigan. Ms. Kerrigan serves as Chair of the Remuneration Committee. Under SEC and NYSE rules, there are heightened independence standards for members of the Remuneration Committee, including a prohibition against the receipt of any compensation from us other than standard board member and committee chair fees. Although foreign private issuers are not required to meet this heightened standard with respect to all members, as of the date of this registration statement, we have determined that all members meet this heightened standard.

The Remuneration Committee charter will set forth the responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee consistent with UK law, the SEC rules and the NYSE corporate governance rules.

Upon completion of this listing, the Remuneration Committee will be responsible for, among other things:

- identifying, reviewing, proposing and determining policies relevant to director compensation;
- evaluating each executive officer's performance in light of such policies and reporting to the board;
- analyzing the possible outcomes of the variable remuneration components and how they may affect the remuneration of the executive officers;
- recommending any equity long-term incentive component of each executive officer's compensation in line with the remuneration policy and reviewing our executive officer compensation and benefits policies generally; and
- reviewing and assessing risks arising from our compensation policies and practices.

The Remuneration Committee will meet at least two times per year and at such other times as deemed necessary.

#### ***Nomination and Governance Committee***

Our Nomination and Governance Committee consists of Kathryn Z. Klaber, Sylvia J. Kerrigan, and Martin K. Thomas. Ms. Klaber serves as the Chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

The Nomination and Governance Committee charter will set forth the responsibilities of the Nomination and Governance Committee consistent with UK law, the SEC rules and the NYSE corporate governance rules.

Upon completion of this listing, the Nomination and Governance Committee will be responsible for, among other things:

- drawing up selection criteria and appointment procedures for directors;
- reviewing and evaluating the size and composition of our board of directors and making a proposal for a composition profile of the board of directors;
- recommending nominees for election to our board of directors and its corresponding committees;
- monitoring the Company’s governance structure and trends and compliance with governance best practice;
- succession planning for directors;
- assessing the functioning of individual members of board of directors and executive officers and reporting the results of such assessment to the board; and
- developing and recommending to the board of directors rules governing the board, reviewing and reassessing the adequacy of such rules governing the board and recommending any proposed changes to the board of directors.

The Nomination and Governance Committee will meet at least two times per year and at such other times as deemed necessary.

#### ***Sustainability and Safety Committee***

Our Sustainability and Safety Committee consists of David E. Johnson, Kathryn Z. Klaber and Sandra M. Stash. Ms. Stash serves as the Chair of the Sustainability and Safety Committee. Our board of directors has adopted a Sustainability and Safety Committee charter setting forth the responsibilities, which include:

- overseeing the development and implementation by management of policies, compliance systems and monitoring processes to ensure compliance with applicable legislation, rules and regulations;
- establishing with management long-term climate, environmental and social sustainability, EHS and ESG goals and evaluating our progress against those goals;
- considering and advising management of emerging environmental and social sustainability issues;
- monitoring our risk management processes related to environmental and social sustainability; and
- reviewing handling of incident reports, results of investigations into material events, findings from environmental and social sustainability and EHS audits and the action plans proposed pursuant to those findings.

The Sustainability and Safety Committee will meet at least two times per year and at such other times as deemed necessary.

#### **Share Dealing Code**

The Company has adopted a code of securities dealings in relation to the ordinary shares which complies with the UK version of Market Abuse Regulation (No 2014/596/EC) as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended from time to time. Such code applies to the directors and other relevant employees of the Company.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

In connection with this listing, we plan to adopt a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“Code of Ethics”), applicable to our and our subsidiaries’ employees, independent contractors, executive officers and directors, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. Following the effectiveness of this registration statement, a current copy of the Code of Ethics will be posted on our website, which is located at

www.div.energy. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute a part of this registration statement and is not incorporated by reference herein.

#### D. Employees

As of December 31, 2022, we had 1,582 full-time employees.

The table below sets out the number of employees by geography:

Geography	As of December 31, 2022	As of December 31, 2021	As of December 31, 2020
EMEA	—	—	—
United States	1,582	1,426	1,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,107</b>

The table below sets out the number of employees by category of activity:

Department	As of December 31, 2022	As of December 31, 2021	As of December 31, 2020
Production	1,220	1,143	924
Production Support	362	283	183
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,107</b>

In line with industry standards in the country of employment, our employees maintain a range of relationships with union groups.

We have not previously experienced labor-related work stoppages or strikes and believe that our relations with our employees are satisfactory.

#### E. Share Ownership

For information regarding the share ownership of directors and officers, see “*Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions — A. Major Shareholders.*” For information as to our equity incentive plans, see “*Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — B. Compensation — Incentive Programs.*”

#### F. Clawback Policy

Not applicable.

### Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

#### A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth information relating to the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares as of October 31, 2023 by:

- each person, or group of affiliated persons, known by us to beneficially own 3% or more of our outstanding ordinary shares;
- each of our directors and executive officers individually; and
- all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

The number of ordinary shares beneficially owned by each entity, person, executive officer or board member is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares over which the individual has sole or shared voting power or investment power as well as any shares that the individual has the right to acquire within 60 days of October 31, 2023 through the exercise of any option, restricted stock unit (“RSU”), performance stock units (“PSU”), warrant or other right. Except as

otherwise indicated, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all ordinary shares held by that person.

Unless otherwise indicated below, the address for each beneficial owner listed is c/o Diversified Energy Company plc, 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242.

For further information regarding material transactions between us and principal shareholders, see “Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions — B. Related Party Transactions.”

Name of beneficial owner	Number of ordinary shares beneficially owned	Percentage of ordinary shares beneficially owned
<b>3% or Greater Shareholders</b>		
M&G Investment Management Ltd	61,964,389	6.41%
BlackRock	53,005,207	5.48%
Columbia Management Investment Advisors, LLC	47,961,224	4.96%
Vanguard Group Inc.	45,696,311	4.73%
Abrdn Investment Management Ltd	45,349,234	4.69%
JO Hambro Capital Management Ltd	43,429,215	4.49%
GLG Partners LP	43,115,229	4.46%
<b>Executive Officers and Directors</b>		
Robert Russell (“Rusty”) Hutson, Jr	24,152,890	2.49%
Bradley G. Gray	2,938,935	*
Benjamin Sullivan	616,280	*
Martin K. Thomas	2,245,000	*
David Johnson	475,000	*
David J. Turner, Jr.	538,475	*
Kathryn Z. Klaber	21,000	*
Sylvia J. Kerrigan	26,827	*
Sandra M. Stash	44,681	*
<b>All executive officers and directors as a group (9 persons)</b>	<b><u>31,059,088</u></b>	<b><u>3.20%</u></b>

\* Indicates ownership of less than 1%.

According to our registrar, as of June 30, 2023, there were 57 registered holders of our ordinary shares with addresses in the United States representing approximately 22.77% of our outstanding ordinary shares as of that date. Because some of the Company’s ordinary shares are held through brokers or other nominees, the number of record holders of the Company’s ordinary shares with addresses in the United States may be fewer than the number of beneficial owners of ordinary shares in the United States.

To our knowledge, other than as provided in the table above, there has been no significant change in the percentage ownership held by any major shareholder since January 1, 2020. The major shareholders listed above do not have voting rights with respect to their ordinary shares that are different from the voting rights of other holders of our ordinary shares.

We are not aware of any arrangement whereby we are directly or indirectly owned or controlled by another corporation, by any foreign government or by any other natural or legal person severally or jointly, nor are we aware of any arrangement that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of the Company.

#### **B. Related Party Transactions**

The following is a description of the material and/or non-ordinary course transactions we have entered into since January 1, 2020 with any of our directors or executive officers and the holders of more than 10%

of our ordinary shares. For a description of our agreements with our executive officers and certain of our directors, see “*Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — B. Compensation*”

Martin K. Thomas, a member of our board of directors, currently serves as a consultant at Wedlake Bell LLP (“Wedlake Bell”), the former UK legal advisor to the Company, where he was formerly a partner. During the years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Company paid fees in the amounts of \$41,000, \$0 and \$0, respectively, to Wedlake Bell.

#### **Transactions with Our Executive Officers and Directors**

For a description of our other agreements with our directors and executive officers, please see “*Item 6.B “Compensation*”

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers. Our Articles of Association allow us to indemnify our directors to the fullest extent permitted by law, subject to certain exceptions. See the “*Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — B. Compensation*” for a description of these indemnification agreements.

#### **Related Party Transaction Policy**

Prior to the completion of this listing, our board of directors plans to adopt a written related person transaction policy to set forth the policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of material and/or non-ordinary course related person transactions.

#### **C. Interests of Experts and Counsel**

Not applicable.

### **Item 8. Financial Information**

#### **A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information**

##### ***Consolidated Financial Statements***

See “*Item 18. Financial Statements*” for a list of all financial statements filed as part of this registration statement.

##### ***Share Consolidation***

In order to qualify for a listing on the NYSE, a company’s shares must have a minimum value of US\$4.00 at the time of listing. The closing price of our existing shares on the LSE as of November 14, 2023 was £0.7075 (equivalent to US\$0.88434 calculated on the basis of the pound sterling to US dollar spot rate of exchange rate (the closing midpoint) on the thereof). Accordingly, the board of directors proposes to implement a share consolidation of the Company’s ordinary share capital pursuant to which every 20 previously existing shares in issue at the consolidation record time will be consolidated into one new share, the purpose of which is to seek to ensure that the NYSE minimum share price requirement will be met on the effective date of the US Listing.

##### ***Share Repurchase Program***

In June 2023, we commenced a share repurchase program for an aggregate purchase price up to no more than £97.4 million or 97,410,000 of ordinary shares. In addition, 200,000 ordinary shares purchased as part of the share repurchase program at an average price of \$1.05 per ordinary share were concurrently canceled. These shares are included in the total number of share capital outstanding as of June 30, 2023.

All ordinary shares repurchased under share repurchase programs were cancelled resulting in a transfer of the aggregate nominal value to a capital redemption reserve. The total cost of the purchases



made under the share repurchase program during the period, including directly attributable transaction costs, was \$0.2 million. Total purchases under the share repurchase program will be made out of distributable profits.

#### ***Legal Proceedings***

From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Other than as described in Note 26 included in “*Item 18. Financial Statements — Audited Consolidated Financial Statements*”, we are not currently a party to any material litigation proceedings, the outcome of which, if determined adversely to us, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably expected to have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial position or results of operations. In addition, we are not aware of any material legal or administrative proceedings contemplated to be brought against us.

#### ***Shareholder Dividends***

We have historically declared dividends on our ordinary shares since the admission of our shares to listing on the premium segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the LSE. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, we declared and paid dividends of an aggregate of approximately \$84 million, \$72 million, \$143 million, \$130 million and \$99 million, respectively.

Under UK law, among other things, we may only pay dividends if we have sufficient distributable reserves (on a non-consolidated basis), which are our accumulated realized profits that have not been previously distributed or capitalized less our accumulated realized losses, so far as such losses have not been previously written off in a reduction or reorganization of capital. In addition, our ability to pay dividends is limited by restrictions under the terms of our Credit Facility. Our Credit Facility contains a restricted payment covenant that limits our subsidiaries’ ability to make certain payments, based on the pro forma effect thereof on certain financial ratios. For example, our subsidiaries subject to such restrictions under our Credit Facility, from whom we derive significant cash flow, are restricted from making certain dividends or distributions based on financial tests, giving pro forma effect to any such payment, relating to (a) Available Free Cash Flow (as defined in the Credit Facility) of greater than zero, (b) a total net leverage ratio of 2.5 to 1.0 for the trailing four quarter period, and (c) available Liquidity (as defined in the Credit Facility but in any event inclusive of borrowing capacity thereunder) of at least 25% of the borrowing base thereunder. Please see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”

While we cannot provide assurance that we will be able to pay cash dividends on our ordinary shares in future periods, our past practices, which were based on our historical performance and our ability to fund, (but subject to certain restrictions, including those above related to UK Law, and the terms of our Credit Facility), have been to use a portion of our cash flow and/or liquidity to pay dividends on our ordinary shares, subject to our financial condition, cash requirements, future prospects, commodity prices, the performance and dividend yield of our peers, compliance with the financial covenants and restricted payments covenant in our Credit Facility, profits available for distribution and other factors deemed to be relevant at the time and on the continued health of the markets in which we operate. Further, subsequent to our listing on the NYSE, while our Board’s evaluation of our ability or need to pay dividends will primarily remain a question of the foregoing factors, it will also take into account the performance of our ordinary shares, including relative to our peer group. There can be no guarantee that we will continue to pay dividends in the future on our ordinary share.

We have not adopted, and do not currently intend to adopt, a formal written Company shareholder dividends policy prior to the consummation of this listing.

#### **B. Significant Changes**

For information on any significant changes that may have occurred since the date of our annual financial statements, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.*”

**Item 9. The Listing****A. Listing Details**

Our only issued and outstanding shares are our ordinary shares of £0.01 nominal (par) value each. We have no other outstanding class of equity securities. Our issued and outstanding ordinary shares are fully paid. Our ordinary shares are in certificated and uncertificated form.

The principal trading market for the Company's ordinary shares is the London Stock Exchange, where the Company's ordinary shares are traded under the symbol "DEC."

We are in the process of applying to have our ordinary shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "DEC" (the "U.S. Listing"). We make no representation that such application will be approved or that our ordinary shares will trade on such market either now or at any time in the future.

Our ordinary shares are currently traded on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities and such trades are settled through the CREST system in the United Kingdom. Upon completion of the U.S. Listing, our ordinary shares will also be eligible to be traded on NYSE and such trades will be settled through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") system in the United States.

On the business day prior to the effective time of our U.S. Listing (the "Initial Depository Transfer Date"), all of our ordinary shares, other than those that bear a restrictive legend prohibiting such ordinary shares from being freely transferred in the United States whether pursuant to a contractual restriction or U.S. securities laws (such as legended ordinary shares, the "Restricted Shares"), held in uncertificated form within the CREST system will be transferred to Cede & Co. ("Cede") as the nominee operating on behalf of DTC, and deposited with DTC. In order to enable holders of uncertificated ordinary shares to continue to transfer and settle their interests through CREST after the Initial Depository Transfer Date in the manner in which they did prior to such time in all material respects, such shareholders will receive depository interests operated by Computershare Investor Services PLC (the "DI Issuer") through CREST representing ordinary shares ("DIs") on a one-for-one basis. Accordingly, after the Initial Depository Transfer Date, holders of uncertificated ordinary shares (other than the Restricted Shares) will instead be able to transfer and settle trades in respect of shares placed on the LSE through the transfer of DIs in CREST.

On the Initial Depository Transfer Date, all of our ordinary shares (other than the Restricted Shares) held in certificated form will also be transferred to and deposited with DTC. Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as election agent (the "Election Agent"), will hold such shares in custody, and holders of ordinary shares in certificated form will, for 180 calendar days, be given the opportunity, in respect of their underlying entitlement to shares, to elect to either: (i) have the book-entry interests transferred within DTC from the Election Agent to another bank, broker or nominee (selected by the holder) who is a participant in DTC or CREST; or (ii) hold the underlying shares in certificated form (in which case, the relevant book-entry interests held by the Election Agent within DTC shall be cancelled and a corresponding number of shares will be transferred from Cede to the electing certificated shareholder and a share certificate will be issued in respect of those shares). Following expiry of the 180-calendar day period (and in the absence of any election with respect to their shares), such holders will be issued a certificate in respect of their ordinary shares and will be the registered or record holder of such ordinary shares.

At the effective time of our U.S. Listing, all of our Restricted Shares will automatically be transferred to GTU Ops Inc. (as nominee for Computershare Trust Company N.A.), and Computershare Trust Company N.A. (as depository for the holders of the Restricted Shares) will issue depository receipts to such holders in respect of their Restricted Shares on a one-for-one basis. For additional details regarding our ordinary shares, see "*Item 10. Additional Information — A. Share Capital.*"

**B. Plan of Distribution**

Not applicable.

**C. Markets**

Our ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange ("LSE") under the symbol "DEC." We also intend to apply to list our ordinary shares on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "DEC."

**D. Selling Shareholders**

Not Applicable.

**E. Dilution**

Not applicable.

**F. Expenses of the Issue**

Not applicable.

**Item 10. Additional Information****A. Share Capital**

<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b><u>849,654,653</u></b>
Issuance of share capital (settlement of warrants)	513,901
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)	792,575
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	1,760,025
Repurchase of shares (EBT)	(15,790,396)
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(7,995,376)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b><u>828,935,382</u></b>
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	128,444,000
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	5,913,620
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(200,000)
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2023</b>	<b><u>963,093,002</u></b>

As of June 30, 2023, our issued share capital amounted to £9,630,930, represented by 963,093,002 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £0.01 per share. All issued ordinary shares are fully paid.

As of June 30, 2023, there were approximately 527 holders of record of our ordinary shares, which does not include beneficial owners holding our securities through nominee names.

**History of Share Capital**

In February 2023, we issued 128,444,000 ordinary shares at \$1.27 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$163 million, before deducting the underwriting discount. The aggregate underwriting discount to the bookrunners was approximately \$8.5 million. The issuance and sale included (i) a placement with Qualified Investors within the meaning of Article 2(E) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 and (ii) a retail offer made available only to existing shareholders of the Company in the UK. Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited, Tennyson Securities Limited and Peel Hunt LLP acted as joint global coordinators and bookrunners.

In May 2021, we issued 141,540,782 ordinary shares at \$1.59 per share to 76 accredited and/or offshore investors for aggregate gross proceeds of \$225 million, before deducting the underwriting discount. The aggregate underwriting discount to the bookrunners was approximately \$9.9 million. The issuance and sale included (i) a private placement to U.S. investors under Section 4(a)(2) and (ii) a public offering to offshore investors under Regulation S, through underwriters. Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited, Tennyson Securities Limited and Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited acted as joint bookrunners in connection with the public offering to offshore investors. DNB Bank ASA and DNB Markets, Inc. a subsidiary of DNB Bank ASA, Keybank Capital Markets, a trading name of Keybank Capital Markets Inc., Mizuho International plc, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, a bank chartered under the Bank Act (Canada), acting through its registered branch in the United Kingdom and RBC Europe Limited acted as co-lead managers in connection with the public offering to offshore investors.

In May 2020, we issued 64,280,500 ordinary shares at \$1.33 per share to 73 accredited and/or offshore investors for aggregate gross proceeds of \$85 million, before deducting the underwriting discount. The aggregate underwriting discount to the bookrunners was approximately \$3.1 million. The issuance and sale included (i) a private placement to U.S. investors under Section 4(a)(2) and (ii) a public offering to offshore investors under Regulation S, through underwriters. Stifel Nicolaus Europe Limited, Mirabaud Securities Limited and Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited acted as joint global coordinators and joint bookrunners in connection with the public offering to offshore investors. Cenkos Securities plc acted as our nominated adviser.

Since March 31, 2020, we have granted (i) an aggregate of 14,845,109 restricted stock units to our employees and (ii) an aggregate of 23,677,666 performance stock units to our employees.

### **Ordinary Shares**

In accordance with our Articles of Association, the following summarizes the rights of holders of our ordinary shares:

- each holder of our ordinary shares is entitled to one vote per ordinary share on all matters to be voted on by shareholders generally;
- the holders of the ordinary shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at our general meetings; and
- holders of our ordinary shares are entitled to receive such dividends as are recommended by our board of directors and declared by our shareholders.

### **Registered Shares**

We are required by the Companies Act 2006 to keep a register of our shareholders. Under UK law, the ordinary shares are deemed to be issued when the name of the shareholder is entered in our share register. The share register is therefore prima facie evidence of the identity of our shareholders and the shares that they hold. The share register generally provides limited, or no, information regarding the ultimate beneficial owners of our ordinary shares. Our share register is maintained by our registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC.

We, any of our shareholders or any other affected person may apply to the court for rectification of the share register if:

- the name of any person, without sufficient cause, is wrongly entered in or omitted from our register of shareholders; or
- there is a default or unnecessary delay in entering on the register the fact of any person having ceased to be a shareholder or on whose shares we have a lien, provided that such refusal does not prevent dealings in the shares taking place on an open and proper basis.

### **Preemptive Rights**

UK law generally provides shareholders with preemptive rights when new shares are issued for cash; however, it is possible for a company's articles of association, or shareholders in general meeting, to exclude preemptive rights. Such an exclusion of preemptive rights may be for a maximum period of up to five years from the date of adoption of the articles of association, if the exclusion is contained in the articles of association, or from the date of the shareholder resolution, if the exclusion is by shareholder resolution. In either case, this exclusion would need to be renewed by the company's shareholders upon its expiration (i.e., at least every five years).

On May 2, 2023, our shareholders approved the exclusion of preemptive rights, for an aggregate nominal value of up to £1,942,820, representing not more than 20% of the issued share capital as at March 21, 2023, subject to certain conditions, with such authority expiring at the conclusion of our next annual general meeting or, if earlier, June 30, 2024. Such exclusion will need to be renewed upon expiration

(i.e., on the conclusion of our next annual general meeting or, if earlier, June 30, 2024) to remain effective, but may be sought more frequently for additional five-year terms (or any shorter period).

### **Options**

As of December 31, 2022, there were options to purchase 7,513,331 ordinary shares outstanding with a weighted-average exercise price of £0.96 per share, and as of June 30, 2023, there were options to purchase 4,784,274 ordinary shares outstanding with a weighted-average exercise price of £1.02 per share. These options lapse after ten years from the date of the grant.

## **B. Memorandum and Articles of Association**

### **Articles of Association**

#### ***Shares and Rights Attaching to Them***

##### *Objects*

The objects of our Company are unrestricted.

##### *Rights Attached to Shares*

Subject to the Companies Act 2006 and to the rights conferred on the holders of any other shares, any share may be issued with or have attached to it such rights and restrictions as the Company may by ordinary resolution decide or, if no such resolution is in effect or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the board of directors may decide.

##### *Voting Rights*

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and any restrictions imposed in our Articles of Association and any rights or restrictions attached to any class of shares of our share capital, on a resolution, on a show of hands:

- every shareholder present in person shall have one vote;
- each proxy present who has been duly appointed by one or more shareholders entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote unless the proxy has been appointed by more than one shareholder entitled to vote on the resolution in which case: (i) where the proxy has been instructed by one or more of such shareholders to vote for the resolution and by one or more of such shareholders to vote against the resolution the proxy has one vote for and one vote against the resolution; or (ii) where the proxy has been instructed by, or exercises his discretion given by, one or more of those shareholders to vote for the resolution and has been instructed by, or exercises his discretion given by, one or more other of those shareholders to vote against it, a proxy has one vote for and one vote against the resolution; and
- each person authorized by a corporation to exercise voting powers on behalf of the corporation is entitled to exercise the same voting powers as the corporation would be entitled to unless a corporation authorizes more than one person, in which case: (i) if more than one person authorized by the same corporation purport to exercise the power to vote on a show of hands in respect of the same shares in the Company and exercise the power in the same way as each other, the power is treated as exercised in that way; or (ii) if more than one person authorized by the same corporation purports to exercise the power to vote on a show of hands in respect of the same shares in the Company, and they do not exercise the power in the same way as each other, the power is treated as not exercised.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and any restrictions imposed by our Articles of Association and any rights or restrictions attached to any class of shares of our share capital, on a vote on a resolution on a poll, every shareholder present shall have one vote for every ordinary share in our share capital held by him or his appointee, or and if entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all his votes in the same way.

For so long as any shares are held in a settlement system operated by DTC and a DTC Depository holds legal title to shares in our capital for DTC, (i) any resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a poll. Subject to the foregoing, at a general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless (before, or immediately after the declaration of the result of, the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded by:

- the chairman of the meeting;
- at least five shareholders present in person or by proxy having the right to vote on the resolution; or
- a shareholder or shareholders present in person or by proxy representing in aggregate not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares); or
- a shareholder or shareholders present in person or by proxy holding shares conferring the right to vote on the resolution on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than 10% of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right (excluding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote on the resolution which are held as treasury shares),

and a demand for a poll by a person as proxy for a shareholder shall be as valid as if the demand were made by the shareholder himself.

#### *Restrictions on Voting*

Subject to the board of directors' ability to decide otherwise, no shareholder shall be entitled to be present or to be counted in the quorum or vote, either in person or by proxy, at any general meeting or at any separate class meeting of the holders of a class of shares or on a poll or to exercise other rights conferred by the shareholders in relation to the meeting or poll, unless all calls or other monies due and payable in respect of the shareholder's shares have been paid up.

The board of directors may from time to time make calls upon the shareholders in respect of any money unpaid on their shares and each shareholder shall (subject to at least 14 clear days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) pay at the time or times so specified the amount called on their shares.

If a shareholder or a person appearing to be interested in shares held by that shareholder has been issued with a notice under section 793 of the Companies Act 2006 ("Section 793 Notice") by the Company and has failed in relation to those shares ("Default Shares" which expression includes any shares issued after the date of such notice in right of those shares) to respond to the Section 793 Notice by not providing the information required within 14 days following the date of service of the notice, the shareholder holding the Default Shares shall not be entitled in respect of the Default Shares to be present or to vote (either in person or representative or proxy) at a general meeting or a separate meeting of the holders of the same class of shares, or on a poll or to exercise other rights conferred by virtue of being a shareholder of the Company. For additional information permissible actions by the Company's directors with respect to Default Shares, see below under the subsection titled "— Other UK Law Considerations — Disclosure of Interest in Shares." The restriction on voting shall cease to apply: (i) if the shares are transferred by means of an excepted transfer but only in respect of the shares transferred; or (ii) at the end of the period of seven days (or such shorter period as the board of directors may determine) following receipt by the Company of the information required by the Section 793 Notice and the board of directors being fully satisfied that such information is full and complete; provided, however, the board of directors may waive these restrictions, in whole or in part, at any time.

#### *Dividends*

The Company may, by ordinary resolution, declare a dividend to be paid to the shareholders, according to their respective rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment of such dividend, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the board of directors.

The board of directors may pay such interim dividends as appear to the board of directors to be justified by the financial position of the Company and may also pay any dividend payable at a fixed rate at

intervals settled by the board of directors whenever the financial position of the Company, in the opinion of the board of directors, justifies its payment. If the board of directors acts in good faith, none of the directors shall incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss such holders may suffer in consequence of the payment of an interim dividend on any shares having nonpreferred or deferred rights.

No dividend will be payable except out of profits of the Company available for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, or in excess of the amount recommended by the board of directors. If, in the opinion of the board of directors, the profit of the Company justifies such payments, the board of directors may: (i) pay the fixed dividends on any class of shares carrying a fixed dividend expressed to be payable on fixed dates on the half-yearly or other dates prescribed for payment; and (ii) pay interim dividends of such amounts and on such dates as it thinks fit.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and except as otherwise provided by our Articles of Association or by the rights or privileges attached to any shares carrying a preferential or special rights to dividends, Company profits will be used to pay dividends on shares and all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares and shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any part of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.

No dividend or other monies payable by us on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against us. Any dividend unclaimed or retained in accordance with our Articles of Association after a period of 12 years from the date such dividend became due for payment will be forfeited and revert to us. The payment of any unclaimed dividend, interest or other sum payable by the Company on or in respect of any share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect of it.

Dividends may be declared or paid in any currency. The board of directors may agree with any shareholder that dividends which may at any time or from time to time be declared or become due on his shares in one currency shall be paid or satisfied in another, and may agree the basis of conversion to be applied and how and when the amount to be paid in the other currency shall be calculated and paid and for the Company or any other person to bear any costs involved.

Upon the recommendation of the board of directors and with the sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, all or any part of the dividend can be paid by the distribution of specific assets and the board of directors must give effect to such ordinary resolution. With the sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, the board of directors may offer any holders of ordinary shares the right to elect to receive in lieu of a dividend an allotment of ordinary shares credited as fully paid up, instead of or part of a cash dividend, subject to such exclusions or arrangements as the board of directors may deem necessary or expedient.

#### *Change of Control*

There is no specific provision in our Articles of Association that would have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control.

#### *Distributions on Winding Up*

If the Company is in liquidation, the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution of the Company and any other authority required by the Companies Act 2006:

- divide among the shareholders in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be earned out as between the shareholders or different classes of shareholders; or
- vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of shareholders as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit but no shareholder shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is any liability.

#### *Variation of Rights*

Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the rights for the time being attached to any class of shares in issue may from time to time (whether or not the

Company is being wound up) be varied in such manner as those rights may provide or (if no such provision is made) either with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the authority of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of those shares. The Companies Act 2006 provides a right to object to the variation of the share capital by the shareholders who did not vote in favor of the variation. Should an aggregate of 15% of the shareholders of the issued shares in question apply to the court to have the variation cancelled, the variation shall have no effect unless and until it is confirmed by the court.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by the rights attached to any class of shares those rights shall not be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* with them or by the purchase or redemption by the Company of any of its own shares.

#### *Alteration to Share Capital*

We may, by ordinary resolution of shareholders, consolidate and divide all or any of our share capital into shares of larger nominal value than our existing shares, or sub-divide our shares or any of them into shares of a smaller nominal value. We may, by special resolution of shareholders, confirmed by the court, reduce our share capital or any capital redemption reserve or any share premium account in any manner authorized by the Companies Act 2006. We may redeem or purchase all or any of our shares as described in the subsection titled “— *Other UK Law Considerations — Purchase of Own Shares.*”

#### *Preemption Rights*

In certain circumstances, our shareholders may have statutory preemption rights under the Companies Act 2006 in respect of the allotment of new shares as described in the subsection titled “— *Preemptive Rights*” above and the subsection titled “— *Differences in Corporate Law — Preemptive Rights*” below.

#### *Transfer of Shares*

Subject to the restrictions in the Articles of Association, a shareholder may transfer all or any of his shares in any manner which is permitted by the Companies Act 2006 and is from time to time approved by the board of directors.

An instrument of transfer of a certificated share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the board of directors may approve and shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and (except in the case of a fully paid share) by or on behalf of the transferee.

The board of directors may, in its absolute discretion refuse to register any instrument of transfer of a certificated share:

- which is not fully paid up but, in the case of a class of shares which has been admitted to official listing by the UK Financial Conduct Authority, not so as to prevent dealings in those shares from taking place on an open and proper basis; or
- on which the Company has a lien.

The board of directors may also refuse to register any instrument of transfer of a certificated share unless it is:

- left at the office, or at such other place as the board of directors may decide, for registration;
- accompanied by the certificate for the shares to be transferred and such other evidence (if any) as the board of directors may reasonably require to prove the title of the intending transferor or his right to transfer the shares; and
- in respect of only one class of shares.

All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company, but any instrument of transfer which the board of directors refuses to register shall (except in any case where fraud or any other crime involving dishonesty is suspected in relation to such transfer) be returned to the person presenting it.



***Shareholder Meetings****Annual General Meetings*

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, we are required to hold an annual general meeting each year in addition to any other general meetings in that year and to specify the meeting as such in the notice convening it. The annual general meeting shall be convened whenever and wherever the board of directors sees fit, subject to the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, as described in the subsections titled “— *Differences in Corporate Law — Annual General Meeting*” and “— *Differences in Corporate Law — Notice of General Meetings*” below.

*Notice of General Meetings*

The arrangements for the calling of general meetings are described in the subsection titled “— *Differences in Corporate Law — Notice of General Meetings*” below.

*Quorum of General Meetings*

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. At least two shareholders present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be a quorum for all purposes. If within 15 minutes from the time fixed for holding a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned for ten clear days (or, if that day is a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday, to the next working day) and at the same time and place, or electronic platform, as the original meeting, or, subject to article 36.4 of our Articles of Association and the Companies Act 2006, to such other day, and at such other time and place, or electronic platform, as the board of directors may decide. If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time fixed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

*Class Meetings*

The provisions in our Articles of Association relating to general meetings apply to every separate general meeting of the holders of a class of shares except that:

- the quorum for such class meeting shall be two holders in person or by proxy representing not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class (excluding any shares held in treasury);
- at the class meeting, a holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll and shall on a poll be entitled to one vote for every share of the class held by him; and
- if at any adjourned meeting of such holders a quorum is not present at the meeting, one holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy at an adjourned meeting constitutes a quorum.

***Directors****Number of Directors*

The board of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not, unless otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Company, be less than two nor more than 15 in number.

*Appointment of Directors*

The Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, but so that the total number of directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with our Articles of Association.

No person (other than a director retiring in accordance with our Articles of Association) shall be elected or re-elected a director at any general meeting unless:

- he is recommended by the board of directors; or

- not less than 14 nor more than 42 days before the date appointed for the meeting there has been given to the Company, by a shareholder (other than the person to be proposed) entitled to vote at the meeting, notice of his intention to propose a resolution for the election of that person, stating the particulars which would, if he were so elected, be required to be included in the Company's register of directors and a notice executed by that person of his willingness to be elected.

Every resolution of a general meeting for the election of a director shall relate to one named person and a single resolution for the election of two or more persons shall be void, unless a resolution that it shall be so proposed has been first agreed to by the meeting without any vote being cast against it.

At each annual general meeting every director shall retire from office. A retiring director shall be deemed to be re-elected, unless at the meeting a resolution is passed not to fill the vacancy or to elect another person in his place or unless the resolution to re-elect him is put to the meeting and lost.

A retiring director who is not re-elected shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires.

If the Company, at any meeting at which a director retires in accordance with our Articles of Association, does not fill the office vacated by such director, the retiring director, if willing to act, shall be deemed to be re-elected, unless at the meeting a resolution is passed not to fill the vacancy or to elect another person in his place or unless the resolution to re-elect him is put to the meeting and lost.

#### *Directors' Interests*

If a director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other directors. Where a director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors, unless the interest has already been declared.

Subject to the Companies Act 2006 and to declaring his interest in accordance with the Articles of Association, a director may:

- enter into or be interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or position in the management, administration or conduct of the business of the Company or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise;
- hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director for such period (subject to the Companies Act 2006) and upon such terms as the board of directors may decide and be paid such extra remuneration for so doing (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the board of directors may decide, either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration under any other provision of our Articles of Association;
- act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (except as auditor) and be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
- be or become a shareholder or director of, or hold any other office or place of profit under, or otherwise be interested in, any holding company or subsidiary undertaking of that holding company or any other company in which the Company may be interested. The board of directors may cause the voting rights conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or exercisable by them as directors of that other company to be exercised in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including the exercise of voting rights in favor of any resolution appointing the directors or any of them as directors or officers of the other company or voting or providing for the payment of any benefit to the directors or officers of the other company); and
- be or become a director of any other company in which the Company does not have an interest if that cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest at the time of his appointment as a director of that other company.

A director shall not vote (or be counted in the quorum at a meeting) in respect of any resolution concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying its terms), or the termination of his own appointment, as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested but, where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying its terms), or the termination of the appointment, of two or more directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested, those proposals may be divided and a separate resolution may be put in relation to each director and in that case each of the directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under the Articles of Association) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution unless it concerns his own appointment or the termination of his own appointment.

A director shall also not vote (or be counted in the quorum at a meeting) in relation to any resolution relating to any transaction or arrangement with the Company in which he has an interest which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest and, if he purports to do so, his vote shall not be counted, but this prohibition shall not apply and a director may vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning any one or more of the following matters:

- any transaction or arrangement in which he is interested by virtue of an interest in shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or otherwise in or through the Company;
- the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of:
  - money lent or obligations incurred by him or by any other person at the request of, or for the benefit of, the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings; or
  - a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part (either alone or jointly with others) under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- indemnification (including loans made in connection with it) by the Company in relation to the performance of his duties on behalf of the Company or of any of its subsidiary undertakings;
- any issue or offer of shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings in respect of which he is or may be entitled to participate in his capacity as a holder of any such securities or as an underwriter or sub underwriter;
- any transaction or arrangement concerning any other company in which he does not hold, directly or indirectly as shareholder, or through his direct or indirect holdings of financial instruments (within the meaning of Chapter 5 of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the UK Financial Conduct Authority) voting rights representing 1% or more of any class of shares in the capital of that company;
- any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not accord to him any privilege or benefit not generally accorded to the employees to whom the arrangement relates; and
- the purchase or maintenance of insurance for the benefit of directors or for the benefit of persons including directors.

If any question arises at any meeting as to whether an interest of a director (other than the chairman of the meeting) may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest or as to the entitlement of any director (other than the chairman of the meeting) to vote in relation to a transaction or arrangement with the Company and the question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, the question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to the director concerned shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the director concerned, so far as known to him, has not been fairly disclosed. If any question shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting and is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, the question shall be decided by a resolution of the board of directors (for which purpose the chairman shall be counted in the quorum but shall not vote on the matter) and the resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the chairman of the meeting, so far as known to him, has not been fairly disclosed.

*Directors' Fees and Remuneration*

The directors shall be paid such fees not exceeding in aggregate £1,055,000 per annum (or such larger sum as the Company may, by ordinary resolution, determine) as the board of directors may decide, to be divided among them in such proportion and manner as they may agree or, failing agreement, equally. Any such fee payable shall be distinct from any remuneration or other amounts payable to a director under other provisions of our Articles of Association and shall accrue from day to day.

The board of directors may grant special remuneration to any director who performs any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company.

Such special remuneration may be paid by way of lump sum, salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise as the board of directors may decide in addition to any remuneration payable under or pursuant to any other provision of our Articles of Association.

A director shall be paid out of the funds of the Company all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in and about the discharge of his duties, including his expenses of travelling to and from board meetings, committee meetings and general meetings. Subject to any guidelines and procedures established from time to time by the board of directors, a director may also be paid out of the funds of the Company all expenses incurred by him in obtaining professional advice in connection with the affairs of the Company or the discharge of his duties as a director.

The board of directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to:

- pay, provide, arrange or procure the grant of pensions or other retirement benefits, death, disability or sickness benefits, health, accident and other insurances or other such benefits, allowances, gratuities or insurances, including in relation to the termination of employment, to or for the benefit of any person who is or has been at any time a director of the Company or in the employment or service of the Company or of any body corporate which is or was associated with the Company or of the predecessors in business of the Company or any such associated body corporate, or the relatives or dependents of any such person. For that purpose, the board of directors may procure the establishment and maintenance of, or participation in, or contribution to, any pension fund, scheme or arrangement and the payment of any insurance premiums;
- establish, maintain, adopt and enable participation in any profit sharing or incentive scheme including shares, share options or cash or any similar schemes for the benefit of any director or employee of the Company or of any associated body corporate, and to lend money to any such director or employee or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such schemes to be established, maintained or adopted; and
- support and subscribe to any institution or association which may be for the benefit of the Company or of any associated body corporate or any directors or employees of the Company or associated body corporate or their relatives or dependents or connected with any town or place where the Company or an associated body corporate carries on business, and to support and subscribe to any charitable or public object whatsoever.

*Borrowing Powers*

The board of directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, to guarantee, to indemnify, to mortgage or charge all or any part of its undertaking, property, assets (present and future) and uncalled capital, and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party. There is no requirement on the directors to restrict the borrowing of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings.

*Indemnity*

As far as the Companies Act 2006 allows, the Company may:

- (a) indemnify any director of the Company (or of an associated body corporate) against any liability;

(b) indemnify a director of a company that is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme for employees (or former employees) of the Company (or of an associated body corporate) against liability incurred in connection with the company's activities as trustee of the scheme;

(c) purchase and maintain insurance against any liability for any director referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) above; and

(d) provide any director referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b) above with funds (whether by loan or otherwise) to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending any criminal, regulatory or civil proceedings or in connection with an application for relief (or to enable any such director to avoid incurring such expenditure),

the powers given by our Articles of Association shall not limit any general powers of the Company to grant indemnities, purchase and maintain insurance or provide funds (whether by way of loan or otherwise) to any person in connection with any legal or regulatory proceedings or applications for relief.

#### **Other UK Law Considerations**

##### ***Notification of Voting Rights***

A shareholder in a public company incorporated in the United Kingdom whose shares are admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the LSE is required pursuant to Rule 5 of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules of the UK Financial Conduct Authority to notify us of the percentage of his voting rights if the percentage of voting rights that he holds as a shareholder or through his direct or indirect holding of financial instruments (or a combination of such holdings) reaches, exceeds or falls below 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 7%, 8%, 9%, 10% and each 1% threshold thereafter up to 100% as a result of an acquisition or disposal of shares or financial instruments.

##### ***Mandatory Purchases and Acquisitions***

Pursuant to Sections 979 to 991 of the Companies Act 2006, where a takeover offer has been made for us and the offeror has acquired or unconditionally contracted to acquire not less than 90% in value of the shares to which the offer relates and not less than 90% of the voting rights carried by those shares, the offeror may give notice to the holder of any shares to which the offer relates which the offeror has not acquired or unconditionally contracted to acquire that he wishes to acquire, and is entitled to so acquire, those shares on the same terms as the general offer. The offeror would do so by sending a notice to the outstanding minority shareholders telling them that it will compulsorily acquire their shares. Such notice must be sent within three months of the last day on which the offer can be accepted in the prescribed manner. The squeeze-out of the minority shareholders can be completed at the end of six weeks from the date the notice has been given, subject to the minority shareholders failing to successfully lodge an application to the court to prevent such squeeze-out any time prior to the end of those six weeks following which the offeror can execute a transfer of the outstanding shares in its favor and pay the consideration to us, which would hold the consideration on trust for the outstanding minority shareholders. The consideration offered to the outstanding minority shareholders whose shares are compulsorily acquired under the Companies Act 2006 must, in general, be the same as the consideration that was available under the takeover offer.

##### ***Sell Out***

The Companies Act 2006 also gives our minority shareholders a right to be bought out in certain circumstances by an offeror who has made a takeover offer for all of our shares. The holder of shares to which the offer relates, and who has not otherwise accepted the offer, may require the offeror to acquire his shares if, prior to the expiry of the acceptance period for such offer, (i) the offeror has acquired or unconditionally agreed to acquire not less than 90% in value of the voting shares, and (ii) not less than 90% of the voting rights carried by those shares. The offeror may impose a time limit on the rights of minority shareholders to be bought out that is not less than three months after the end of the acceptance period. If a shareholder exercises his rights to be bought out, the offeror is required to acquire those shares on the terms of this offer or on such other terms as may be agreed.

***Disclosure of Interest in Shares***

Pursuant to Part 22 of the Companies Act 2006, we are empowered by notice in writing to any person whom we know or have reasonable cause to believe to be interested in our shares, or at any time during the three years immediately preceding the date on which the notice is issued has been so interested, within a reasonable time to disclose to us particulars of that person's interest and (so far as is within his knowledge) particulars of any other interest that subsists or subsisted in those shares.

Under our Articles of Association, if a person defaults in supplying us with the required particulars in relation to the shares in question or the default shares within the prescribed period, the directors may by notice direct that:

- in respect of the default shares, the relevant shareholder shall not be entitled to attend or vote (either in person or by proxy) at any general meeting or of a general meeting of the holders of a class of shares or upon any poll or to exercise any right conferred by the default shares;
- where the default shares represent at least 0.25% of their class, (i) any dividend or other money payable in respect of the default shares shall be retained by us without liability to pay interest, and/or (ii) no transfers by the relevant shareholder of any default shares may be registered (unless the shareholder himself is not in default and the shareholder proves to the satisfaction of the board that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the default shares); and/or
- any shares held by the relevant shareholder in uncertificated form shall be converted into certificated form and that shareholder shall not after that be entitled to convert all or any shares held by him into uncertificated form (unless the shareholder himself is not in default as regards supplying the information required and the shareholder proves to the satisfaction of the board that, after due and careful inquiry, the shareholder is satisfied that none of the shares he is proposing to convert into uncertificated form is a default share).

***Purchase of Own Shares***

Under UK law, a limited company may only purchase its own shares out of the distributable profits of the company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose of financing the purchase, provided that they are not restricted from doing so by their articles. A limited company may not purchase its own shares if, as a result of the purchase, there would no longer be any issued shares of the company other than redeemable shares or shares held as treasury shares. Shares must be fully paid in order to be repurchased.

Subject to the above, we may purchase our own shares in the manner prescribed below. We may make a market purchase of our own fully paid shares pursuant to an ordinary resolution of shareholders. The resolution authorizing the purchase must:

- specify the maximum number of shares authorized to be acquired;
- determine the maximum and minimum prices that may be paid for the shares; and
- specify a date, not being later than five years after the passing of the resolution, on which the authority to purchase is to expire.

We may purchase our own fully paid shares other than on a recognized investment exchange pursuant to a purchase contract authorized by resolution of shareholders before the purchase takes place. Any authority will not be effective if any shareholder from whom we propose to purchase shares votes on the resolution and the resolution would not have been passed if he had not done so. The resolution authorizing the purchase must specify a date, not being later than five years after the passing of the resolution, on which the authority to purchase is to expire.

***Distributions and Dividends***

Under the Companies Act 2006, before a company can lawfully make a distribution or dividend, it must ensure that it has sufficient distributable reserves (on a non-consolidated basis). The basic rule is that

a company's profits available for the purpose of making a distribution are its accumulated, realized profits, so far as not previously utilized by distribution or capitalization, less its accumulated, realized losses, so far as not previously written off in a reduction or reorganization of capital duly made. The requirement to have sufficient distributable reserves before a distribution or dividend can be paid applies to us and to each of our subsidiaries that has been incorporated under UK law.

It is not sufficient that we, as a UK public company, have made a distributable profit for the purpose of making a distribution. An additional capital maintenance requirement is imposed on us to ensure that the net worth of the company is at least equal to the amount of its capital. A UK public company can only make a distribution:

- if, at the time that the distribution is made, the amount of its net assets (that is, the total excess of assets over liabilities) is not less than the total of its called-up share capital and undistributable reserves; and
- if, and to the extent that, the distribution itself, at the time that it is made, does not reduce the amount of the net assets to less than that total.

#### ***City Code on Takeovers and Mergers***

As a public company incorporated in the United Kingdom with our registered office in the United Kingdom and whose shares are admitted to the premium segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority and to trading on the Main Market of the LSE, we are subject to the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "City Code"), which is issued and administered by the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel"). The City Code provides a framework within which takeovers of companies subject to it are conducted. In particular, the City Code contains certain rules in respect of mandatory offers. Under Rule 9 of the City Code, if a person:

- acquires an interest in our shares which, when taken together with shares in which he or persons acting in concert with him are interested, carries 30% or more of the voting rights of our shares; or
- who, together with persons acting in concert with him, is interested in shares that in the aggregate carry not less than 30% and not more than 50% of the voting rights of our shares, and such persons, or any person acting in concert with him, acquires additional interests in shares that increase the percentage of shares carrying voting rights in which that person is interested,

the acquirer and depending on the circumstances, its concert parties, would be required (except with the consent of the Panel) to make a cash offer for our outstanding shares at a price not less than the highest price paid for any interests in the shares by the acquirer or its concert parties during the previous 12 months.

#### ***Exchange Controls***

There are no governmental laws, decrees, regulations or other legislation in the United Kingdom that may affect the import or export of capital, including the availability of cash and cash equivalents for use by us, or that may affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments by us to non-resident holders of our ordinary shares, other than withholding tax requirements. There is no limitation imposed by UK law or in our Articles of Association on the right of non-residents to hold or vote shares.

#### ***Differences in Corporate Law***

The applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2006 differ from laws applicable to U.S. corporations and their shareholders. Set forth below is a summary of certain differences between the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to us and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware relating to shareholders' rights and protections. This summary is not intended to be a complete discussion of the respective rights and it is qualified in its entirety by reference to Delaware law and UK law.

	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>Appointment and Number of Directors</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, a public limited company must have at least two directors, and the number of directors may be fixed by or in the manner provided in a company's articles of association.	Under Delaware law, a corporation must have at least one director, and the number of directors shall be fixed by or in the manner provided in the by-laws.
<b>Removal of Directors</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, shareholders may remove a director without cause by an ordinary resolution (which is passed by a simple majority of those voting in person or by proxy at a general meeting) irrespective of any provisions of any service contract the director has with the company, provided 28 clear days' notice of the resolution has been given to the company and its shareholders. On receipt of notice of an intended resolution to remove a director, the company must forthwith send a copy of the notice to the director concerned. Certain other procedural requirements under the Companies Act 2006 must also be followed, such as allowing the director to make representations against his or her removal either at the meeting or in writing.	Under Delaware law, any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors, except (i) unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise, in the case of a corporation whose board of directors is classified, stockholders may effect such removal only for cause; or (ii) in the case of a corporation having cumulative voting, if less than the entire board of directors is to be removed, no director may be removed without cause if the votes cast against his removal would be sufficient to elect him if then cumulatively voted at an election of the entire board of directors, or, if there are classes of directors, at an election of the class of directors of which he is a part.
<b>Vacancies on the Board of Directors</b>	Under UK law, the procedure by which directors, other than a company's initial directors, are appointed is generally set out in a company's articles of association, provided that where two or more persons are appointed as directors of a public limited company by resolution of the shareholders, resolutions appointing each director must be voted on individually.	Under Delaware law, vacancies and newly created directorships may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office (even though less than a quorum) or by a sole remaining director unless (i) otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the corporation or (ii) the certificate of incorporation directs that a particular class of stock is to elect such director, in which case a majority of the other directors elected by such class, or a sole remaining director elected by such class, will fill such vacancy.
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, a public limited company must hold an annual general meeting in each six-month period following the company's annual accounting reference date.	Under Delaware law, the annual meeting of stockholders shall be held at such place, on such date and at such time as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors or as provided in the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws.



	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>General Meeting</b>	<p>Under the Companies Act 2006, a general meeting of the shareholders of a public limited company may be called by the directors.</p> <p>Shareholders holding at least 5% of the paid-up capital of the company carrying voting rights at general meetings (excluding nay paid up capital held as treasury shares) can require the directors to call a general meeting, and, if the directors fail to do so within a certain period, may themselves convene a general meeting.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorized by the certificate of incorporation or by the by-laws.</p>
<b>Notice of General Meetings</b>	<p>Under the Companies Act 2006, 21 clear days' notice must be given for an annual general meeting and any resolutions to be proposed at the meeting. Subject to a company's articles of association providing for a longer period, at least 14 clear days' notice is required for any other general meeting. In addition, certain matters, such as the removal of directors or auditors, require special notice, which is 28 clear days' notice. The shareholders of a company may in all cases consent to a shorter notice period, the proportion of shareholders' consent required being 100% of those entitled to attend and vote in the case of an annual general meeting and, in the case of any other general meeting, a majority in number of the shareholders having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority who together hold not less than 95% in nominal value of the shares giving a right to attend and vote at the meeting.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation or by-laws, written notice of any meeting of the stockholders must be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at the meeting not less than ten nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting and shall specify the place, date, hour, and purpose or purposes of the meeting.</p>
<b>Proxy</b>	<p>Under the Companies Act 2006, at any meeting of shareholders, a shareholder may designate another person to attend, speak and vote at the meeting on their behalf by proxy.</p>	<p>Under Delaware law, at any meeting of stockholders, a stockholder may designate another person to act for such stockholder by proxy, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A director of a Delaware corporation may not issue a proxy representing the director's vote (written or verbal) via another board</p>

	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>Preemptive Rights</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, “equity securities,” being (i) shares in a company other than shares that, with respect to dividends and capital, carry a right to participate only up to a specified amount in a distribution (“ordinary shares”) or (ii) rights to subscribe for, or to convert securities into, ordinary shares, proposed to be allotted for cash must be offered first to the existing equity shareholders in the company in proportion to the respective nominal value of their holdings, unless an exception applies or a special resolution to the contrary has been passed by shareholders in a general meeting or the articles of association provide otherwise, in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.	member. Under Delaware law, stockholders have no preemptive rights to subscribe to additional issues of stock or to any security convertible into such stock unless, and except to the extent that, such rights are expressly provided for in the certificate of incorporation.
<b>Authority to Allot</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, the directors of a company must not allot shares or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares unless an exception applies or an ordinary resolution to the contrary has been passed by shareholders in a general meeting or the articles of association provide otherwise, in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.	Under Delaware law, if the corporation’s certificate of incorporation so provides, the board of directors has the power to authorize the issuance of stock. It may authorize capital stock to be issued for consideration consisting of cash, any tangible or intangible property or any benefit to the corporation or any combination thereof. It may determine the amount of such consideration by approving a formula. In the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the judgment of the directors as to the value of such consideration is conclusive.
<b>Liability of Directors and Officers</b>	Under the Companies Act 2006, any provision, whether contained in a company’s articles of association or any contract or otherwise, that purports to exempt a director of a company, to any extent, from any liability that would otherwise attach to him in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company is void.  Any provision by which a company directly or indirectly provides an	Under Delaware law, a corporation’s certificate of incorporation may include a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation and its stockholders for damages arising from a breach of fiduciary duty as a director. However, no provision can limit the liability of a director for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;</li> </ul>

	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>Voting Rights</b>	<p>indemnity, to any extent, for a director of the company or of an associated company against any liability attaching to him in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company of which he is a director is also void except as permitted by the Companies Act 2006, which provides exceptions for the company to (i) purchase and maintain insurance against such liability; (ii) provide a “qualifying third party indemnity” (being an indemnity against liability incurred by the director to a person other than the company or an associated company or for any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted); and (iii) provide a “qualifying pension scheme indemnity” (being an indemnity against liability incurred in connection with the company’s activities as trustee of an occupational pension plan).</p> <p>Under UK law, unless a poll is demanded by the shareholders of a company or is required by the chairman of the meeting or the company’s articles of association, shareholders shall vote on all resolutions on a show of hands. Under the Companies Act 2006, a poll may be demanded by (i) not fewer than five shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution; (ii) any shareholder(s) representing not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attaching to treasury shares); or (iii) any shareholder(s) holding shares in the company conferring a right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attaching to treasury shares) being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than 10% of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right. A company’s articles of association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;</li> <li>• intentional or negligent payment of unlawful dividends or stock purchases or redemptions; or</li> <li>• any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.</li> </ul> <p>Delaware law provides that, unless otherwise provided in the certificate of incorporation, each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of capital stock held by such stockholder.</p>

	United Kingdom	Delaware
	<p>may provide more extensive rights for shareholders to call a poll.</p> <p>Under UK law, an ordinary resolution is passed on a show of hands if it is approved by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast by shareholders present (in person or by proxy) and entitled to vote. If a poll is demanded, an ordinary resolution is passed if it is approved by holders representing a simple majority of the total voting rights of shareholders present, in person or by proxy, who, being entitled to vote, vote on the resolution. Special resolutions require the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the votes cast by shareholders present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting and entitled to vote. If a poll is demanded, a special resolution is passed if it is approved by shareholders representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of shareholders who, being entitled to vote, vote in person, by proxy or in advance.</p>	
<b>Shareholder Vote on Certain Transactions</b>	<p>The Companies Act 2006 provides for schemes of arrangement, which are arrangements or compromises between a company and any class of shareholders or creditors and used in certain types of reconstructions, amalgamations, capital reorganizations or takeovers. These arrangements require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the approval at a shareholders' or creditors' meeting convened by order of the court, of a majority in number of shareholders or creditors representing 75% in value of the capital held by, or debt owed to, the class of shareholders or creditors, or class thereof present and voting, either in person or by proxy; and</li> <li>• the approval of the court.</li> </ul>	<p>Generally, under Delaware law, unless the certificate of incorporation provides for the vote of a larger portion of the stock, completion of a merger, consolidation, sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of a corporation's assets or dissolution requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the approval of the board of directors; and</li> <li>• approval by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding stock or, if the certificate of incorporation provides for more or less than one vote per share, a majority of the votes of the outstanding stock of a corporation entitled to vote on the matter.</li> </ul>

	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>Standard of Conduct for Directors</b>	<p>Under UK law, a director owes various statutory and fiduciary duties to the company, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to act in the way he considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its shareholders as a whole;</li> <li>• to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly conflicts, with the interests of the company;</li> <li>• to act in accordance with the company's constitution and only exercise his powers for the purposes for which they are conferred;</li> <li>• to exercise independent judgment;</li> <li>• to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence;</li> <li>• not to accept benefits from a third party conferred by reason of his being a director or doing, or not doing, anything as a director; and</li> <li>• a duty to declare any interest that he has, whether directly or indirectly, in a proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the company.</li> </ul>	<p>Delaware law does not contain specific provisions setting forth the standard of conduct of a director. The scope of the fiduciary duties of directors is generally determined by the courts of the State of Delaware. In general, directors have a duty to act without self-interest, on a well-informed basis and in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the stockholders.</p> <p>Directors of a Delaware corporation owe fiduciary duties of care and loyalty to the corporation and to its stockholders. The duty of care generally requires that a director act in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person would exercise under similar circumstances. Under this duty, a director must inform himself of all material information reasonably available regarding a significant transaction. The duty of loyalty requires that a director act in a manner he reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the corporation.</p> <p>He must not use his corporate position for personal gain or advantage. In general, but subject to certain exceptions, actions of a director are presumed to have been made on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the corporation. However, this presumption may be rebutted by evidence of a breach of one of the fiduciary duties. Delaware courts have also imposed a heightened standard of conduct upon directors of a Delaware corporation who take any action designed to defeat a threatened change in control of the corporation.</p> <p>In addition, under Delaware law, when the board of directors of a Delaware corporation approves the sale or break-up of a corporation, the board of directors may, in certain circumstances, have a duty to obtain the highest value reasonably available</p>

	United Kingdom	Delaware
<b>Shareholder Actions</b>	<p>Under UK law, generally, the company, rather than its shareholders, is the proper claimant in an action in respect of a wrong done to the company or where there is an irregularity in the company's internal management.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this general position, the Companies Act 2006 provides that (i) a court may allow a shareholder to bring a derivative claim (that is, an action in respect of and on behalf of the company) in respect of a cause of action arising from a director's negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust and (ii) a shareholder may bring a claim for a court order where the company's affairs have been or are being conducted in a manner that is unfairly prejudicial to some of its shareholders generally or of some of its shareholders, or that an actual or proposed act or omission of the company is or would be so prejudicial.</p>	<p>to the stockholders.</p> <p>Under Delaware law, a stockholder may initiate a derivative action to enforce a right of a corporation if the corporation fails to enforce the right itself. The complaint must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• state that the plaintiff was a stockholder at the time of the transaction of which the plaintiff complains or that the plaintiff's shares thereafter devolved on the plaintiff by operation of law; and</li> <li>• either (i) allege with particularity the efforts made by the plaintiff to obtain the action the plaintiff desires from the directors and the reasons for the plaintiff's failure to obtain the action; or (ii) state the reasons for not making the effort.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the plaintiff must remain a stockholder through the duration of the derivative suit. The action will not be dismissed or compromised without the approval of the Delaware Court of Chancery.</p>

**Listing**

We intend to apply to have our ordinary shares listed on the NYSE under the symbol "DEC."

**C. Material Contracts**

Our material contracts include:

- Participation Agreement, dated October 2, 2020, by and between Diversified Production LLC and OCM Denali Holdings, LLC.
- Letter Agreement, dated January 12, 2022, by and between Diversified Production LLC and OCM Denali Holdings, LLC.
- Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated December 7, 2018, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see "*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*"
- First Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated April 18, 2019, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see "*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*"
- Second Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated June 28, 2019, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association,

as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”

- Third Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated November 13, 2019, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Fourth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated January 9, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Fifth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated January 22, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Sixth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated March 24, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Seventh Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 21, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Eighth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated June 26, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Ninth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated November 19, 2020, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Tenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated April 6, 2021, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Eleventh Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 11, 2021, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Twelfth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated August 17, 2021, among the Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National

- Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Thirteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated December 7, 2021, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Fourteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated February 4, 2022, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Fifteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated February 22, 2022, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Sixteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 27, 2022, among Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2022 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5.B Liquidity.*”
  - First Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 1, 2023 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5.B Liquidity.*”
  - Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of April 27, 2023 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5.B Liquidity.*”
  - Credit Agreement, dated May 26, 2020, by and between DP Bluegrass LLC (f.k.a Carbon West Virginia Company, LLC), as borrower and Munich Re Reserve Risk Financing, Inc., as lender, as amended. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Indenture, dated November 13, 2019, by and between Diversified ABS LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - First Amendment to Indenture, dated February 13, 2020, by and between Diversified ABS LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
  - Indenture, dated April 9, 2020, by and between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”



- Indenture, dated February 4, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, as issuer, the guarantors named therein and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Indenture, dated February 23, 2022, by and between Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Indenture, dated May 27, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, as issuer, Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC, as guarantor and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Indenture, dated October 27, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, as issuer, Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC and Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC, as guarantors and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Indenture, dated November 30, 2023, by and between DP Lion Holdco, as issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary. For a description of this contract, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*”
- Service Agreement, dated January 30, 2017, by and between Diversified Gas & Oil plc and Rusty Hutson
- Service Agreement, dated January 30, 2017, by and between Diversified Gas & Oil plc and Bradley Gray
- 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.

#### **D. Exchange Controls**

Other than certain economic sanctions which may be in place from time to time, there are currently no UK laws, decrees or regulations restricting the import or export of capital or affecting the remittance of dividends or other payment to holders of ordinary shares who are non-residents of the United Kingdom. Similarly, other than certain economic sanctions which may be in force from time to time, there are no limitations relating only to nonresidents of the United Kingdom under English law or the Company’s articles of association on the right to be a holder of, and to vote in respect of, the ordinary shares.

#### **E. Taxation**

##### **Material United Kingdom Tax Considerations**

The following statements are of a general nature and do not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential UK tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of the ordinary shares. They are based on current UK tax law and on the current published practice of His Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (“HMRC”) (which may not be binding on HMRC), as of the date of this registration statement, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retrospective effect. They are intended to address only certain UK tax consequences for holders of ordinary shares who are tax resident in (and only in) the United Kingdom, and in the case of individuals, domiciled in (and only in) the United Kingdom (except where expressly stated otherwise) who are the absolute beneficial owners of the ordinary shares and any dividends paid on them and who hold the ordinary shares as investments (other than in an individual savings account or a self-invested personal pension). They do not address the UK tax consequences which may be relevant to certain classes of shareholders such as traders, brokers, dealers, banks, financial institutions, insurance companies, investment companies, collective investment schemes, tax-exempt organizations, trustees, persons connected with the Company, persons holding their ordinary shares as part of hedging or conversion transactions, shareholders who have (or are deemed to have) acquired their ordinary shares by virtue of an office or employment, and shareholders who are or have been officers or employees of the Company. The statements do not apply to any shareholder who either directly or indirectly holds or controls 10% or more of the Company’s share capital (or class thereof), voting power or profits.

The following is intended only as a general guide and is not intended to be, nor should it be considered to be, legal or tax advice to any particular prospective subscriber for, or purchaser of, any ordinary shares. Accordingly, prospective subscribers for, or purchasers of, any ordinary shares who are in any doubt as to their tax position regarding the acquisition, ownership or disposition of any ordinary shares or who are subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should consult their own tax advisers.

### ***UK taxation of dividends***

#### *Withholding tax*

The Company will not be required to withhold UK tax at source when paying dividends. The amount of any liability to UK tax on dividends paid by the Company will depend on the individual circumstances of a shareholder.

#### *Income tax*

An individual shareholder who is resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom may, depending on his or her particular circumstances, be subject to UK tax on dividends received from the Company. An individual shareholder who is not resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom should not be chargeable to UK income tax on dividends received from the Company unless he or she carries on (whether solely or in partnership) any trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency to which the ordinary shares are attributable. There are certain exceptions for trading in the United Kingdom through independent agents, such as some brokers and investment managers.

All dividends received by a UK tax resident individual holder of any ordinary shares from the Company or from other sources will form part of the shareholder's total income for income tax purposes and will constitute the top slice of that income. A nil rate of income tax will apply to the first £1,000 (reducing to £500 from 6 April 2024) of taxable dividend income received by the shareholder in a tax year. Income within the nil rate band will be taken into account in determining whether income in excess of the nil rate band falls within the basic rate, higher rate or additional rate tax bands. Where the dividend income is above the £1,000 dividend allowance, the first £1,000 of the dividend income will be charged at the nil rate and any excess amount will be taxed at 8.75% to the extent that the excess amount falls within the basic rate tax band, 33.75% to the extent that the excess amount falls within the higher rate tax band and 39.35% to the extent that the excess amount falls within the additional rate tax band.

#### *Corporation tax*

Corporate shareholders which are resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom should not be subject to UK corporation tax on any dividend received from the Company so long as the dividends qualify for exemption (as is likely) and certain conditions are met (including anti-avoidance conditions). If the conditions for exemption are not met or cease to be satisfied, or such a shareholder elects for an otherwise exempt dividend to be taxable, the shareholder will be subject to UK corporation tax on dividends received from the Company, at the rate of corporation tax applicable to that shareholder (the main rate of UK corporation tax is currently 25%).

Corporate shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom will not generally be subject to UK corporation tax on dividends unless they are carrying on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom through a permanent establishment in connection with which the ordinary shares are used, held, or acquired.

A shareholder who is resident outside the United Kingdom may be subject to non-UK taxation on dividend income under local law.

### ***UK taxation of chargeable gains***

#### *UK resident shareholders*

A disposal or deemed disposal of ordinary shares by an individual or corporate shareholder who is tax resident in the United Kingdom may, depending on the shareholder's circumstances and subject to any available exemptions or reliefs, give rise to a chargeable gain or allowable loss for the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains.

Any chargeable gain (or allowable loss) will generally be calculated by reference to the consideration received for the disposal of the ordinary shares less the allowable cost to the shareholder of acquiring any such ordinary shares.

The applicable tax rates for individual shareholders realizing a gain on the disposal of ordinary shares is, broadly, 10% for basic rate taxpayers and 20% for higher and additional rate taxpayers. For corporate shareholders, corporation tax is generally charged on chargeable gains at the rate applicable to the relevant corporate shareholder.

#### *Non-UK shareholders*

Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom and, in the case of an individual shareholder, not temporarily non-resident, should not be liable for UK tax on capital gains realized on a sale or other disposal of ordinary shares unless (i) such ordinary shares are used, held or acquired for the purposes of a trade, profession or vocation carried on in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency or, in the case of a corporate shareholder, through a permanent establishment or (ii) where certain conditions are met, the Company derives 75% or more of its gross value from UK land. Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be subject to non-UK taxation on any gain under local law.

Generally, an individual shareholder who has ceased to be resident in the United Kingdom for UK tax purposes for a period of five years or less and who disposes of any ordinary shares during that period may be liable on their return to the United Kingdom to UK taxation on any capital gain realized (subject to any available exemption or relief).

#### ***UK stamp duty (“stamp duty”) and UK stamp duty reserve tax (“SDRT”)***

The statements in this paragraph are intended as a general guide to the current position relating to stamp duty and SDRT and apply to any shareholder irrespective of their place of tax residence. Certain categories of person, including intermediaries, brokers, dealers and persons connected with depositary receipt arrangements and clearance services, may not be liable to stamp duty or SDRT or may be liable at a higher rate or may, although not primarily liable for the tax, be required to notify and account for it under the UK Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Regulations 1986. The discussion below does not consider any potential change of law.

#### *Issue of shares*

As a general rule (and except in relation to depositary receipt systems and clearance services (as to which see below)), no stamp duty or SDRT is payable on the issue of the ordinary shares.

#### *Clearance systems and depositary receipt issuers*

An unconditional agreement to issue or transfer ordinary shares to, or to a nominee or agent for, a person whose business is or includes the issue of depositary receipts or the provision of clearance services will generally be subject to SDRT (or, where the transfer is effected by a written instrument, stamp duty) at a higher rate of 1.5% of the amount or value of the consideration given for the transfer unless, in the context of a clearance service, the clearance service has made and maintained an election under section 97A of the UK Finance Act 1986, or a “section 97A election.” It is understood that HMRC regards the facilities of DTC as a clearance service for these purposes and we are not aware of any section 97A election having been made by DTC. However, HMRC clearance has been received by the Company confirming that no stamp duty or SDRT is payable on the transfer of legal title to the existing ordinary shares into the DTC clearing system, to the extent required in order to implement the U.S. Listing at the effective time. Such HMRC clearance only applies to transfers into the DTC clearing system made on the Initial Depositary Transfer Date in order to implement the U.S. Listing (and transfers of ordinary shares held by Restricted Shareholders which are transferred to Computershare Trust Company N.A. (as depositary for the holders of the Restricted Shares) on the Initial Depositary Transfer Date), and not subsequent transfers into the DTC clearing system (other than certain transfers of ordinary shares held by Restricted Shareholders on the Initial Depositary Transfer Date).

*Transfer of shares and DIs*

No SDRT should be required to be paid on a paperless transfer of ordinary shares through the clearance service facilities of DTC, provided that no section 97A election has been made by DTC, and such ordinary shares are held through DTC at the time of any agreement for their transfer.

No stamp duty will in practice be payable on a written instrument transferring an ordinary share provided that the instrument of transfer is executed and remains at all times outside the United Kingdom. Where these conditions are not met, the transfer of, or agreement to transfer, an ordinary share could, depending on the circumstances, attract a charge to stamp duty at the rate of 0.5% of the amount or value of the consideration. If it is necessary to pay stamp duty, it may also be necessary to pay interest and penalties.

The Company has received HMRC clearance confirming that agreements to transfer DIs which represent ordinary shares held within the DTC clearance system will not be subject to SDRT.

**Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following discussion is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders (each, as defined below) of the purchase, ownership and disposition of an ordinary share issued pursuant to this listing, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential U.S. federal tax effects. The effects of other U.S. federal tax laws, such as estate and gift tax laws, and any applicable state, local, or non-U.S. tax laws are not discussed herein. This discussion is based on the Code, Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, and published rulings and administrative pronouncements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”), in each case in effect as of the date hereof. These authorities may change or be subject to differing interpretations. Any such change or differing interpretation may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect a holder of an ordinary share. We have not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS regarding the matters discussed below. There can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position to that discussed below regarding the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares.

This discussion is limited to U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders that each hold an ordinary share as a “capital asset” within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address all U.S. federal income tax consequences relevant to a holder’s particular circumstances, including the impact of the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income and the alternative minimum tax. In addition, it does not address consequences relevant to holders subject to special rules, including, without limitation:

- U.S. expatriates and former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- persons holding an ordinary share as part of a hedge, straddle or other risk reduction strategy or as part of a conversion transaction or other integrated investment;
- banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions;
- brokers, dealers or traders in securities;
- “controlled foreign corporations,” passive foreign investment companies,” and corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;
- partnerships or other entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and other pass-through entities (and investors therein);
- tax-exempt organizations or governmental organizations;
- persons deemed to sell an ordinary share under the constructive sale provisions of the Code;
- persons who hold or receive an ordinary share pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation;
- tax qualified retirement plans;

- “qualified foreign pension funds” as defined in Section 897(1)(2) of the Code and entities of all the interests of which are held by qualified foreign pension funds; and
- persons subject to special tax accounting rules as a result of any item of gross income with respect to the ordinary shares being taken into account in an applicable financial statement.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds an ordinary share, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend on the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Accordingly, partnerships holding an ordinary share and the partners in such partnerships should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them.

**THIS DISCUSSION IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TAX ADVICE. PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF AN ORDINARY SHARE ARISING UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX LAWS OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX TREATY.**

#### **U.S. Tax Status of Diversified Energy**

Pursuant to Section 7874 of the Code, we believe we are and will continue to be treated as a U.S. corporation for all purposes under the Code. Since we will be treated as a U.S. corporation for all purposes under the Code, we will not be treated as a “passive foreign investment company,” as such rules apply only to non-U.S. corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### **U.S. Holders**

For purposes of this discussion, a “U.S. Holder” is any beneficial owner of an ordinary share that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is or is treated as any of the following:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or
- a trust that (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and the control of one or more “United States persons” (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code), or (2) has a valid election in effect to be treated as a United States person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### *Distributions*

Distributions, if any, made on the ordinary shares, generally will be included in a U.S. Holder’s income as ordinary dividend income to the extent of the Company’s current or accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions in excess of the Company’s current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of a U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the ordinary shares and thereafter as capital gain from the sale or exchange of such ordinary shares. Dividends received by a corporate U.S. Holder may be eligible for a dividends-received deduction, subject to applicable limitations. Dividends received by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders (including individuals) are generally taxed at the lower applicable long-term capital gains rates, provided certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

#### *Sales, Certain Redemptions or Other Taxable Dispositions of Ordinary Shares*

Upon the sale, certain redemption or other taxable disposition of an ordinary share, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in the ordinary shares. Any gain or loss recognized on a taxable disposition of an ordinary share will be capital gain or loss. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if a U.S.

Holder's holding period at the time of the sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of the ordinary shares is longer than one year. Long-term capital gains recognized by certain non-corporate U.S. Holders (including individuals) are generally subject to a reduced rate of U.S. federal income tax. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

#### **Non-U.S. Holders**

For purposes of this discussion, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is any beneficial owner of an ordinary share that is neither a U.S. Holder nor an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### *Distributions*

If the Company makes distributions of cash or property on the ordinary shares, such distributions will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from the Company's current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Amounts not treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes will constitute a return of capital and first be applied against and reduce a Non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its ordinary shares, but not below zero. Generally, a distribution that constitutes a return of capital will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 15% if the Non-U.S. Holders' ordinary shares constitute a USRPI (as defined below). However, we may elect to withhold at a rate of up to 30% of the entire amount of the distribution, even if the Non-U.S. Holders' ordinary shares do not constitute a USRPI. For additional information regarding when a Non-U.S. Holder may treat its ownership of the ordinary shares as not constituting a USRPI, see below under the subsection titled "*— Sale or Other Taxable Disposition.*" However, because a Non-U.S. Holder would not have any U.S. federal income tax liability with respect to a return of capital distribution, a Non-U.S. Holder would be entitled to request a refund of any U.S. federal income tax that is withheld from a return of capital distribution (generally by timely filing a U.S. federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the tax was withheld). Any excess will be treated as capital gain and will be treated as described below under the subsection titled "*— Sale or Other Taxable Disposition.*"

Subject to the discussion below on effectively connected income, dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder of an ordinary share will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount of the dividends (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty, provided the Non-U.S. Holder furnishes a valid IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or other applicable documentation) certifying qualification for the lower treaty rate). A Non-U.S. Holder that does not timely furnish the required documentation, but that qualifies for a reduced treaty rate, may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under any applicable income tax treaty.

If dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder maintains a permanent establishment in the United States to which such dividends are attributable), the Non-U.S. Holder will be exempt from the U.S. federal withholding tax described above. To claim the exemption, the Non-U.S. Holder must furnish to the applicable withholding agent a valid IRS Form W-8ECI, certifying that the dividends are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States.

Any such effectively connected dividends will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the regular rates. A Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation also may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on such effectively connected dividends, as adjusted for certain items. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding any applicable tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

#### *Sale or Other Taxable Disposition*

Subject to the discussion below on information reporting, backup withholding and FATCA (as defined below), a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other taxable disposition of an ordinary share unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder maintains a permanent establishment in the United States to which such gain is attributable);
- the Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of the disposition and certain other requirements are met; or
- our ordinary shares constitute a U.S. real property interest ("USRPI") because we are (or have been during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the disposition or the Non-U.S. Holder's holding period) a U.S. real property holding corporation ("USRPHC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Gain described in the first bullet point above generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the regular rates. A Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation also may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on such effectively connected gain, as adjusted for certain items.

A Non-U.S. Holder described in the second bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on gain realized upon the sale or other taxable disposition of our ordinary shares, which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses of the Non-U.S. Holder (even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States), provided the Non-U.S. Holder has timely filed U.S. federal income tax returns with respect to such losses.

With respect to the third bullet point above, due to the nature of our assets and operations, the Company believes it is (and will continue to be) a USRPHC under the Code and the ordinary shares constitute (and we expect the ordinary shares to continue to constitute) a USRPI. Non-U.S. Holders generally are subject to a 15% withholding tax on the amount realized from a sale or other taxable disposition of a USRPI, such as the ordinary shares, which is required to be collected from any sale or disposition proceeds. Furthermore, such Non-U.S. Holders are subject to U.S. federal income tax (at the regular rates) in respect of any gain on their sale or disposition of the ordinary shares and are required to file a U.S. tax return to report such gain and pay any tax liability that is not satisfied by withholding. Any gain should be determined in U.S. dollars, based on the excess, if any, of the U.S. dollar value of the consideration received over the Non-U.S. Holder's basis in the ordinary shares determined in U.S. dollars under the rules applicable to Non-U.S. Holders. A Non-U.S. Holder may, by filing a U.S. tax return, be able to claim a refund for any withholding tax deducted in excess of the tax liability on any gain. However, if the ordinary shares are considered "regularly traded on an established securities market" (within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations) then Non-U.S. Holders will not be subject to the 15% withholding tax on the disposition of their ordinary shares, even if such ordinary shares constitute USRPIs. Moreover, if the ordinary shares are considered "regularly traded on an established securities market" (within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations) and the Non-U.S. Holder actually or constructively owns or owned, at all times during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the disposition or the Non-U.S. Holder's holding period, 5% or less of the ordinary shares taking into account applicable constructive ownership rules, such Non-U.S. Holder may treat its ownership of the ordinary shares as not constituting a USRPI and will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other taxable disposition of the ordinary shares (in addition to not being subject to the 15% withholding tax described above) or U.S. tax return filing requirements. The Company expects the ordinary shares to be treated as "regularly traded on an established securities market" so long as the ordinary shares are listed on the NYSE and regularly quoted by brokers or dealers making a market in such ordinary shares.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding tax consequences of our treatment as a USRPHC and regarding potentially applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

#### *U.S. Holders*

Information reporting requirements generally will apply to payments of distributions on the ordinary shares and the proceeds of a sale of an ordinary share paid to a U.S. Holder unless the U.S. Holder is an

exempt recipient and, if requested, certifies as to that status. Backup withholding generally will apply to those payments if the U.S. Holder fails to provide an appropriate certification with its correct taxpayer identification number or certification of exempt status. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

#### *Non-U.S. Holders*

Payments of dividends on the ordinary shares will not be subject to backup withholding, provided the applicable withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know the Non-U.S. Holder is a United States person and the Non-U.S. Holder either certifies its non-U.S. status, such as by furnishing a valid IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, or W-8ECI, or otherwise establishes an exemption. However, information returns are required to be filed with the IRS in connection with any distributions on our ordinary shares paid to the Non-U.S. Holder, regardless of whether such distributions constitute dividends or whether any tax was actually withheld. In addition, proceeds of the sale or other taxable disposition of our ordinary shares within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related brokers generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting if the applicable withholding agent receives the certification described above and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Proceeds of a disposition of our ordinary shares conducted through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting.

Copies of information returns that are filed with the IRS may also be made available under the provisions of an applicable treaty or agreement to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides or is established.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

#### **Additional Withholding Tax on Payments Made to Foreign Accounts**

Withholding taxes may be imposed under Sections 1471 to 1474 of the Code (such Sections commonly referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or "FATCA") on certain types of payments made to non-U.S. financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. entities. Specifically, a 30% withholding tax may be imposed on dividends on, or (subject to the proposed Treasury Regulations discussed below) gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our ordinary shares paid to a "foreign financial institution" or a "non-financial foreign entity" (each as defined in the Code), unless (1) the foreign financial institution undertakes certain diligence and reporting obligations, (2) the non-financial foreign entity either certifies it does not have any "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Code) or furnishes identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner, or (3) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules. If the payee is a foreign financial institution and is subject to the diligence and reporting requirements in (1) above, it must enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury requiring, among other things, that it undertake to identify accounts held by certain "specified United States persons" or "United States owned foreign entities" (each as defined in the Code), annually report certain information about such accounts, and withhold 30% on certain payments to non-compliant foreign financial institutions and certain other account holders. Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules.

Under the applicable Treasury Regulations and administrative guidance, withholding under FATCA generally applies to payments of dividends on our ordinary shares. While withholding under FATCA would have applied also to payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of stock, including our ordinary shares, on or after January 1, 2019, proposed Treasury Regulations eliminate FATCA withholding on payments of gross proceeds entirely. Taxpayers generally may rely on these proposed Treasury Regulations until final Treasury Regulations are issued.



Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the potential application of withholding under FATCA to their investment in our ordinary shares.

#### **F. Dividends and Paying Agents**

For a discussion of the declaration and payment of dividends on our ordinary shares, see “Item 10. Additional Information — B. Memorandum and Articles of Association — Distributions and Dividends.”

#### **G. Statement by Experts**

The financial statements as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 included in this registration statement on Form 20-F have been so included in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

##### **Independent Petroleum Engineers**

The letter reports, included as an exhibit to this registration statement, of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., independent consulting petroleum engineers, and information with respect to our natural gas, oil and NGL reserves derived from such reports, have been referred to in this registration statement upon the authority of such firm as experts with respect to such matters covered in such reports and in giving such reports. The current address of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. is 2100 Ross Avenue, Suite 2200, Dallas, Texas 75201.

#### **H. Documents on Display**

Upon the effectiveness of this registration statement, the Company will be subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act applicable to foreign private issuers, and under those requirements will file reports with the SEC. Those other reports or other information and this registration statement may be inspected without charge and copied at the public reference facilities of the SEC located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> from which certain filings may be accessed. We also make our electronic filings with the SEC available at no cost on the Group’s Investor Relations website, [www.ir.div.energy](http://www.ir.div.energy), as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

As a foreign private issuer, we will be exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act related to the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders will be exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we will not be required under the Exchange Act to file annual, quarterly and current reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act. However, for so long as we are listed on a U.S. exchange and are registered with the SEC, we will file with the SEC, within 4 months after the end of each fiscal year, or such applicable time as required by the SEC, an annual report on Form 20-F containing financial statements audited by an independent registered public accounting firm, and will furnish to the SEC, on a Form 6-K, all financial statements and other information required to be furnished on Form 6-K. We will also make available on our website, free of charge, our annual reports on Form 20-F and the text of our reports on Form 6-K, including any amendments to these reports, as well as certain other SEC filings, as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Our website address is [www.div.energy](http://www.div.energy). The information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in this document.

#### **I. Subsidiary Information**

Not applicable.

#### **J. Annual Report to Securities Holders**

Not applicable.

**Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

See “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*” In addition to the risks inherent in our operations, we are exposed to a variety of financial risks, such as market risk (including foreign currency exchange, cash flow and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Further information can be found under Note 25 included in “*Item 18. Financial Statements — Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.*”

**b. Qualitative Information about Market Risk**

See “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Results and Prospects — B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.*” In addition to the risks inherent in our operations, we are exposed to a variety of financial risks, such as market risk (including foreign currency exchange, cash flow and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. Further information can be found under Note 25 included in “*Item 18. Financial Statements — Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.*”

**Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities**

**A. Debt Securities**

Not applicable.

**B. Warrants and Rights**

Not applicable.

**C. Other Securities**

Not applicable.

**D. American Depositary Shares**

Not applicable.

**PART II**

**Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies**

Not applicable.

**Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

**Item 15. Controls and Procedures**

Not applicable.

**Item 16. [Reserved]**

**Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

Not applicable.

**Item 16B. Code of Ethics**

Not applicable.

**Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

Not applicable.

**Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees**

Not applicable.

**Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers**

Not applicable.

**Item 16F. Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant**

None.

**Item 16G. Corporate Governance**

Not applicable.

**Item 16H. Mine Safety Disclosure**

Not applicable.

**Item 16I. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections**

Not applicable.

## PART III

**Item 17. Financial Statements**

We have elected to furnish financial statements and related information specified in Item 18.

**Item 18. Financial Statements**

The audited consolidated financial statements as required under Item 18 are attached hereto starting on page F-1 of this Registration Statement. The audit report of Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, is included herein preceding the audited consolidated financial statements.

**Item 19. Exhibits**

List all exhibits filed as part of the registration statement or annual report, including exhibits incorporated by reference.

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1+	<a href="#"><u>Articles of Association of the Registrant.</u></a>
1.2+	<a href="#"><u>Form of Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant.</u></a>
2.1+	<a href="#"><u>Form of Share Certificate upon listing on the New York Stock Exchange.</u></a>
4.1+X	<a href="#"><u>Participation Agreement, dated October 2, 2020, by and between Diversified Production LLC and OCM Denali Holdings, LLC.</u></a>
4.2+X	<a href="#"><u>Letter Agreement, dated January 12, 2022, by and between Diversified Production LLC and OCM Denali Holdings, LLC.</u></a>
4.3+X	<a href="#"><u>Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated December 7, 2018, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.4+X	<a href="#"><u>First Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated April 18, 2019, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.5+X	<a href="#"><u>Second Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated June 28, 2019, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.6+X	<a href="#"><u>Third Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated November 13, 2019, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.7+X	<a href="#"><u>Fourth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated January 9, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.8+X	<a href="#"><u>Fifth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated January 22, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
4.9+X	<a href="#"><u>Sixth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated March 24, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.10+X	<a href="#"><u>Seventh Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 21, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.11+X	<a href="#"><u>Eighth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated June 26, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.12+X	<a href="#"><u>Ninth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated November 19, 2020, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.13+X	<a href="#"><u>Tenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated April 6, 2021, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.14+X	<a href="#"><u>Eleventh Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 11, 2021, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.15+X	<a href="#"><u>Twelfth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated August 17, 2021, among the Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.16+X	<a href="#"><u>Thirteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated December 7, 2021, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.17+X	<a href="#"><u>Fourteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated February 4, 2022, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.18+X	<a href="#"><u>Fifteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated February 22, 2022, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.19+X	<a href="#"><u>Sixteenth Amendment to Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated May 27, 2022, among Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, the guarantors party thereto and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.20#X†	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2022 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
4.21+X	<a href="#"><u>First Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated March 1, 2023 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.22+X	<a href="#"><u>Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated April 27, 2023 among DP RBL CO LLC, as borrower, Diversified Gas &amp; Oil Corporation, as existing borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent and issuing bank, Keybank Capital Markets, as sole lead arranger and sole book runner and the lenders party thereto.</u></a>
4.23+X	<a href="#"><u>Credit Agreement, dated May 26, 2020, by and between DP Bluegrass LLC (f.k.a Carbon West Virginia Company, LLC), as borrower and Munich Re Reserve Risk Financing, Inc., as lender, as amended.</u></a>
4.24#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated November 13, 2019, by and between Diversified ABS LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.25#X	<a href="#"><u>First Amendment to Indenture, dated February 13, 2020, by and between Diversified ABS LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee.</u></a>
4.26#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated April 9, 2020, by and between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.27#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated February 4, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, as issuer, the guarantors named therein and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.28#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated February 23, 2022, by and between Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, as issuer, and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.29#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated May 27, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, as issuer, Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC, as guarantor and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.30#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated October 27, 2022, among Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, as issuer, Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC and Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC, as guarantors and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.31#X†	<a href="#"><u>Indenture, dated November 30, 2023, by and between DP Lion Holdco, as issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee and securities intermediary.</u></a>
4.32*+	<a href="#"><u>Service Agreement, dated January 30, 2017, by and between Diversified Gas &amp; Oil plc and Rusty Hutson</u></a>
4.33*+	<a href="#"><u>Service Agreement, dated January 30, 2017, by and between Diversified Gas &amp; Oil plc and Bradley Gray</u></a>
4.34+	<a href="#"><u>2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended.</u></a>
4.35+	<a href="#"><u>2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.</u></a>
4.36#	<a href="#"><u>Form of Director Indemnity Deed</u></a>
8.1#	<a href="#"><u>Subsidiaries of the Registrant.</u></a>
15.1#	<a href="#"><u>Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP</u></a>
15.2#	<a href="#"><u>Consent of Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc.</u></a>
15.3+	<a href="#"><u>Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc. estimates of reserves and future revenue to the Diversified Energy Company plc (formerly known as Diversified Gas &amp; Oil plc) interest in certain natural gas and oil properties located in the United States as of December 31, 2022.</u></a>
15.4+	<a href="#"><u>Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc. estimates of reserves and future revenue to the Diversified Energy Company plc (formerly known as Diversified Gas &amp; Oil plc) interest in certain natural gas and oil properties located in the United States as of December 31, 2021.</u></a>

Exhibit No.	Description
15.5+	<a href="#"><u>Netherland, Sewell &amp; Associates, Inc. estimates of reserves and future revenue to the Diversified Energy Company plc (formerly known as Diversified Gas &amp; Oil plc) interest in certain natural gas and oil properties located in the United States as of December 31, 2020.</u></a>

† Certain portions of this exhibit (indicated by “[\*\*]”) have been redacted.

X Certain of the schedules and attachments to this exhibit have been omitted. The registrant hereby undertakes to provide further information regarding such omitted materials to the Commission upon request.

\* Management Contract

+ Previously filed

# Filed herewith

Certain agreements filed as exhibits to this registration statement contain representations and warranties that the parties thereto made to each other. These representations and warranties have been made solely for the benefit of the other parties to such agreements and may have been qualified by certain information that has been disclosed to the other parties to such agreements and that may not be reflected in such agreements. In addition, these representations and warranties may be intended as a way of allocating risks among parties if the statements contained therein prove to be incorrect, rather than as actual statements of fact. Accordingly, there can be no reliance on any such representations and warranties as characterizations of the actual state of facts. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of any such representations and warranties may have changed since the date of such agreements.

**SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this registration statement on its behalf.

**DIVERSIFIED ENERGY COMPANY PLC**

Date: December 7, 2023

By: /s/ Bradley G. Gray

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Name: Bradley G. Gray

Title: President & Chief Financial Officer



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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Diversified Energy Company Plc

***Opinion on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of Diversified Energy Company Plc and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, of changes in equity, and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

***Basis for Opinion***

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

***Critical Audit Matters***

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

***The Impact of Proved Natural Gas, Oil, and Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Reserves on Natural Gas and Oil Properties, Net***

As described in Notes 3, 4 and 10 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company’s natural gas and oil properties, net balance was \$2.56 billion as of December 31, 2022, and the related depletion expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$170 million. Natural gas and oil activities are accounted for using the principles of the successful efforts method of accounting. Costs incurred to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire a property are capitalized when incurred. Proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes are used as the basis to calculate unit-of-production depletion rates. In estimating proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserves, management relies on interpretations and judgment of available geological, geophysical,

engineering and production data, as well as the use of certain economic assumptions such as commodity pricing. Additional assumptions include operating expenses, capital expenditures, and taxes. As disclosed by management, the Company's internal staff of petroleum engineers and geoscience professionals work closely with the independent reserve engineers (together referred to as "management's specialists").

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the impact of proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserves on proved natural gas and oil properties, net is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management, including the use of management's specialists, when developing the estimates of proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes, as the reserve volumes are based on engineering assumptions and methods and (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence obtained related to the data, methods, and assumptions used by management and its specialists in developing the estimates of proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes and the assumptions applied to commodity pricing and operating expenses.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The work of management's specialists was used in performing the procedures to evaluate the reasonableness of the proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes. As a basis for using this work, the specialists' qualifications were understood and the Company's relationship with the specialists was assessed. The procedures performed also included evaluating the methods and assumptions used by the specialists, testing the completeness and accuracy of the data used by the specialists, and evaluating the specialists' findings. These procedures also included, among others, testing the completeness and accuracy of the underlying data related to commodity pricing and operating expenses. Additionally, these procedures included evaluating whether the assumptions applied to the data related to commodity pricing and operating expenses that were used in developing the estimate of proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes were reasonable considering the past performance of the Company.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Birmingham, Alabama  
November 16, 2023

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2020.

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Year Ended		
		December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	31 December 2020
Revenue	6	\$ 1,919,349	\$1,007,561	\$ 408,693
Operating expense	7	(445,893)	(291,213)	(203,963)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	7	(222,257)	(167,644)	(117,290)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>\$ 1,251,199</b>	<b>\$ 548,704</b>	<b>\$ 87,440</b>
General and administrative expense	7	(170,735)	(102,326)	(77,234)
Allowance for expected credit losses	14	—	4,265	(8,490)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment	10,11	2,379	(901)	(2,059)
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	13	(1,758,693)	(974,878)	(94,397)
Gain on bargain purchases	5	4,447	58,072	17,172
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>		<b>\$ (671,403)</b>	<b>\$ (467,064)</b>	<b>\$ (77,568)</b>
Finance costs	21	(100,799)	(50,628)	(43,327)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	19	(27,569)	(24,396)	(15,424)
Other income (expense)		269	(8,812)	(421)
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>		<b>\$ (799,502)</b>	<b>\$ (550,900)</b>	<b>\$ (136,740)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	8	178,904	225,694	113,266
<b>Net income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ (620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)		940	51	(28)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ (619,658)</b>	<b>\$ (325,155)</b>	<b>\$ (23,502)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>				
Diversified Energy Company PLC		\$ (625,410)	\$ (325,509)	\$ (23,474)
Non-controlling interest		4,812	303	—
<b>Net income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ (620,598)</b>	<b>\$ (325,206)</b>	<b>\$ (23,474)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>				
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted	10	844,080	793,542	685,170
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	9	\$ (0.74)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.03)

The notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Natural gas and oil properties, net	10	\$ 2,555,808	\$2,530,078
Property, plant and equipment, net	11	462,860	413,980
Intangible assets	12	21,098	14,134
Restricted cash	3	47,497	18,069
Derivative financial instruments	13	13,936	219
Deferred tax assets	8	371,156	176,955
Other non-current assets	15	4,351	3,635
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>\$ 3,476,706</b>	<b>\$3,157,070</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Trade receivables, net	14	\$ 296,781	\$ 282,922
Cash and cash equivalents	3	7,329	12,558
Restricted cash	3	7,891	1,033
Derivative financial instruments	13	27,739	1,052
Other current assets	15	14,482	39,574
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>\$ 354,222</b>	<b>\$ 337,139</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$ 3,830,928</b>	<b>\$3,494,209</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>			
Share capital	16	\$ 11,503	\$ 11,571
Share premium	16	1,052,959	1,052,959
Treasury reserve		(100,828)	(68,537)
Share based payment and other reserves		17,650	14,156
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		(1,133,972)	(362,740)
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the parent:</b>		<b>\$ (152,688)</b>	<b>\$ 647,409</b>
Non-controlling interests	5	14,964	16,541
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>\$ (137,724)</b>	<b>\$ 663,950</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>			
Asset retirement obligations	19	\$ 452,554	\$ 522,190
Leases	20	19,569	18,177
Borrowings	21	1,169,233	951,535
Deferred tax liability	8	12,490	—
Derivative financial instruments	13	1,177,801	556,982
Other non-current liabilities	23	5,375	7,775
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 2,837,022</b>	<b>\$2,056,659</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Trade and other payables	22	\$ 93,764	\$ 62,418
Leases	20	9,293	9,627
Borrowings	21	271,096	58,820
Derivative financial instruments	13	293,840	251,687
Other current liabilities	23	463,637	391,048
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 1,131,630</b>	<b>\$ 773,600</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 3,968,652</b>	<b>\$2,830,259</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 3,830,928</b>	<b>\$3,494,209</b>

The Consolidated Financial Statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Board on May 1, 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

*D. E. Johnson*

DAVID E. JOHNSON  
Chairman of the Board  
May 1, 2023

The notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Share Capital	Share Premium	Treasury Reserve	Share Based Payment and Other Reserves	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2020</b>		\$ 8,800	\$ 760,543	\$ (52,903)	\$ 3,947	\$ 217,748	\$ 938,135	\$ —	\$ 938,135
Income (loss) after taxation		—	—	—	—	(23,474)	(23,474)	—	(23,474)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		—	—	—	—	(28)	(28)	—	(28)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (23,502)	\$ (23,502)	\$ —	\$ (23,502)
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	16	791	80,616	—	—	—	81,407	—	81,407
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)		3	—	—	4,776	—	4,779	—	4,779
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	16	(74)	—	(15,634)	74	—	(15,634)	—	(15,634)
Dividends	18	—	—	—	—	(98,527)	(98,527)	—	(98,527)
<b>Transactions with shareholders</b>		\$ 720	\$ 80,616	\$ (15,634)	\$ 4,850	\$ (98,527)	\$ (27,975)	\$ —	\$ (27,975)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>		\$ 9,520	\$ 841,159	\$ (68,537)	\$ 8,797	\$ 95,719	\$ 886,658	\$ —	\$ 886,658
Net income (loss)		—	—	—	—	(325,509)	(325,509)	303	(325,206)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		—	—	—	—	51	51	—	51
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (325,458)	\$ (325,458)	\$ 303	\$ (325,155)
Non-controlling interest in acquired assets	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,238	16,238
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	16	2,044	211,800	—	—	—	213,844	—	213,844
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)		7	—	—	6,788	(2,762)	4,033	—	4,033
Dividends	18	—	—	—	—	(130,239)	(130,239)	—	(130,239)
Cancellation of warrants	16	—	—	—	(1,429)	—	(1,429)	—	(1,429)
<b>Transactions with shareholders</b>		\$ 2,051	\$ 211,800	\$ —	\$ 5,359	\$ (133,001)	\$ 86,209	\$ 16,238	\$ 102,447
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>		\$ 11,571	\$ 1,052,959	\$ (68,537)	\$ 14,156	\$ (362,740)	\$ 647,409	\$ 16,541	\$ 663,950
Net Income (loss)		—	—	—	—	(625,410)	(625,410)	4,812	(620,598)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		—	—	—	—	940	940	—	940
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (624,470)	\$ (624,470)	\$ 4,812	\$ (619,658)
Issuance of share capital (settlement of warrants)	16	5	—	—	452	—	457	—	457
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)		7	—	—	5,682	(3,307)	2,382	—	2,382
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	16	—	—	2,400	(2,400)	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of shares (EBT)	16	—	—	(22,931)	—	—	(22,931)	—	(22,931)
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	16	(80)	—	(11,760)	80	—	(11,760)	—	(11,760)
Dividends	18	—	—	—	—	(143,455)	(143,455)	—	(143,455)
Distributions to non-controlling interest owners		—	—	—	—	—	—	(6,389)	(6,389)
Cancellation of warrants	16	—	—	—	(320)	—	(320)	—	(320)
<b>Transactions with shareholders</b>		\$ (68)	\$ —	\$ (32,291)	\$ 3,494	\$ (146,762)	\$ (175,627)	\$ (6,389)	\$ (182,016)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>		\$ 11,503	\$ 1,052,959	\$ (100,828)	\$ 17,650	\$ (1,133,972)	\$ (152,688)	\$ 14,964	\$ (137,724)

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**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Year Ended		
		December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Income (loss) after taxation		\$ (620,598)	\$ (325,206)	\$ (23,474)
<b>Cash flows from operations reconciliation:</b>				
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	7	222,257	167,644	117,290
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	19	27,569	24,396	15,424
Income tax (benefit) expense	8	(178,904)	(225,694)	(113,266)
(Gain) loss on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments	13	861,457	652,465	238,795
Asset retirement costs	19	(4,889)	(2,879)	(2,442)
(Gain) loss on natural gas and oil properties and equipment	5,10,11	(2,379)	901	1,356
Gain on bargain purchases	5	(4,447)	(58,072)	(17,172)
Finance costs	21	100,799	50,628	43,327
Revaluation of contingent consideration	24	—	8,963	567
Hedge modifications	13	(133,573)	(10,164)	(7,723)
Non-cash equity compensation	7,17	8,051	7,400	5,007
<b>Working capital adjustments:</b>				
Change in trade receivables and other current assets		13,760	(126,957)	4,348
Change in other non-current assets		(580)	(556)	(1,173)
Change in trade and other payables and other current liabilities		132,349	162,486	(12,174)
Change in other non-current liabilities		(6,794)	5,707	(1,130)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<b>\$ 414,078</b>	<b>\$ 331,062</b>	<b>\$ 247,560</b>
Cash paid for income taxes		(26,314)	(10,880)	(5,850)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>\$ 387,764</b>	<b>\$ 320,182</b>	<b>\$ 241,710</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Consideration for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	5	\$ (24,088)	\$ (286,804)	\$ (100,138)
Consideration for asset acquisitions	5	(264,672)	(287,330)	(122,953)
Proceeds from divestitures	5	—	86,224	—
Payments associated with potential acquisitions	15	—	(25,002)	—
Acquisition related debt and hedge extinguishments	5, 13	—	(56,466)	—
Expenditures on natural gas and oil properties and equipment	10,11	(86,079)	(50,175)	(21,947)
Proceeds on disposals of natural gas and oil properties and equipment	10,11	12,189	2,663	3,712
Other acquired intangibles	13	—	—	(2,900)
Contingent consideration payments	24	(23,807)	(10,822)	(893)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>\$ (386,457)</b>	<b>\$ (627,712)</b>	<b>\$ (245,119)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Repayment of borrowings	21	\$(2,139,686)	\$(1,432,566)	\$(705,314)
Proceeds from borrowings	21	2,587,554	1,727,745	799,650
Cash paid for interest	21	(82,936)	(41,623)	(34,335)
Debt issuance cost	21	(34,234)	(10,255)	(7,799)
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	3	(36,287)	1,838	(12,637)
Hedge modifications associated with ABS Notes	13,21	(105,316)	—	—
Proceeds from equity issuance, net	16	—	213,844	81,407
Principal element of lease payments	20	(11,233)	(8,606)	(3,684)
Cancellation (settlement) of warrants, net	16	137	(1,429)	—
Dividends to shareholders	18	(143,455)	(130,239)	(98,527)
Distributions to non-controlling interest owners		(6,389)	—	—
Repurchase of shares by the EBT	16	(22,931)	—	—
Repurchase of shares	16	(11,760)	—	(15,634)
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>		<b>\$ (6,536)</b>	<b>\$ 318,709</b>	<b>\$ 3,127</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(5,229)	11,179	(282)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		12,558	1,379	1,661
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>		<b>\$ 7,329</b>	<b>\$ 12,558</b>	<b>\$ 1,379</b>

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**NOTE 1 — GENERAL INFORMATION**

Diversified Energy Company PLC (the “Parent”), formerly Diversified Gas & Oil PLC, and its wholly owned subsidiaries (the “Company”) is an independent energy company engaged in the production, marketing and transportation of primarily natural gas related to its synergistic U.S. onshore upstream and midstream assets. The Company’s assets are located within the Central Region and Appalachian Basin of the U.S.

The Company was incorporated on July 31, 2014 in the United Kingdom and is registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 as a public limited company under company number 09156132. The Company’s registered office is located at 4th floor Phoenix House, 1 Station Hill, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1NB, UK.

In February 2017, the Company’s shares were admitted to trading on AIM under the ticker “DGOC.” In May 2020, the Company’s shares were admitted to trading on the LSE’s Main Market for listed securities. The shares trading on AIM were cancelled concurrent to their admittance on the LSE. With the change in corporate name in 2021, the Company’s shares listed on the LSE began trading as Diversified Energy Company PLC on May 7, 2021 under the new ticker “DEC”.

**NOTE 2 — BASIS OF PREPARATION****Basis of Preparation**

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The principal accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently throughout the year and are consistent with prior year unless otherwise stated.

Unless otherwise stated, the Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in U.S. Dollars, which is the Company’s subsidiaries’ functional currency and the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars except per share and per unit amounts and where otherwise indicated.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. Dollars at the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Where the Company has a different functional currency, its results and financial position are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position are translated at the closing rate at the date of that Consolidated Statement of Financial Position;
- Income and expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and
- All resulting exchange differences are reflected within other comprehensive income in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) held at fair value through profit and loss or through other comprehensive income.

**Segment Reporting**

The Company is an independent owner and operator of producing natural gas and oil wells with properties located in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. The Company's strategy is to acquire long-life producing assets, efficiently operate those assets to generate Free Cash Flow for shareholders and then to retire assets safely and responsibly at the end of their useful life. The Company's assets consist of natural gas and oil wells, pipelines and a network of gathering lines and compression facilities which are complementary to the Company's assets.

In accordance with IFRS the Company establishes segments on the basis those components of the Company are evaluated regularly by the chief executive officer, DEC's chief operating decision maker, when deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. When evaluating performance as well as when acquiring and managing assets the chief operating decision maker does so in a consolidated and complementary fashion to vertically integrate and improve margins. Accordingly, when determining operating segments under IFRS 8, the Company has identified one reportable segment that produces and transports natural gas, NGLs and oil in the U.S.

### Going Concern

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity and the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Directors have reviewed the Company's overall position and outlook and are of the opinion that the Company is sufficiently well funded to be able to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months from the date of approval of 2022 Annual Report.

The Directors closely monitor and carefully manage the Company's liquidity risk. Our financial outlook is assessed primarily through the annual business planning process, however it is also carefully monitored on a monthly basis. This process includes regular Board discussions, led by Senior Leadership, at which the current performance of, and outlook for, the Company are assessed. The outputs from the business planning process include a set of key performance objectives, an assessment of the Company's primary risks, the anticipated operational outlook and a set of financial forecasts that consider the sources of funding available to the Company (the "Base Plan").

The Base Plan incorporates key assumptions which underpin the business planning process. These assumptions are as follows:

- Projected operating cash flows are calculated using a production profile which is consistent with current operating results and decline rates;
- Assumes commodity prices are in line with the current forward curve which considers basis differentials;
- Operating cost levels stay consistent with historical trends;
- The financial impact of our current hedging contracts in place for the assessment period, which represents approximately 85%, 75%, and 70% of total production volumes hedged for the years ending December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively;
- The scenario also includes the scheduled principal and interest payments on our current debt arrangements and the funding of a dividend utilizing Free Cash Flow; and
- The continuation of capital expenditures directed at our emissions reductions initiatives.

The Directors and Senior Leadership also consider various scenarios around the Base Plan that primarily reflect a more severe, but plausible, downside impact of the principal risks, both individually and in the aggregate, as well as the additional capital requirements that downside scenarios could place on us.

**Scenario 1:** A sharp and sustained decline in pricing resulting in a 10% reduction to net realized prices.

**Scenario 2:** An operational stoppage or regulatory event occurs which results in reduced production by approximately 5%.

**Scenario 3:** A market or regulatory event (e.g. climate change legislation) triggers an increase in operating and midstream expenses by approximately 5%.

Under these downside sensitivity scenarios, the Company remains cash flow positive. The Company meets its working capital requirements, which primarily consist of derivative liabilities that, when settled, will be funded utilizing the higher commodity revenues from which the derivative liability was derived. The Company will also continue to meet the covenant requirements under its Credit Facility as well as its other existing borrowing instruments and continue to return cash flows to shareholders.

The Directors and Senior Leadership consider the impact that these principal risks could, in certain circumstances, have on the Company's prospects within the assessment period, and accordingly appraise the opportunities to actively mitigate the risk of these severe, but plausible, downside scenarios. In addition to its modelled downside going concern scenarios, the Board has stress tested the model to determine the extent of downturn which would result in a breach of covenants. Assuming similar levels of cash conversion as seen in 2022, a decline in production volume and pricing well in excess of that historically experienced by the Company would need to persist throughout the going concern period for a covenant breach to occur, which is considered very unlikely. This stress test also does not incorporate certain mitigating actions or cash preservation responses, which the Company would implement in the event of a severe and extended revenue decline.

In addition to the scenarios above, the Directors also considered the current geopolitical environment and the inflationary pressures that are currently impacting the U.S., which are being closely monitored by the Company. Notwithstanding the modelling of specific hypothetical scenarios, the Company believes that the impact associated with these events will largely continue to be reflected in commodity markets and will extend the volatility experienced in recent months. The Company considers commodity price risk a principal risk and will continue to actively monitor and mitigate this risk.

Based on the above, the Directors have reviewed the Company's overall position and outlook and are of the opinion that the Company is sufficiently well funded to be able to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months from the date of approval of these Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Prior Period Reclassifications and Changes in Presentation**

##### ***Reclassifications in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity***

To provide additional transparency into equity activity, the Company has reclassified certain amounts in its prior year Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity to conform to its current period presentation. These changes in reclassification do not affect total comprehensive income previously reported in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

The Company reclassified \$68,537 in "Repurchase of shares" from "Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)" to "Treasury Reserve" in the accompanying 2021 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity. The Company reclassified \$52,903 in "Repurchase of shares" from "Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)" to "Treasury Reserve" in the accompanying 2020 Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

##### ***Reclassifications in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows***

The Company has reclassified certain amounts in its prior year Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to conform to its current period presentation. These changes in classification do not affect total comprehensive income previously reported in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

The Company reclassified \$4,233 and \$1,958 in "Change in other current assets" to "Change in trade receivables and other current assets" and \$153,179 and \$7,402 in "Change in other current and non-current liabilities" to "Change in trade and other payables and other current liabilities" in the accompanying 2021 and 2020 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, respectively. The Company also reclassified \$1,838 and \$12,637 in "(Increase) decrease in restricted cash" from "Cash flows from investing activities" to "Cash flows from financing activities" in the accompanying 2021 and 2020 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, respectively.

**Basis of Consolidation**

The Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 reflect the following corporate structure of the Company, and its 100% wholly owned subsidiaries:

> Diversified Energy Company PLC (“DEC”) as well as its wholly owned subsidiaries	> Diversified ABS Phase V Upstream LLC	> Giant Land, LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation	> DP Bluegrass Holdings LLC	> Link Land LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified Production LLC	> DP Bluegrass LLC	> Old Faithful Land LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Holdings LLC	> Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC <sup>(a)</sup>	> Riverside Land LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified ABS LLC	> Diversified ABS Phase VI Holdings LLC	> Splendid Land LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Phase II Holdings LLC	> Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC	> Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust <sup>(c)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Phase II LLC	> Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC	> TGG Cotton Valley Assets, LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase III Holdings LLC	> OCM Denali ABS VI Upstream LLC	> Diversified Midstream LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase III LLC	> DP RBL Co LLC	> Cranberry Pipeline Corporation
> Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC	> BlueStone Natural Resources II LLC	> Coalfield Pipeline Company
> Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC	> DP Legacy Central LLC	> DM Bluebonnet LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase IV Holdings LLC	> Diversified Energy Marketing LLC	> Black Bear Midstream Holdings LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC	> DP Tapstone Energy Holdings LLC	> Black Bear Midstream LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase V Holdings LLC	> DP Legacy Tapstone LLC	> Black Bear Liquids LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase V LLC		> Black Bear Liquids Marketing LLC
		> DGOC Holdings Sub III LLC
		> Diversified Energy Group LLC
		> Diversified Energy Company LLC
		> Next LVL Energy, LLC

(a) Owned 51.25% by Diversified Energy Company PLC.

(b) Owned 55% by Diversified Energy Company PLC.

(c) Diversified Production, LLC holds 50.8% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust.

**NOTE 3 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in compliance with UK-adopted international accounting standards requires management to make estimates and exercise judgment in applying the Company’s accounting policies. In preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Company’s accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty are disclosed in Note 4.

**Business Combinations and Asset Acquisitions**

The Company performs an assessment of each acquisition to determine whether the acquisition should be accounted for as an asset acquisition or a business combination. For each transaction, the Company may elect to apply the concentration test under the IFRS 3 amendment to determine if the fair value of assets

acquired is substantially concentrated in a single asset (or a group of similar assets). If this concentration test is met, the acquisition qualifies as an acquisition of a group of assets and liabilities, not of a business.

Accounting for business combinations under IFRS 3 is applied once it is determined that a business has been acquired. Under IFRS 3, a business is defined as an integrated set of activities and assets conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return to investors. A business generally consists of inputs, processes applied to those inputs, and resulting outputs that are, or will be, used to generate revenues.

When less than the entire interest of an entity is acquired, the choice of measurement of the non-controlling interest, either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets, is determined on a transaction by transaction basis.

More information regarding the judgments and conclusions reached with respect to business combinations and asset acquisitions is included in Notes 4 and 5.

#### **Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. ("Oaktree") Participation Agreement**

In October 2020, the Company entered into a definitive participation agreement with funds managed by Oaktree to jointly identify and fund future proved developed producing acquisition opportunities ("PDP acquisitions") that the Company identified over a three (3) year term. The Oaktree Funding Commitment provided for up to \$1,000,000 in aggregate over three years for mutually agreed upon PDP acquisitions with transaction valuations typically greater than \$250,000. The Company and Oaktree each fund 50% of the net purchase price in exchange for proportionate working interests of 51.25% and 48.75% during Tranche I deals, or joint acquisitions made during the first 18 months of the agreement, and 52.5% and 47.5% during Tranche II deals, or joint acquisitions made during the second 18 months of the agreement, respectively. The Company's greater share reflects the upfront promote it will receive from Oaktree which is intended to compensate the Company for the increase in general and administrative expenses needed to operate an entity that increases with acquired growth.

Additionally, upon Oaktree achieving a 10% unlevered internal rate of return, Oaktree will convey a back-end promote to the Company which will increase the Company's working interest to 59.625% for both Tranche I and Tranche II deals. The Company also maintains the right of first offer to acquire Oaktree's interest if and when Oaktree decides to divest. The Company and Oaktree each have the right to participate in a sale by the other party with a third-party upon comparable terms.

#### **Inventory**

Natural gas inventory is stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value, cost being determined on a weighted average cost basis. Inventory also consists of material and supplies used in connection with the Company's maintenance, storage and handling. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash on the balance sheet comprises cash at banks. Balances held at banks, at times, exceed U.S. federally insured amounts. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and the Directors believe the Company is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's cash balance was \$7,329 and \$12,558, respectively.

#### **Trade Receivables**

Trade receivables are stated at the historical carrying amount, net of any provisions required. Trade receivables are due from customers throughout the natural gas and oil industry. Although dispersed among several customers, collectability is dependent on the financial condition of each individual customer as well as the general economic conditions of the industry. The Directors review the financial condition of customers prior to extending credit and generally do not require collateral to support the recoverability of the Company's trade receivables. Any changes in the Directors' allowance for current expected credit losses during the year are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. Trade receivables also include certain receivables from third-party working interest owners. The Company consistently assesses the collectability of these receivables. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company considered

a portion of these working interest receivables uncollectable and recorded an allowance for credit losses in the amount of \$8,941 and \$6,141, respectively. Refer to Note 14 for additional information.

**Impairment of Financial Assets**

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), requires the application of an expected credit loss model in considering the impairment of financial assets. The expected credit loss model requires the Company to account for expected credit losses and changes in those expected credit losses at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the financial assets. The credit event does not have to occur before credit losses are recognized. IFRS 9 allows for a simplified approach for measuring the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses for trade receivables and contract assets.

The Company applies the simplified approach to the expected credit loss model to trade receivables arising from:

- Sales of natural gas, NGLs and oil;
- Sales of gathering and transportation of third-party natural gas; and
- The provision of other services.

**Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of any applicable transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortized cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method (if applicable).

Interest on borrowings is accrued as applicable to each class of borrowing.

**Derivative Financial Instruments**

Derivatives are used as part of the Company’s overall strategy to mitigate risk associated with the unpredictability of cash flows due to volatility in commodity prices. Further details of the Company’s exposure to these risks are detailed in Note 25. The Company has entered into financial instruments which are considered derivative contracts, such as swaps and collars, which result in net cash settlements each month and do not result in physical deliveries. The derivative contracts are initially recognized at fair value at the date the contract is entered into and remeasured to fair value every balance sheet date. The resulting gain or loss is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year incurred in the Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments line item.

**Restricted Cash**

Cash held on deposit for bonding purposes is classified as restricted cash and recorded within current and non-current assets. The cash (1) is restricted in use by state governmental agencies to be utilized and drawn upon if the operator should abandon any wells, or (2) is being held as collateral by the Company’s surety bond providers. Additionally, the Company is required to maintain certain reserves for interest payments related to its asset-backed securitizations discussed in Note 21. These reserves approximate six to seven months of interest, depending on the Note, as well as any associated fees. The Company classifies restricted cash as current or non-current based on the classification of the associated asset or liability to which the restriction relates.

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Cash restricted by asset-backed securitizations	\$54,552	\$18,069
Other restricted cash	836	1,033
<b>Total restricted cash</b>	<b>\$55,388</b>	<b>\$19,102</b>
<b>Classified as:</b>		
Current asset	\$ 7,891	\$ 1,033
Non-current asset	47,497	18,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,388</b>	<b>\$19,102</b>

### Natural Gas and Oil Properties

Natural gas and oil activities are accounted for using the principles of the successful efforts method of accounting as described below.

#### *Development and Acquisition Costs*

Costs incurred to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire a property are capitalized when incurred. Expenditures related to the construction, installation or completion of infrastructure facilities, such as platforms, and the drilling of development wells, including delineation wells, are capitalized within natural gas and oil properties. The initial cost of an asset comprises its purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into operation, and the initial estimate of the asset retirement obligation.

#### *Depletion*

Proved natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes are used as the basis to calculate unit-of-production depletion rates. Leasehold costs are depleted on the unit-of-production basis over the total proved reserves of the relevant area while production and development wells are depleted over proved producing reserves.

### Intangible Assets

#### *Software Development*

Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Company are recognized as intangible assets where the following criteria are met:

- It is technically feasible to complete the software so that it will be available for use;
- The Directors intend to complete the software and use or sell it;
- There is an ability to use the software;
- It can be demonstrated how the software will generate probable future economic benefits;
- Adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use the software are available; and
- The expenditure attributable to the software during its development can be reliably measured.

Directly attributable costs that are capitalized as part of the software include cost incurred by third parties, employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads. Capitalized development costs are recorded as intangible assets and amortized from the point at which the asset is ready for use. Costs associated with maintaining software programs are recognized as an expense as incurred.

#### *Impairment of Intangible Assets*

Intangible assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the



asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (cash-generating units). Intangible assets that suffer an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

#### **Amortization**

The Company amortizes intangible assets with a limited useful life, using the straight-line method over the following periods:

	<u>Range in Years</u>
Software	3 – 5
Other acquired intangibles <sup>(a)</sup>	3

(a) Represents intangible assets acquired in business combinations and asset acquisitions.

#### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. The cost of property, plant and equipment initially recognized includes its purchase price and any cost that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Directors.

Property, plant and equipment are generally depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives:

	<u>Range in Years</u>
Buildings and leasehold improvements	10 – 40
Equipment	5 – 10
Motor vehicles	5
Midstream assets	10 – 15
Other property and equipment	5 – 10

Property, plant and equipment held under leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or estimated useful life.

#### **Impairment of Non-Financial Assets**

At each reporting date, the Directors assess whether indications exist that an asset may be impaired. If indications exist, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Directors estimate the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's, or cash generating unit's, fair value less costs to sell and its value-in-use, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, the Directors consider the asset impaired and write the asset down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value-in-use, the Directors discount the estimated future cash flows to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, the Directors consider recent market transactions, if available. If no such transactions can be identified, the Directors will utilize an appropriate valuation model.

#### **Leases**

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of contracts (or separate components of a contract) which convey to the Company the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration, when such contracts meet the

definition of a lease as determined by IFRS 16, Leases (“IFRS 16”). The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date.

The Company initially measures the lease liability at the present value of the future lease payments. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. When this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate. After the commencement date, the lease liability is reduced for payments made by the lessee and increased for interest on the lease liability.

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises:

- The amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee; and
- An estimate of costs to be incurred by the lessee in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories.

Subsequent to the measurement date, the right-of-use asset is depreciated on a straight line basis for a period of time that reflects the life of the underlying asset, and also adjusted for the remeasurement of any lease liability.

#### **Asset Retirement Obligations**

Where a liability for the retirement of a well, removal of production equipment and site restoration at the end of the production life of a well exists, the Company recognizes a liability for asset retirement. The amount recognized is the present value of estimated future net expenditures determined in accordance with our anticipated retirement plans as well as with local conditions and requirements. The unwinding of the discount on the decommissioning liability is included as accretion of the decommissioning provision. The cost of the relevant property, plant and equipment asset is increased with an amount equivalent to the liability and depreciated on a unit of production basis. The Company recognizes changes in estimates prospectively, with corresponding adjustments to the liability and the associated non-current asset.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had no midstream asset retirement obligations.

#### **Taxation**

##### ***Deferred Taxation***

Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax is realized or the deferred liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that the future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

##### ***Current Taxation***

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 were measured at the amount to be recovered from, or paid to, the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in the jurisdictions where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

##### ***Uncertain Tax Positions***

Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and considers whether it is probable that a taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment. The Company measures its tax balances based on either

the most likely amount, or the expected value, depending on which method provides a better prediction of the resolution of the uncertainty.

### **Revenue Recognition**

#### ***Natural Gas, NGLs and Oil***

Commodity revenue is derived from sales of natural gas, NGLs and oil products and is recognized when the customer obtains control of the commodity. This transfer generally occurs when the product is physically transferred into a vessel, pipe, sales meter or other delivery mechanism. This also represents the point at which the Company carries out its single performance obligation to its customer under contracts for the sale of natural gas, NGLs and oil.

Commodity revenue in which the Company has an interest with other producers is recognized proportionately based on the Company's working interest and the terms of the relevant production sharing contracts. The portion of revenue that is due to minority working interests is included as a liability, described in Note 23.

Commodity revenue is recorded based on the volumes accepted each day by customers at the delivery point and is measured using the respective market price index for the applicable commodity plus or minus the applicable basis differential based on the quality of the product.

#### ***Third-Party Gathering Revenue***

Revenue from gathering and transportation of third-party natural gas is recognized when the customer transfers its natural gas to the entry point in the Company's midstream network and becomes entitled to withdraw an equivalent volume of natural gas from the exit point in the Company's midstream network under contracts for the gathering and transportation of natural gas. This transfer generally occurs when product is physically transferred into the Company's vessel, pipe, or sales meter. The customer's entitlement to withdraw an equivalent volume of natural gas is broadly coterminous with the transfer of natural gas into the Company's midstream network. Customers are invoiced and revenue is recognized each month based on the volume of natural gas transported at a contractually agreed upon price per unit.

#### ***Asset Retirement Revenue***

Revenue from third-party asset retirement services is recognized as earned in the month work is performed and consistent with the Company's contractual obligations. The Company's contractual obligations in this respect are considered to be its performance obligations.

#### ***Other Revenue***

Revenue from the operation of third-party wells is recognized as earned in the month work is performed and consistent with the Company's contractual obligations. The Company's contractual obligations in this respect are considered to be its performance obligations for the purposes of IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15").

Revenue from the sale of water disposal services to third-parties into the Company's disposal wells is recognized as earned in the month the water was physically disposed at a contractually agreed upon price per unit. Disposal of the water is considered to be the Company's performance obligation under these contracts.

Revenue is stated after deducting sales taxes, excise duties and similar levies.

### **Share-Based Payments**

The Company accounts for share-based payments under IFRS 2, Share-Based Payment ("IFRS 2"). All of the Company's share-based awards are equity settled. The fair value of the awards are determined at the date of grant. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had three types of share-based payment awards: RSUs, PSUs and Options. The fair value of the Company's RSUs is measured using the stock

price at the grant date. The fair value of the Company's PSUs is measured using a Monte Carlo simulation model. The inputs to the Monte Carlo simulation model included:

- The share price at the date of grant;
- Expected volatility;
- Expected dividends;
- Risk free rate of interest; and
- Patterns of exercise of the plan participants.

The fair value of the Company's Options are calculated using the Black-Scholes model as of the grant date. The inputs to the Black-Scholes model included:

- The share price at the date of grant;
- Exercise price;
- Expected volatility; and
- Risk-free rate of interest.

The grant date fair value of share-based awards, adjusted for market-based performance conditions, are expensed uniformly over the vesting period.

#### **New Standards and Interpretations**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for December 31, 2022 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Company. None of these new standards or interpretations are expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

#### **NOTE 4 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES**

In application of the Company's accounting policies, described in Note 3, the Directors have made the following judgments and estimates which may have a significant effect on the amounts recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

##### **Significant Judgments**

###### ***Business Combinations and Asset Acquisitions***

The Company follows the guidance in IFRS 3, Business Combinations ("IFRS 3") for determining the appropriate accounting treatment for acquisitions. IFRS 3 permits an initial fair value assessment to determine if substantially all of the fair value of the assets acquired is concentrated in a single asset or group of similar assets, the "concentration test". If the initial screening test is not met, the asset is considered a business based on whether there are inputs and substantive processes in place. Based on the results of this analysis and conclusion on an acquisition's classification of a business combination or an asset acquisition, the accounting treatment is derived.

If the acquisition is deemed to be a business, the acquisition method of accounting is applied. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date are recorded at fair value. When the fair value exceeds the consideration transferred, a bargain purchase gain is recognized. Conversely, when the consideration transferred exceeds the fair value, goodwill is recorded. If the transaction is deemed to be an asset purchase, the cost accumulation and allocation model is used whereby the assets and liabilities are recorded based on the purchase price and allocated to the individual assets and liabilities based on relative fair values. As a result, gain on bargain purchases are not recognized on asset acquisitions. Additionally, in instances when the acquisition of a group of assets contains contingent consideration, the Company records changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration through the basis of the asset acquired rather

than through the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. More information regarding conclusions reached with respect to this judgment is included in Note 5.

The determination and allocation of fair values to the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based on various market participant assumptions and valuation methodologies requiring considerable judgment by management. The most significant variables in these valuations are discount rates and other assumptions and estimates used to determine the cash inflows and outflows. Management determines discount rates based on the risk inherent in the acquired assets, specific risks, industry beta and capital structure of guideline companies. The valuation of an acquired business is based on available information at the acquisition date and assumptions that are believed to be reasonable. However, a change in facts and circumstances as of the acquisition date can result in subsequent adjustments during the measurement period, but no later than one year from the acquisition date.

### **Significant Estimates**

#### ***Estimating the Fair Value of Natural Gas and Oil Properties***

The Company determines the fair value of its natural gas and oil properties acquired in business combinations using the income approach based on expected discounted future cash flows from estimated reserve quantities, costs to produce and develop reserves, and natural gas and oil forward prices. The future net cash flows are discounted using a weighted average cost of capital as well as any additional risk factors. Proved reserves are estimated by reference to available geological and engineering data and only include volumes for which access to market is assured with reasonable certainty. Estimates of proved reserves are inherently imprecise, require the application of judgment and are subject to regular revision, either upward or downward, based on new information such as from the drilling of additional wells, observation of long-term reservoir performance under producing conditions and changes in economic factors, including product prices, contract terms or development plans. Sensitivity analysis on the significant inputs to the fair value is included in Note 5.

#### ***Impairment of Natural Gas and Oil Properties***

In preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements the Directors considered that a key judgment was whether there was any evidence that the natural gas and oil properties were impaired. When making this assessment, producing assets are reviewed for indicators of impairment at the balance sheet date. Indicators of impairment for the Company's producing assets can include significant or prolonged:

- Decreases in commodity pricing or other negative changes in market conditions;
- Downward revisions of reserve estimates; or
- Increases in operating costs.

The Company reviews the carrying value of its natural gas and oil properties annually or when an indicator of impairment is identified. The impairment test compares the carrying value of natural gas and oil properties to their recoverable amount based on the present value of estimated future net cash flows from the proved natural gas and oil reserves. The future cash flows are calculated using estimated reserve quantities, costs to produce and develop reserves, and natural gas and oil forward prices. The fair value of proved reserves is estimated by reference to available geological and engineering data and only include volumes for which access to market is assured with reasonable certainty. When the carrying value is in excess of the fair value, the Company recognizes an impairment by writing down the value of its natural gas and oil properties to their fair value. No such impairments were recorded during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

Where there has been a charge for impairment in an earlier period, that charge will be reversed in a later period when there has been a change in circumstances to the extent that the recoverable amount is higher than the net book value at the time. In reversing impairment losses, the carrying amount of the asset will be increased to the lower of its original carrying value or the carrying value that would have been determined (net of depletion) had no impairment loss been recognized in prior years. No such recoveries were recorded during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020. Please refer to Note 10 for additional information.

When applicable, the Company recognizes impairment losses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

#### **Reserve Volume Estimates**

Proved reserves are the estimated volumes of natural gas, oil and NGLs that can be economically produced with reasonable certainty from known reservoirs under existing economic conditions and operating methods.

In estimating proved natural gas and oil reserves, we rely on interpretations and judgment of available geological, geophysical, engineering and production data as well as the use of certain economic assumptions such as commodity pricing. Additional assumptions include operating expenses, capital expenditures and taxes. Many of the factors, assumptions and variables involved in estimating proved reserves are subject to change over time and therefore affect the estimates of natural gas, oil and NGL reserve volumes.

#### **Taxation**

The Company makes certain estimates in calculating deferred tax assets and liabilities, as well as income tax expense. These estimates often involve judgment regarding differences in the timing and recognition of revenue and expense for tax and financial reporting purposes as well as the tax basis of our assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date before tax returns are completed. Additionally, the Company must assess the likelihood that it will be able to recover or utilize its deferred tax assets and record a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets when all or a portion of that asset is not expected to be realized. In evaluating whether a valuation allowance should be applied, the Company considers evidence such as future taxable income, among other factors, both positive and negative. This determination involves numerous judgments and assumptions and includes estimating factors such as commodity prices, production and other operating conditions. If any of those factors, assumptions or judgments change, the deferred tax asset could change and, in particular, decrease in a period where the Company determines it is more likely than not that the asset will not be realized. Alternatively, a valuation allowance may be reversed where it is determined it is more likely than not that the asset will be realized.

#### **Asset Retirement Obligation Costs**

The ultimate asset retirement obligation costs are uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience at other production sites. The expected timing and amount of expenditures can also change, for example, in response to changes in reserves or changes in laws and regulations or their interpretation. As a result, significant estimates and assumptions are made in determining the provision for asset retirement. These assumptions include the cost to retire the wells, the economic life of the wells and the discount rate. Changes in assumptions related to the Company's asset retirement obligations could result in a material change in the carrying value within the next financial year. See Note 19 for more information and sensitivity analysis.

#### **NOTE 5—ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES**

The assets acquired in all acquisitions include the necessary permits, rights to production, royalties, assignments, contracts and agreements that support the production from wells and operation of pipelines. The Company determines the accounting treatment of acquisitions using IFRS 3.

As part of the Company's corporate strategy it actively seeks to acquire assets when they meet the Company's acquisition criteria of being long life, low-decline assets that strategically complement the Company's existing portfolio.

#### **2022 Acquisitions**

##### ***ConocoPhillips Asset Acquisition***

On September 27, 2022 the Company acquired certain upstream assets and related facilities within the Central Region from ConocoPhillips. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an

asset acquisition rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$209,766, including customary purchase price adjustments. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were negligible. The Company funded the purchase with available cash on hand and a draw on the Credit Facility. In the period from its acquisition to December 31, 2022 the ConocoPhillips assets increased the Company's revenue by \$25,217.

The provisional assets and liabilities assumed were as follows:

<b>Consideration paid</b>	
Cash consideration	\$209,766
<b>Total consideration</b>	<b><u>\$209,766</u></b>
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	
Natural gas and oil properties	\$210,227
Asset retirement obligations, asset portion	17,380
Property, plant and equipment	302
Other current assets	98
Asset retirement obligations, liability portion	(17,380)
Other current liabilities	(861)
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	<b><u>\$209,766</u></b>

#### *East Texas Asset Acquisition*

On April 25, 2022, the Company acquired a proportionate 52.5% working interest in certain upstream assets and related facilities within the Central Region from a private seller in conjunction with Oaktree, via the previously disclosed participation agreement between the two parties. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$47,468, including customary purchase price adjustments. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$1,550. The Company funded the purchase with available cash on hand and a draw on the Credit Facility. In the period from its acquisition to December 31, 2022 the East Texas assets increased the Company's revenue by \$34,833.

The provisional assets and liabilities assumed were as follows:

<b>Consideration paid</b>	
Cash consideration	\$47,468
<b>Total consideration</b>	<b><u>\$47,468</u></b>
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	
Natural gas and oil properties	\$50,590
Asset retirement obligations, asset portion	7,015
Property, plant and equipment	1,049
Trade receivables, net	23
Asset retirement obligations, liability portion	(7,015)
Other non-current liabilities	(1,667)
Other current liabilities	(2,527)
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	<b><u>\$47,468</u></b>

#### *Other Acquisitions*

During the period ended December 31, 2022 the Company acquired three asset retirement companies for an aggregate consideration of \$13,949, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments. The Company

will also pay an additional \$3,150 in deferred consideration through November 2024. When evaluating these transactions, the Company determined they did not have significant asset concentrations and as a result it had acquired identifiable sets of inputs, processes and outputs and concluded the transactions were business combinations. This expansion in the Company's internal asset retirement operations brings the total plugging rigs owned and operated by the Company to 15 as of December 31, 2022.

On April 1, 2022 the Company acquired certain midstream assets, inclusive of a processing facility, in the Central Region that are contiguous to its existing East Texas assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$10,139, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. When evaluating the transaction, the Company determined it did not have significant asset concentration and as a result it had acquired an identifiable set of inputs, processes and outputs and concluded the transaction was a business combination. The provisional fair value of the net assets acquired was \$10,742 generating a bargain purchase gain of \$603.

On November 21, 2022 the Company acquired certain midstream assets in the Central Region that are contiguous to its existing East Texas assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$7,438, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination.

Transaction costs associated with the other acquisitions noted above were insignificant and the Company funded the aggregate cash consideration with existing cash on hand.

## **2021 Acquisitions**

### ***Tapstone Energy Holdings LLC ("Tapstone") Business Combination***

On December 7, 2021, the Company acquired a proportionate 51.25% working interest in certain upstream assets, field infrastructure, equipment, and facilities within the Central Region from Tapstone in conjunction with Oaktree, via the previously disclosed participation agreement between the two parties. The acquisition also included five wells which remained under development as of December 31, 2021 and have now been completed by the Company. The Company will serve as the sole operator of the assets. When evaluating the transaction, the Company determined it did not have significant asset concentration and as a result it had acquired an identifiable set of inputs, processes and outputs and concluded the transaction was a business combination. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$177,496, inclusive customary purchase price adjustments. During 2022, the Company recorded \$3,853 in measurement period adjustments as purchase accounting was finalized. These adjustments were recorded as an increase in the bargain purchase gain associated with the transaction. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$4,039 and were expensed. The Company funded the purchase with proceeds from the Credit Facility.

In connection with the acquisition the Company also acquired the beneficial ownership in the Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust ("the GWT"). The Company consolidates the GWT as it has determined that it controls the GWT because it (1) possesses power over the GWT, (2) has exposure to variable returns from its involvement with the GWT, and (3) has the ability to use its power over the GWT to affect its returns. The elements of control are achieved through the Company operating a majority of the natural gas and oil properties that are subject to the conveyed royalty interests, marketing of the associated production, and through its ownership of 50.8% of the outstanding common units of the GWT. The common units of the GWT owned by third parties have been reflected as a non-controlling interest in the consolidated financial statements. Common units outstanding as of December 7, 2021 were 46,750,000 with the Company's beneficial interests in the GWT representing 50.8%. The GWT is publicly traded and the GWT's market capitalization was utilized when determining the value of the non-controlling interests.

The GWT's non-controlling interest is heavily concentrated in the acquired Tapstone natural gas and oil properties and as a result the Company consolidated \$16,087 into its natural gas and oil properties associated with this non-controlling interest as of December 31, 2022. The remaining amounts in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position associated with non-controlling interest are immaterial and working capital in nature.



***Tanos Energy Holdings III, LLC (“Tanos”) Business Combination***

On August 18, 2021, the Company acquired a 51.25% working interest in certain upstream assets, field infrastructure, equipment and facilities within the Central Region from Tanos, in conjunction with Oaktree, via the previously disclosed participation agreement between the two parties. The Company will serve as the sole operator of the assets. When evaluating the transaction, the Company determined it did not have significant asset concentration and as a result it had acquired an identifiable set of inputs, processes and outputs and concluded the transaction was a business combination. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$116,061, including customary purchase price adjustments. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$2,384 and were expensed. DEC funded the purchase with proceeds from a drawdown on the Credit Facility. During 2022 purchase accounting was finalized and no measurement period adjustments were recorded.

As part of the acquisition, the Company obtained the option to novate or extinguish the Tanos hedge book. In conjunction with the closing settlement, the Company elected to extinguish their share of the Tanos hedge book. The cost to terminate was \$52,666. This payment relieved the termination liability established on the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in purchase accounting and has been presented as an investing activity on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows given its connection to the Tanos acquisition. New contracts were subsequently entered into for more favorable pricing in order to secure the cash flows associated with these producing assets.

***Blackbeard Operating LLC (“Blackbeard”) Asset Acquisition***

On July 5, 2021, the Company acquired certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region from Blackbeard. Given the concentration of assets this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$170,523, including customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$3,644 and were capitalized to natural gas and oil properties. The Company funded the purchase with proceeds from the May 2021 equity placement and a draw on the Credit Facility, discussed in Notes 16 and 21, respectively. During 2022 purchase accounting was finalized and no measurement period adjustments were recorded.

***Indigo Asset Acquisition***

On May 19, 2021, the Company acquired certain upstream assets and related gathering infrastructure in the Central Region from Indigo. Given the concentration of assets this transaction was considered an acquisition of assets rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$117,352, including customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$473 and were capitalized to natural gas and oil properties. The Company funded the purchase with proceeds from the May 2021 equity placement and a draw on the Credit Facility, discussed in Notes 16 and 21, respectively. During 2022 purchase accounting was finalized and no measurement period adjustments were recorded.

**2021 Divestitures*****Indigo Minerals LLC (“Indigo”) Divestiture***

On July 9, 2021, the Company divested to Oaktree a non-operating 48.75% proportionate working interest in the Indigo assets that were previously acquired (as disclosed above) by the Company on May 19, 2021. The initial consideration received was \$52,314, or 50% of the Company’s net purchase price on the Indigo assets which is consistent with the terms of the previously disclosed participation agreement between the Company and Oaktree. The Company will continue to serve as the sole operator of the assets. The Company used the proceeds to reduce outstanding balances on the Credit Facility.

In connection with the divestiture, the Company entered into a swap contract with Oaktree where the Company receives a market price and pays a fixed weighted average swap price of \$2.86 per Mcfe. When

considering the fair value of the swap arrangement as well as the value of the upfront promote received from Oaktree at the date of close the Company realized a loss of \$1,461 on the divestiture.

#### ***Other Divestitures***

On December 23, 2021, the Company divested certain predominantly undeveloped Haynesville Shale acreage in Texas, acquired as part of the Tanos acquisition. The total consideration received was \$66,168 with DEC's 51.25% interest through joint ownership with Oaktree generating net proceeds of \$33,911 to DEC inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments.

#### **Pro Forma Information (Unaudited)**

The following table summarizes the unaudited pro forma condensed financial information of the Company as if the EQT and Carbon acquisitions each had occurred on January 1, 2020, the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions each had occurred on January 1, 2021, and the East Texas Assets and ConocoPhillips acquisition each had occurred on January 1, 2022.

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Revenues	\$2,010,927	\$1,249,983	\$440,142
Net income (loss)	\$ (594,097)	\$ (279,121)	\$ (21,373)

The unaudited pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the EQT and Carbon acquisitions each been completed at January 1, 2020, the Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos and Tapstone acquisitions each been completed at January 1, 2021, and the East Texas Assets and ConocoPhillips acquisitions each been completed at January 1, 2022, nor is it necessarily indicative of future operating results of the combined entities. The unaudited pro forma information gives effect to the acquisitions and any related equity and debt issuances, along with the use of proceeds therefrom, as if they had occurred on the respective dates discussed above and is a result of combining the statements of operations of the Company with the pre-acquisition results of EQT, Carbon, Indigo, Blackbeard, Tanos, Tapstone, East Texas Assets and ConocoPhillips, including adjustment for revenues and direct expenses. The pro forma results exclude any cost savings anticipated as a result of the acquisitions, and include adjustments to depreciation, depletion and amortization based on the purchase price allocated to property, plant and equipment and the estimated useful lives as well as adjustments to interest expense.

#### **Subsequent Events**

On February 8, 2023 the Company announced it entered a conditional agreement to acquire certain upstream assets and related infrastructure in the Central Region from Tanos Energy Holdings II LLC ("Tanos II"). The transaction subsequently closed on March 1, 2023 for a total purchase consideration of \$250,000 before customary purchase price adjustments. The transaction was funded with proceeds from the February 2023 equity raise, cash on hand and existing availability on the Credit Facility for which the borrowing base was upsized concurrent to the closing of the Tanos II transaction. Refer to Notes 16 and 21 for additional information regarding the Company's share capital and borrowings.

#### **NOTE 6—REVENUE**

The Company extracts and sells natural gas, NGLs and oil to various customers in addition to operating a majority of these natural gas and oil wells for customers and other working interest owners. In addition, the Company provides gathering and transportation services as well as asset retirement and other services to third parties. All revenue was generated in the U.S.

The following table reconciles the Company's revenue for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Natural gas	\$1,544,658	\$ 818,726	\$343,425
NGLs	188,733	115,747	23,173
Oil	139,620	38,634	15,064
<b>Total commodity revenue</b>	<b>\$1,873,011</b>	<b>\$ 973,107</b>	<b>\$381,662</b>
Midstream	32,798	31,988	25,389
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	13,540	2,466	1,642
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$1,919,349</b>	<b>\$1,007,561</b>	<b>\$408,693</b>

(a) Includes asset retirement and other revenue. Refer to Note 3 for additional information.

A significant portion of the Company's trade receivables represent receivables related to either sales of natural gas, NGLs and oil or operational services, all of which are uncollateralized, and are collected within 30 – 60 days.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, no customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues. During the year ended December 31, 2021, two customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues, representing 22% of consolidated revenues. During the year ended December 31, 2020, two customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues, representing 22% of consolidated revenues.

#### NOTE 7 — EXPENSES BY NATURE

The following table provides a detail of the Company's expenses for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
LOE <sup>(a)</sup>	\$182,817	\$119,594	\$ 92,288
Production taxes <sup>(b)</sup>	73,849	30,518	13,705
Midstream operating expense <sup>(c)</sup>	71,154	60,481	52,815
Transportation expense <sup>(d)</sup>	118,073	80,620	45,155
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$445,893</b>	<b>\$291,213</b>	<b>\$203,963</b>
Depreciation and amortization	51,877	44,841	33,673
Depletion	170,380	122,803	83,617
<b>Total depreciation, depletion and amortization</b>	<b>\$222,257</b>	<b>\$167,644</b>	<b>\$117,290</b>
Employees, administrative costs and professional services <sup>(e)</sup>	77,172	56,812	47,181
Costs associated with acquisitions <sup>(f)</sup>	15,545	27,743	10,465
Other adjusting costs <sup>(g)</sup>	69,967	10,371	14,581
Non-cash equity compensation <sup>(h)</sup>	8,051	7,400	5,007
<b>Total G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$170,735</b>	<b>\$102,326</b>	<b>\$ 77,234</b>
Non-recurring allowance for credit losses	—	—	6,931
Recurring allowance for credit losses <sup>(i)</sup>	—	(4,265)	1,559
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$838,885</b>	<b>\$556,918</b>	<b>\$406,977</b>
Aggregate remuneration (including Directors):			
Wages and salaries	\$113,267	\$ 83,790	\$ 75,719
Payroll taxes	9,516	7,137	5,383
Benefits	23,828	19,083	14,926
<b>Total employees and benefits expense</b>	<b>\$146,611</b>	<b>\$110,010</b>	<b>\$ 96,028</b>

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- (a) LOE includes costs incurred to maintain producing properties. Such costs include direct and contract labor, repairs and maintenance, water hauling, compression, automobile, insurance, and materials and supplies expenses.
- (b) Production taxes include severance and property taxes. Severance taxes are generally paid on produced natural gas, NGLs and oil production at fixed rates established by federal, state or local taxing authorities. Property taxes are generally based on the taxing jurisdictions' valuation of the Company's natural gas and oil properties and midstream assets.
- (c) Midstream operating expenses are daily costs incurred to operate the Company's owned midstream assets inclusive of employee and benefit expenses.
- (d) Transportation expenses are daily costs incurred from third-party systems to gather, process and transport the Company's natural gas, NGLs and oil.
- (e) Employees, administrative costs and professional services includes payroll and benefits for our administrative and corporate staff, costs of maintaining administrative and corporate offices, costs of managing our production operations, franchise taxes, public company costs, fees for audit and other professional services and legal compliance.
- (f) The Company generally incurs costs related to the integration of acquisitions, which will vary for each acquisition. For acquisitions considered to be a business combination, these costs include transaction costs directly associated with a successful acquisition transaction. These costs also include costs associated with transition service arrangements where the Company pays the seller of the acquired entity a fee to handle various G&A functions until the Company has fully integrated the assets onto its systems. In addition, these costs include costs related to integrating IT systems and consulting as well as internal workforce costs directly related to integrating acquisitions into the Company's system.
- (g) Other adjusting costs for the year ended December 31, 2022 primarily consisted of \$28,345 in contract terminations which will allow the Company to obtain more favorable pricing in the future and \$31,099 in costs associated with deal breakage and/or sourcing costs for acquisitions. For the year ended December 31, 2021, other adjusting costs were primarily associated with one-time projects and contemplated transactions. Also included are expenses associated with an unused firm transportation agreement acquired as part of the Carbon Acquisition. For the year ended December 31, 2020, other adjusting costs are associated with legal and professional fees related to the up-list to the Premium Segment of the Main Market of the LSE.
- (h) Non-cash equity compensation reflects the expense recognition related to share-based compensation provided to certain key members of the management team. Refer to Note 17 for additional information regarding non-cash share-based compensation.
- (i) Allowance for credit losses consists of the recognition and reversal of credit losses. Refer to Note 14 for additional information regarding credit losses.

The number of employees was as follows for the years presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Number of production support employees, including Directors	362	283	183
Number of production employees	1,220	1,143	924
<b>Workforce</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,107</b>

The Directors consider that the Company's key management personnel comprise the Directors. The Directors' remuneration was as follows for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Executive Directors</b>			
Salary	\$1,157	\$1,119	\$1,090
Taxable benefits <sup>(a)</sup>	24	22	16
Benefit plan <sup>(b)</sup>	73	71	71
Bonus <sup>(c)</sup>	1,631	1,427	1,537
Long-term incentives <sup>(c)</sup>	3,193	3,018	938
<b>Total Executive Directors' remuneration</b>	<b>\$6,078</b>	<b>\$5,657</b>	<b>\$3,652</b>
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>			
Fees	\$ 911	\$ 683	\$ 763
<b>Total Non-Executive Directors' remuneration</b>	<b>\$ 911</b>	<b>\$ 683</b>	<b>\$ 763</b>
<b>Total remuneration</b>	<b>\$6,989</b>	<b>\$6,340</b>	<b>\$4,415</b>

- (a) Taxable benefits were comprised of Company paid life insurance premiums and automobile reimbursements.
- (b) Reflects matching contributions under the Company's 401(k) plan.
- (c) Further details of the bonus outcome for 2022 and long-term incentives can be found in the Company's 2022 Annual Report.

Auditors' remuneration for the Company was as follows for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Auditors' remuneration (PwC)</b>			
Fees payable to the Company's external auditors and their associates for the audit of the consolidated financial statements	\$1,790	\$1,694	\$1,196
Audit-related assurance services <sup>(a)</sup>	774	1,628	1,146
Other assurance services	—	—	87
<b>Total auditors' remuneration (PwC)</b>	<b>\$2,564</b>	<b>\$3,322</b>	<b>\$2,429</b>

- (a) Fees incurred associated with the Company's capital market activity which is outside the scope of the audit of the consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTE 8 — TAXATION

The Company files a consolidated U.S. federal tax return, multiple state tax returns, and a separate UK tax return for the Parent entity. The consolidated taxable income includes an allocable portion of income from the Company's co-investments with Oaktree and its investment in the Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust. Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and consist of taxes currently due plus deferred taxes related to differences between the basis of assets and liabilities for financial and income tax reporting.

For the taxable years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company had a tax benefit of \$178,904, \$225,694 and \$113,266, respectively. The effective tax rate used for the year ended December 31, 2022 was 22.4%, compared to 41.0% for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 82.8% for the year ended

December 31, 2020. The December 31, 2022 effective tax rate was primarily impacted by changes in state taxes as a result of acquisitions. The December 31, 2021 and 2020 effective tax rate was primarily impacted by the Company's recognition of the U.S. marginal well tax credit available to qualified producers in 2021 and 2020, who operate lower-volume wells during a low commodity pricing environment. The federal government provides these credits to encourage companies to continue operating lower-volume wells during periods of low prices to maintain the underlying jobs they create and the state and local tax revenues they generate for communities to support schools, social programs, law enforcement and other similar public services. The U.S. marginal well tax credit is prescribed by Internal Revenue Code Section 45I and is available for certain natural gas production from qualifying wells. In May 2022, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service released Notice 2022-18 which quantified the amount of credit per Mcf of qualified natural gas production for tax years beginning in 2021 and also detailed the calculation methodology for future years. The federal tax credit is intended to provide a benefit for wells producing less than 90 Mcfe per day when market prices for natural gas are relatively low. The Company benefits from this credit given its portfolio of long-life, low-decline conventional wells. The tax credit was not available for tax year 2022 due to improved commodity prices.

The provision for income taxes in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income is summarized below:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Current income tax expense</b>			
Federal	\$ (513)	\$ 25,738	\$ 233
State	2,841	11,958	4,923
Foreign – UK	107	(52)	616
<b>Total current income tax expense</b>	<b>\$ 2,435</b>	<b>\$ 37,644</b>	<b>\$ 5,772</b>
<b>Deferred income tax (benefit) expense</b>			
Federal	\$(169,531)	\$(233,679)	\$(108,627)
State	(11,863)	(29,597)	(10,411)
Foreign – UK	55	(62)	—
<b>Total deferred income tax (benefit) expense</b>	<b>\$(181,339)</b>	<b>\$(263,338)</b>	<b>\$(119,038)</b>
<b>Total income tax (benefit) expense</b>	<b>\$(178,904)</b>	<b>\$(225,694)</b>	<b>\$(113,266)</b>

The effective tax rates and differences between the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate and the effective tax rates are summarized as follows:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>	<b>\$(799,502)</b>	<b>\$(550,900)</b>	<b>\$(136,740)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)	178,904	225,694	113,266
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Expected tax at statutory U.S. federal income tax rate	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	1.2%	4.4%	5.4%
Federal credits	—%	15.4%	58.8%
Other, net	0.2%	0.2%	(2.4)%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>82.8%</b>

The Company had a net deferred tax asset of \$358,666 at December 31, 2022 compared to a net deferred tax asset of \$176,955 at December 31, 2021. The change was primarily due to an improved commodity price environment generating unrealized losses for unsettled derivatives not recognized for tax purposes. The presentation in the balance sheet takes into consideration the offsetting of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities within the same tax jurisdiction, where permitted. The overall deferred tax position in a particular tax jurisdiction determines if a deferred tax balance related to that jurisdiction is presented within deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities.

The following table presents the components of the net deferred income tax asset included in non-current assets and net deferred income tax liability included in non-current liabilities as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>Deferred tax asset</b>		
Asset retirement obligations	\$ 92,393	\$ 114,182
Derivative financial instruments	378,918	202,802
Allowance for doubtful accounts	2,378	1,735
Net operating loss carryover	3,865	562
Federal tax credits carryover	184,975	183,460
Other	34,507	13,306
<b>Total deferred tax asset</b>	<b>\$ 697,036</b>	<b>\$ 516,047</b>
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>		
Amortization and depreciation	\$(255,440)	\$(266,988)
Investment in partnerships	(82,930)	(72,104)
<b>Total deferred tax liability</b>	<b>\$(338,370)</b>	<b>\$(339,092)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax asset (liability)</b>	<b>\$ 358,666</b>	<b>\$ 176,955</b>
<b>Balance sheet presentation</b>		
Deferred tax asset	\$ 371,156	\$ 176,955
Deferred tax liability	(12,490)	—
<b>Net deferred tax asset (liability)</b>	<b>\$ 358,666</b>	<b>\$ 176,955</b>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, the Company considers whether it is probable that some or all the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible or before credits expire. The Company considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. The Company has determined, at this time, it will have sufficient future taxable income to recognize its deferred tax assets.

The Company reported the effects of deferred tax expense as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022:

	Opening Balance	Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	Other <sup>(a)</sup>	Closing Balance
Asset retirement obligations	\$ 114,182	\$ (21,789)	\$ —	\$ 92,393
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,734	644	—	2,378
Net operating loss carryover	562	3,360	(57)	3,865
Federal tax credits carryover	183,460	1,515	—	184,975
Property, plant, and equipment and natural gas and oil properties	(266,987)	11,360	187	(255,440)
Derivative financial instruments	202,802	176,116	—	378,918
Investment in partnerships	(72,105)	(11,068)	243	(82,930)
Other	13,306	21,201	—	34,507
<b>Total deferred tax asset (liability)</b>	<b>\$ 176,954</b>	<b>\$ 181,339</b>	<b>\$373</b>	<b>\$ 358,666</b>

(a) Amounts primarily relate to deferred taxes acquired as part of acquisition purchase accounting.

The Company reported the effects of deferred tax expense as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Opening Balance	Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	Other <sup>(a)</sup>	Closing Balance
Asset retirement obligations	\$ 90,949	\$ 19,052	\$ 4,181	\$ 114,182
Allowance for doubtful accounts	2,968	(1,320)	86	1,734
Net operating loss carryover	474	(1,655)	1,743	562
State net operating loss	—	—	—	—
Federal tax credits carryover	99,117	84,343	—	183,460
Property, plant, and equipment and natural gas and oil properties	(244,874)	65,910	(88,023)	(266,987)
Derivative financial instruments	46,237	156,565	—	202,802
Investment in partnerships	—	(67,379)	(4,726)	(72,105)
Other	4,160	7,822	1,324	13,306
<b>Total deferred tax asset (liability)</b>	<b>\$ (969)</b>	<b>\$ 263,338</b>	<b>\$(85,415)</b>	<b>\$ 176,954</b>

(a) Amounts primarily relate to deferred taxes acquired as part of acquisition purchase accounting.

The Company's material deferred tax assets and liabilities all arise in the U.S.

For U.S. federal tax purposes, the Company is taxed as one consolidated entity. The Company's co-investments with Oaktree and its investment in the Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust are taxed as partnerships that pass through to the Company's consolidated return. The Company is subject to additional taxes in its domiciled jurisdiction of the UK. For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company incurred an expense of \$107, a benefit of \$52, and an expense of \$616 in the UK, respectively.

The Company had no uncertain tax position liability at December 31, 2022 or December 31, 2021.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs") of approximately \$16,837, which \$1,629 are subject to limitation. Additionally, the Company had U.S. state NOLs of approximately \$7,499, which expire in the years 2034 through 2037.



The Company had U.S. marginal well tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$184,975 as of December 31, 2022 compared to \$183,460 as of December 31, 2021. As discussed earlier, the federal tax credit is intended to provide a benefit for wells producing less than 90 Mcfe per day when market prices for natural gas are relatively low. Due to the improved commodity price environment in 2022, the Company did not generate federal tax credits for the year ended December 31, 2022. The tax credits expire in the years 2037 through 2041.

The Company had U.S. federal capital loss carryforwards of \$21,401 as of December 31, 2022 compared to \$9,904 as of December 31, 2021. For the year ended December 31, 2022, no capital loss carryforwards expired, and the remaining amounts expire in 2023 through 2027. The Company does not expect to utilize the \$8,047 carryforwards that expire in 2023, and therefore, a deferred tax asset for these carryforwards has not been recorded.

The Company completed a Section 382 study through December 31, 2022 in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If the Company experiences an ownership change, tax credit carryforwards can be utilized but are limited each year and could expire before they are fully utilized. The study concluded that the Company has not experienced an ownership change as defined by Section 382 since the last ownership change that occurred on January 31, 2018. The Directors expect its tax credit carryforwards, limited by the January 31, 2018 ownership change, to be fully available for utilization by 2024.

#### NOTE 9 — EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings (loss) per share is based on Net income (loss) and on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on Net income (loss) and the weighted average number of shares outstanding plus the weighted average number of shares that would be issued if dilutive options and warrants were converted into shares on the last day of the reporting period. The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the computation of both basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share excludes shares held as treasury shares in the Employee Benefit Trust (“EBT”), which for accounting purposes are treated in the same manner as shares held in the treasury reserve. Refer to Note 16 for additional information regarding the EBT. Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share are calculated as follows for the periods presented:

	Calculation	Year Ended		
		December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Net income (loss) attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC	A	<b>\$(625,410)</b>	<b>\$(325,509)</b>	<b>\$(23,474)</b>
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted	B	844,080	793,542	685,170
Earnings (loss) per share – basic and diluted	= A/B	<b>\$ (0.74)</b>	<b>\$ (0.41)</b>	<b>\$ (0.03)</b>

Due to the Company’s Net loss for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, 15,334,465,649,835 and 3,178,182 potential shares were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

**NOTE 10—NATURAL GAS AND OIL PROPERTIES**

The following table summarizes the Company's natural gas and oil properties for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Costs</b>			
Beginning balance	\$2,866,353	\$1,968,557	\$1,625,884
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	219,490	1,012,691	346,385
Disposals <sup>(b)</sup>	(23,380)	(114,895)	(3,712)
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$3,062,463</b>	<b>\$2,866,353</b>	<b>\$1,968,557</b>
<b>Depletion and impairment</b>			
Beginning balance	\$ (336,275)	\$ (213,472)	\$ (129,855)
Depletion expense	(170,380)	(122,803)	(83,617)
Impairment	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ (506,655)</b>	<b>\$ (336,275)</b>	<b>\$ (213,472)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$2,555,808</b>	<b>\$2,530,078</b>	<b>\$1,755,085</b>

- (a) For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company added \$285,212 related to acquisitions, offset by \$98,802 resulting from normal revisions to the Company's asset retirement obligations. The remaining additions are primarily attributable to capital expenditures associated with the completion of five Tapstone wells that were under development as of December 31, 2021, and seven additional wells the Company participated with a non-operating interest in Appalachia. The remaining change is primarily attributable to recurring capital expenditures. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company added \$907,383 related to acquisitions and \$78,156 resulting from normal revisions to the Company's asset retirement obligations. The remaining change is primarily attributable to recurring capital expenditures and the revaluation of the EQT contingent consideration. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company added \$228,223 related to acquisitions. The remaining change is primarily attributable to revisions in the Company's asset retirement obligations as a result of changes in the discount rate. Refer to Notes 5 and 19 for additional information regarding acquisitions and asset retirement obligations, respectively.
- (b) Disposals for the year ended December 31, 2022 were associated with divestitures of natural gas and oil properties in the normal course of business, none of which were material. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Company divested \$113,752 in natural gas and oil properties related to the Indigo and Tanos undeveloped acreage transactions. For the year ended December 31, 2020 the Company divested 662 wells in McKean, Forest, and Warren Counties, Pennsylvania. Refer to Note 5 for additional information regarding divestitures.

**Impairment Assessment for Natural Gas and Oil Properties**

For the period ended December 31, 2022, the Directors assessed the indicators of impairment, noting volatile pricing in near-term and resilient commodity price on the forward curve after the near-term volatility subsides which supports a healthy outlook for the Company. This assessment also included a comparison of the carrying value of the Company's natural gas and oil properties to their fair values and an assessment of the projected impact of climate change on the Company. As a result of their assessments no impairment indicators were identified.

**NOTE 11 — PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

The following tables summarize the Company's property, plant and equipment for the periods presented:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022					
	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Midstream Assets	Other Property and Equipment	Total
<b>Costs</b>						
Beginning balance	\$41,684	\$ 9,492	\$ 45,562	\$398,663	\$16,039	\$ 511,440
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	9,421	20,886	22,399	34,835	7,704	95,245
Disposals	(3,423)	(9)	(1,572)	(14)	—	(5,018)
<b>Ending balance<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>\$47,682</b>	<b>\$30,369</b>	<b>\$ 66,389</b>	<b>\$433,484</b>	<b>\$23,743</b>	<b>\$ 601,667</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Beginning balance	\$ (2,078)	\$ (4,089)	\$ (20,186)	\$ (69,501)	\$ (1,606)	\$ (97,460)
Period changes	(1,819)	(3,547)	(10,270)	(26,330)	(947)	(42,913)
Disposals	290	9	1,262	5	—	1,566
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ (3,607)</b>	<b>\$ (7,627)</b>	<b>\$ (29,194)</b>	<b>\$ (95,826)</b>	<b>\$ (2,553)</b>	<b>\$ (138,807)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$44,075</b>	<b>\$22,742</b>	<b>\$ 37,195</b>	<b>\$337,658</b>	<b>\$21,190</b>	<b>\$ 462,860</b>
	Year Ended December 31, 2021					
	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Midstream Assets	Other Property and Equipment	Total
<b>Costs</b>						
Beginning balance	\$28,190	\$ 6,768	\$ 35,129	\$367,331	\$ 5,600	\$443,018
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	13,494	2,737	12,700	31,485	10,439	70,855
Disposals	—	(13)	(2,267)	(153)	—	(2,433)
<b>Ending balance<sup>(b)</sup></b>	<b>\$41,684</b>	<b>\$ 9,492</b>	<b>\$ 45,562</b>	<b>\$398,663</b>	<b>\$16,039</b>	<b>\$511,440</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Beginning balance	\$ (1,007)	\$ (2,860)	\$ (12,409)	\$ (43,597)	\$ (1,042)	\$ (60,915)
Period changes	(1,071)	(1,231)	(9,259)	(25,928)	(564)	(38,053)
Disposals	—	2	1,482	24	—	1,508
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ (2,078)</b>	<b>\$ (4,089)</b>	<b>\$ (20,186)</b>	<b>\$ (69,501)</b>	<b>\$ (1,606)</b>	<b>\$ (97,460)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$39,606</b>	<b>\$ 5,403</b>	<b>\$ 25,376</b>	<b>\$329,162</b>	<b>\$14,433</b>	<b>\$413,980</b>

	Year Ended December 31, 2020					
	Buildings and Leasehold Improvements	Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Midstream Assets	Other Property and Equipment	Total
<b>Costs</b>						
Beginning balance	\$ 22,654	\$ 4,438	\$ 19,099	\$ 306,537	\$ 2,205	\$ 354,933
Additions <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	5,536	2,415	19,127	60,794	3,395	91,267
Disposals <sup>(c)</sup>	—	(85)	(3,097)	—	—	(3,182)
<b>Ending balance<sup>(d)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 28,190</b>	<b>\$ 6,768</b>	<b>\$ 35,129</b>	<b>\$ 367,331</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>	<b>\$ 443,018</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
Beginning balance	\$ (559)	\$(1,987)	\$ (7,251)	\$(23,455)	\$(728)	\$(33,980)
Period changes	(448)	(876)	(5,770)	(20,142)	(314)	(27,550)
Disposals	—	3	612	—	—	615
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ (1,007)</b>	<b>\$(2,860)</b>	<b>\$(12,409)</b>	<b>\$(43,597)</b>	<b>\$(1,042)</b>	<b>\$(60,915)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$ 27,183</b>	<b>\$ 3,908</b>	<b>\$ 22,720</b>	<b>\$ 323,734</b>	<b>\$ 4,558</b>	<b>\$ 382,103</b>

(a) Of the \$95,245 in 2022 additions, \$26,815 was related to acquisitions and \$11,295 was associated with right-of-use asset additions for new leases. The remaining capital expenditures are a result of our recurring capital needs and enhanced ESG efforts. Of the \$70,855 in 2021 additions, \$25,961 was related to acquisitions and \$16,554 was associated with right-of-use asset additions for new and acquired leases. Of the \$91,267 in 2020 additions, \$46,713 and \$10,956 were related to the acquisitions of Carbon and EQT, respectively, while \$19,558 was associated with right-of-use asset additions for new and amended leases. Refer to Notes 5 and 20 for additional information regarding acquisitions and leases, respectively. Remaining additions are related to routine capital projects on the Company's compressor and gathering systems, vehicle and equipment additions.

(b) Buildings and Leasehold Improvements and Motor Vehicles are inclusive of right-of-use assets associated with the Company's leases. Refer to Note 20 for additional information regarding leases.

The Company continued to utilize certain fully depreciated assets during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 with an original cost basis of \$9,222, \$5,597 and \$3,313, respectively.

#### NOTE 12—INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consisted of the following for the periods presented:

	Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Software	Other Acquired Intangibles	Total
<b>Costs</b>			
Beginning balance	\$ 28,095	\$ 2,900	\$ 30,995
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	11,211	4,224	15,435
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 39,306</b>	<b>\$ 7,124</b>	<b>\$ 46,430</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>			
Beginning balance	\$(15,192)	\$(1,669)	\$(16,861)
Period changes	(7,325)	(1,146)	(8,471)
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$(22,517)</b>	<b>\$(2,815)</b>	<b>\$(25,332)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$ 16,789</b>	<b>\$ 4,309</b>	<b>\$ 21,098</b>

	Year Ended December 31, 2021		
	Software	Other Acquired Intangibles	Total
<b>Costs</b>			
Beginning balance	\$ 24,271	\$ 2,900	\$ 27,171
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	3,824	—	3,824
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 28,095</b>	<b>\$ 2,900</b>	<b>\$ 30,995</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>			
Beginning balance	\$ (7,246)	\$ (712)	\$ (7,958)
Period changes	(7,946)	(957)	(8,903)
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$(15,192)</b>	<b>\$(1,669)</b>	<b>\$(16,861)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$ 12,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,231</b>	<b>\$ 14,134</b>
	Year Ended December 31, 2020		
	Software	Other Acquired Intangibles	Total
<b>Costs</b>			
Beginning balance	\$17,822	\$ —	\$17,822
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	6,449	2,900	9,349
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$24,271</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>	<b>\$27,171</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>			
Beginning balance	\$ (1,841)	\$ —	\$ (1,841)
Period changes	(5,405)	(712)	(6,117)
Disposals	—	—	—
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$(7,246)</b>	<b>\$(712)</b>	<b>\$(7,958)</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	<b>\$17,025</b>	<b>\$2,188</b>	<b>\$19,213</b>

- (a) For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 additions were related to software enhancements and other acquired intangibles.

#### NOTE 13 — DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company is exposed to volatility in market prices and basis differentials for natural gas, NGLs and oil, which impacts the predictability of its cash flows related to the sale of those commodities. The Company can also have exposure to volatility in interest rate markets, depending on the makeup of its debt structure, which impacts the predictability of its cash flows related to interest payments on the Company's variable rate debt obligations. These risks are managed by the Company's use of certain derivative financial instruments. As of December 31, 2022, the Company's derivative financial instruments consisted of swaps, collars, basis swaps, stand-alone put and call options, and swaptions. A description of the Company's derivative financial instruments is provided below:

<b>Swaps:</b>	If the Company sells a swap, it receives a fixed price for the contract and pays a floating market price to the counterparty;
<b>Collars:</b>	<p>Arrangements that contain a fixed floor price (purchased put option) and a fixed ceiling price (sold call option) based on an index price which, in aggregate, have no net costs. At the contract settlement date, (1) if the index price is higher than the ceiling price, the Company pays the counterparty the difference between the index price and ceiling price, (2) if the index price is between the floor and ceiling prices, no payments are due from either party, and (3) if the index price is below the floor price, the Company will receive the difference between the floor price and the index price.</p> <p>Certain collar arrangements may also include a sold put option with a strike price below the purchased put option. Referred to as a three-way collar, the structure works similar to the above description, except that when the index price settles below the sold put option, the Company pays the counterparty the difference between the index price and sold put option, effectively enhancing realized pricing by the difference between the price of the sold and purchased put option;</p>
<b>Basis swaps:</b>	Arrangements that guarantee a price differential for commodities from a specified delivery point. If the Company sells a basis swap, it receives a payment from the counterparty if the price differential is greater than the stated terms of the contract and pays the counterparty if the price differential is less than the stated terms of the contract;
<b>Put options:</b>	The Company purchases and sells put options in exchange for a premium. If the Company purchases a put option, it receives from the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price below the strike price of the put option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is above the put's strike price, no payment is due from either party. If the Company sells a put option, the Company pays the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price below the strike price of the put option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is above the put's strike price, no payment is due from either party.
<b>Call options:</b>	The Company purchases and sells call options in exchange for a premium. If the Company purchases a call option, it receives from the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price over the strike price of the call option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is below the call's strike price, no payment is due from either party. If the Company sells a call option, it pays the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price over the strike price of the call option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is below the call's strike price, no payment is due from either party; and
<b>Swaptions:</b>	If the Company sells a swaption, the counterparty will receive the option to enter into a swap contract at a specified date and receives a fixed price for the contract and pays a floating market price to the counterparty.

The Company may elect to enter into offsetting transactions for the above instruments for the purpose of cancelling or terminating certain positions.

The following tables summarize the Company's calculated net fair value of derivative financial instruments as of the reporting date as follows:

NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS	Volume (MMcf)	Weighted Average Price per Mcfe <sup>(a)</sup>					Fair Value at December 31, 2022
		Swaps	Sold Puts	Purchased Puts	Sold Calls	Basis Differential	
<b>2023</b>							
Swaps	214,140	\$3.65	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (178,637)
Three-Way Collars	3,600	—	2.14	2.81	3.61	—	(4,022)
Stand-Alone Calls, net <sup>(b)</sup>	22,977	—	—	—	2.86	—	(79,836)
Basis Swaps	114,174	—	—	—	—	(0.66)	19,478
<b>Total 2023 contracts</b>	<b>354,891</b>						<b>\$ (243,017)</b>
<b>2024</b>							
Swaps	166,033	\$3.15	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (207,798)
Stand-Alone Calls	37,698	—	—	—	2.90	—	(60,756)
Basis Swaps	41,871	—	—	—	—	(0.71)	2,165
<b>Total 2024 contracts</b>	<b>245,602</b>						<b>\$ (266,389)</b>
<b>2025</b>							
Swaps	140,395	\$3.09	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (189,632)
Stand-Alone Calls	21,900	—	—	—	3.00	—	(33,444)
<b>Total 2025 contracts</b>	<b>162,295</b>						<b>\$ (223,076)</b>
<b>2026</b>							
Swaps	109,097	\$3.15	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (148,011)
Stand-Alone Calls	18,250	—	—	—	4.28	—	(18,100)
<b>2027</b>							
Swaps	55,100	\$3.04	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (77,789)
Collars	1,414	—	—	4.28	7.17	—	99
Purchased puts	40,218	—	—	3.09	—	—	10,849
Sold puts	16,414	—	1.93	—	—	—	(990)
<b>2028</b>							
Swaps	32,190	\$2.49	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (58,115)
Collars	5,382	—	—	4.28	6.90	—	470
Purchased puts	54,203	—	—	3.04	—	—	13,586
Sold puts	31,585	—	1.93	—	—	—	(1,800)
<b>2029</b>							
Swaps	29,190	\$2.48	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (53,223)
Collars	3,726	—	—	4.28	7.51	—	314
Purchased puts	30,066	—	—	2.92	—	—	6,788
Sold puts	30,066	—	1.93	—	—	—	(1,820)
<b>2030</b>							
Swaps	5,450	\$2.43	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (11,390)
Purchased puts	14,492	—	—	2.93	—	—	2,676
Sold puts	14,492	—	1.93	—	—	—	(680)
<b>Swaptions</b>							
10/1/2024 – 9/30/2028 <sup>(c)</sup>	14,610	\$2.91	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (20,105)
1/1/2025 – 12/31/2029 <sup>(d)</sup>	36,520	2.77	—	—	—	—	(52,878)
4/1/2026 – 3/31/2030 <sup>(e)</sup>	97,277	2.57	—	—	—	—	(156,580)
4/1/2030 – 3/31/2032 <sup>(f)</sup>	42,627	2.57	—	—	—	—	(79,688)
<b>Total 2026 – 2032 contracts</b>	<b>682,369</b>						<b>\$ (646,387)</b>
<b>Total natural gas contracts</b>	<b>1,445,157</b>						<b>\$ (1,378,869)</b>

(a) Rates have been converted from Btu to Mcfe using a Btu conversion factor of 1.07.

(b) Inclusive of \$41,853 in cash settlements for deferred premiums.

(c) Option expires on September 6, 2024.

- (d) Option expires on December 23, 2024.  
(e) Option expires on March 23, 2026.  
(f) Option expires on March 22, 2030.

NGLs CONTRACTS	Volume (MBbls)	Weighted Average Price per Bbl				Fair Value at December 31, 2022
		Swaps	Sold Puts	Purchased Puts	Sold Calls	
<b>2023</b>						
Swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	3,818	\$36.65	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (4,586)
Stand-Alone Calls	365	—	—	—	24.78	(3,562)
<b>2024</b>						
Swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	1,973	\$34.84	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (929)
Stand-Alone Calls	915	—	—	—	31.29	(7,317)
<b>2025</b>						
Swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	1,861	\$30.22	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (6,002)
<b>2026</b>						
Swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	1,058	\$27.66	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,062)
<b>Total NGLs contracts</b>	<b>9,990</b>					<b>\$ (23,458)</b>

- (a) Certain portions of NGLs swaps include effects of purchased oil swaps intended to provide a final NGLs price as a percentage of WTI.

OIL CONTRACTS	Volume (MBbls)	Weighted Average Price per Bbl				Fair Value at December 31, 2022
		Swaps	Sold Puts	Purchased Puts	Sold Calls	
<b>2023</b>						
Swaps	890	\$69.39	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (8,210)
Sold Calls	117	—	—	—	53.20	(3,057)
<b>2024</b>						
Swaps	431	\$62.54	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (4,576)
Sold Calls	183	—	—	—	70.00	(2,521)
<b>2025</b>						
Swaps	366	\$59.01	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (3,530)
<b>2026</b>						
Swaps	283	\$59.48	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (1,749)
<b>2027</b>						
Swaps	162	\$58.60	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (768)
<b>Total oil contracts</b>	<b>2,432</b>					<b>\$ (24,411)</b>

INTEREST	Principal Hedged	Fixed-Rate	Fair Value at December 31, 2022
<b>2022</b>			
SOFR Interest Rate Swap	\$400,000	1.73%	\$ (3,228)
<b>Net fair value of derivative financial instruments as of December 31, 2022</b>			<b>\$ (1,429,966)</b>

Netting the fair values of derivative assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes is permitted if such assets and liabilities are with the same counterparty and a legal right of set-off exists, subject to a master



netting arrangement. The Directors have elected to present derivative assets and liabilities net when these conditions are met. The following table outlines the Company's net derivatives as of the periods presented:

Derivative Financial Instruments	Consolidated Statement of		December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	Financial Position			
<b>Assets:</b>				
Non-current assets	Derivative financial instruments		\$ 13,936	\$ 219
Current assets	Derivative financial instruments		27,739	1,052
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>\$ 41,675</b>	<b>\$ 1,271</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Non-current liabilities	Derivative financial instruments		\$(1,177,801)	\$(556,982)
Current liabilities	Derivative financial instruments		(293,840)	(251,687)
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>\$(1,471,641)</b>	<b>\$(808,669)</b>
<b>Net assets (liabilities):</b>				
Net assets (liabilities) – non-current	Other non-current assets (liabilities)		\$(1,163,865)	\$(556,763)
Net assets (liabilities) – current	Other current assets (liabilities)		(266,101)	(250,635)
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>			<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>	<b>\$(807,398)</b>

The Company presents the fair value of derivative contracts on a net basis in the consolidated balance sheet. The following presents the impact of this presentation to the Company's recognized assets and liabilities as of the periods indicated:

	December 31, 2022		
	Presented without Effects of Netting	Effects of Netting	As Presented with Effects of Netting
Non-current assets	\$ 101,275	\$ (87,339)	\$ 13,936
Current assets	92,611	(64,872)	27,739
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 193,886</b>	<b>\$ (152,211)</b>	<b>\$ 41,675</b>
Non-current liabilities	(1,261,369)	83,568	(1,177,801)
Current liabilities	(362,483)	68,643	(293,840)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$(1,623,852)</b>	<b>\$ 152,211</b>	<b>\$(1,471,641)</b>
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>
	December 31, 2021		
	Presented without Effects of Netting	Effects of Netting	As Presented with Effects of Netting
Non-current assets	\$ 29,767	\$(29,548)	\$ 219
Current assets	62,144	(61,092)	1,052
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 91,911</b>	<b>\$(90,640)</b>	<b>\$ 1,271</b>
Non-current liabilities	(586,584)	29,602	(556,982)
Current liabilities	(312,725)	61,038	(251,687)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$(899,309)</b>	<b>\$ 90,640</b>	<b>\$(808,669)</b>
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$(807,398)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(807,398)</b>

The Company recorded the following gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivatives settlements <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (895,802)	\$(320,656)	\$ 144,600
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	(1,434)	(530)	(202)
Gain (loss) on foreign currency hedges <sup>(a)</sup>	—	(1,227)	—
<b>Total gain (loss) on settled derivative instruments</b>	<b>\$ (897,236)</b>	<b>\$(322,413)</b>	<b>\$ 144,398</b>
Gain (loss) on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments <sup>(b)</sup>	(861,457)	(652,465)	(238,795)
<b>Total gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>\$ (1,758,693)</b>	<b>\$(974,878)</b>	<b>\$ (94,397)</b>

(a) Represents the cash settlement of hedges that settled during the period.

(b) Represents the change in fair value of financial instruments net of removing the carrying value of hedges that settled during the period.

All derivatives are defined as Level 2 instruments as they are valued using inputs and outputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets and liabilities.

#### Commodity Derivative Contract Modifications and Extinguishments

From time to time, such as when acquiring producing assets, completing ABS financings or navigating changing price environments, the Company will opportunistically modify, offset, extinguish or add certain existing hedge positions. Modifications include the volume of production subject to contracts, the swap or strike price of certain derivative contracts and similar elements of the derivative contract. The Company maintains distinct, long-dated derivative contract portfolios for its ABS financings and Term Loan I. The Company also maintains a separate derivative contract portfolio related to its assets collateralized by the Credit Facility.

#### 2022 Modifications and Extinguishments

In February 2022, the Company adjusted portions of its commodity derivative portfolio across its legal entities to ensure that it maintained the appropriate level and composition at both the legal entity and full-Company level for the completion of the ABS III and ABS IV financing arrangements. The Company completed these adjustments by entering into new commodity derivative contracts and novating certain derivative contracts to the legal entities holding the ABS III and ABS IV notes. The Company paid \$41,823 for these portfolio adjustments, driven primarily by the purchase of long-dated puts for ABS III and ABS IV that collectively increased the value of the Company's derivative position by an equal amount, and were required under the respective ABS III and ABS IV indentures. The Company recorded payments for offsetting positions as new derivative financial instruments and applied extinguishment payments against the existing commodity contracts on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

In May 2022, and in October 2022 the Company completed the ABS V and ABS VI financing arrangements, respectively, and made similar commodity derivative portfolio adjustments to maintain the appropriate level and composition of derivatives at both the legal entity and full-Company level. The Company paid \$31,250, driven primarily by the purchase of long-dated puts that increased the value of the Company's derivative position by an equal amount, and were required under the ABS V indenture. Under the ABS VI financing, the Company paid \$32,242 from the proceeds of the financing to increase the value of certain pre-existing derivative contracts that were novated to the ABS VI legal entity at closing. The Company recorded the payments as new derivative financial instruments on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Refer to Note 21 for additional information regarding ABS financing arrangements.

Other commodity derivative contract modifications made during the normal course of business for the year ended December 31, 2022 totaled \$133,573 which the Company recorded on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. As these modifications were made in the normal course, the Company has presented these as an operating activity in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. These modifications were primarily associated with elevating the Company's weighted average hedge floor to take advantage of the high price environment experienced in 2022 over a longer term. The trades were primarily comprised of swap enhancements and the extinguishment of standalone call options.

#### **2021 Modifications and Extinguishments**

In August 2021 as part of the Tanos acquisition, the Company obtained the option to novate or extinguish the Tanos hedge book. In conjunction with the closing settlement, DEC elected to extinguish their share of the Tanos hedge book. The cost to terminate was \$52,666. This payment relieved the termination liability established on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in purchase accounting and has been presented as an investing activity in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows given its connection to the Tanos acquisition. New derivative contracts were subsequently entered into for more favorable pricing in order to secure the cash flows associated with these producing assets in an elevated price environment.

In May 2021, subsequent to the close of the Indigo acquisition, market dynamics began shifting to a more favorable commodity price environment. Given the favorable forward curve, the Company elected to early terminate certain legacy Indigo derivative positions resulting in a cash payment of \$6,797 which the Company recorded on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Since this extinguishment occurred subsequent to the acquisition date the Company has presented this payment as an operating activity on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. New derivative contracts were subsequently entered into for more favorable pricing in order to secure the cash flows associated with these producing assets in an elevated price environment.

Refer to Note 5 for additional information regarding acquisitions.

Other commodity derivative contract modifications made during the normal course of business for the year ended December 31, 2021 totaled \$3,367 which the Company recorded on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. As these modifications were made in the normal course, the Company has presented these as an operating activity in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

#### **2020 Modifications and Extinguishments**

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company paid \$10,963 to modify certain derivative contracts. Modifications include the quantum of production subject to contracts, the swap or floor price of certain contracts and similar elements of it. Of the \$10,963, \$3,240 related to the Company's ABS II financing transaction, which refinanced a portion of its Credit Facility borrowings. To facilitate the price protection for ABS II, the Company initiated the necessary derivative contracts required by the lender with a member of its existing Credit Facility. After closing ABS II, the Company novated certain contracts to the legal entity holding ABS II. The remaining payments of \$7,723 related to offsetting positions for derivative contracts on its Credit Facility, which the Company recorded as new derivative financial instruments on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

#### **NOTE 14—TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Trade receivables include amounts due from customers, entities that purchase the Company's natural gas, NGLs and oil production, and also include amounts due from joint interest owners, entities that own a working interest in the properties operated by the Company. The majority of trade receivables are current, and the Company believes these receivables are collectible. The following table summarizes the Company's trade receivables. The fair value approximates the carrying value as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Commodity receivables <sup>(a)</sup>	\$285,700	\$275,295
Other receivables	20,022	13,768
<b>Total trade receivables</b>	<b>\$305,722</b>	<b>\$289,063</b>
Allowance for credit losses <sup>(b)</sup>	(8,941)	(6,141)
<b>Total trade receivables, net</b>	<b>\$296,781</b>	<b>\$282,922</b>

- (a) Includes trade receivables and accrued revenues. The increase in commodity receivables reflects the increase in commodity pricing over the periods presented, as well as our growth through acquisitions.
- (b) The allowance for credit losses was primarily related to amounts due from joint interest owners. The year-over-year increase from 2021 to 2022 was primarily associated with acquired receivables that allowances were established for as part of purchase accounting.

#### NOTE 15—OTHER ASSETS

The following table includes details of other assets as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>Other non-current assets</b>		
Other non-current assets	\$ 4,351	\$ 3,635
<b>Total other non-current assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,351</b>	<b>\$ 3,635</b>
<b>Other current assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses	\$ 5,255	\$ 5,126
Other assets <sup>(a)</sup>	—	25,004
Inventory	9,227	9,444
<b>Total other current assets</b>	<b>\$14,482</b>	<b>\$39,574</b>

- (a) Primarily consists of payments associated with potential acquisitions. These costs include deposits, right of first refusal, or option agreement costs, and other acquisition related payments.

#### NOTE 16—SHARE CAPITAL

The Company has one class of common shares which carry the right to one vote at annual general meetings of the Company. As of December 31, 2022, the Company had no limit on the amount of authorized share capital and all shares in issue were fully paid.

Share capital represents the nominal (par) value of shares (£0.01) that have been issued. Share premium includes any premiums received on issue of share capital above par. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares are deducted from share premium, net of any related income tax benefits. The components of share capital include:

##### Issuance of Share Capital

In May 2021, the Company placed 141,541 new shares at \$1.59 per share (£1.12) to raise gross proceeds of \$225,050 (approximately £158,526). Associated costs of the placing were \$11,206. The Company used the proceeds to pay down the Credit Facility and partially fund the Indigo and Blackbeard acquisitions, discussed in Notes 21 and 5, respectively.

In May 2020, the Company placed 64,281 new shares at \$1.33 per share (£1.08) to raise gross proceeds of \$85,415 (approximately £69,423). Associated costs of the placing were \$4,008. The Company used the proceeds to partially fund the acquisition of certain assets of Carbon and EQT, discussed in Note 5.

**Treasury Shares**

The Company's holdings in its own equity instruments are classified as treasury shares. The consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs, is deducted from the stockholders' equity of the Company until the shares are cancelled or reissued. No gain or loss is recognized in the income statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of treasury shares.

***Employee Benefit Trust ("EBT")***

In March 2022, the Company established the EBT for the benefit of the employees of the Company. The Company funds the EBT to facilitate the acquisition of shares. The shares in the EBT are held to satisfy awards and grants under the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan. Shares held in the EBT are accounted for in the same manner as treasury shares and are therefore included in the Consolidated Financial Statements as Treasury Shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the EBT purchased 15,790 shares at an average price per share of \$1.44 (approximately £1.24) for a total consideration of \$22,931 (approximately £19,388). During the year ended year ended December 31, 2022, the EBT reissued 1,760 to settle vested share-based awards. As of December 31, 2022, the EBT held 14,030 shares. Refer to Note 17 for additional information related to share-based compensation.

***Repurchase of Shares***

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company repurchased 7,995 treasury shares at an average price of \$1.37 totaling \$11,760. No treasury shares were repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company repurchased 12,958 treasury shares at an average price of \$1.21 totaling \$15,634. The Company has accounted for the repurchase of these shares as a direct reduction to retained earnings.

The Company has accounted for the repurchase of these shares as a reduction to the treasury reserve. All repurchased treasury shares were cancelled upon repurchase and their par value of \$80 has been retired into the capital redemption reserve included within share based payments and other reserves in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

**Settlement of Warrants**

In July 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to cancel 132 warrants (the "Warrants") held by certain former Mirabaud Securities Limited ("Mirabaud") employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$56 (approximately £46). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation. Concurrently, the Company entered into an agreement to exercise 224 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$201 (approximately £166). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation in exchange for an equivalent number of shares of common stock. Following this purchase and exercise, no warrants remain outstanding.

In February 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to cancel 477 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud Securities Limited ("Mirabaud") employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$265 (approximately £196). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation. Concurrently, the Company entered into an agreement to exercise 290 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$251 (approximately £187). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation in exchange for an equivalent number of shares of common stock. Following this purchase and exercise, 355 warrants remained outstanding.

In January 2021, the Company entered into an agreement to cancel 2,377 Warrants held by Mirabaud and certain former Mirabaud employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$1,429 (approximately £1,040). Mirabaud and its former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation. Following this purchase, 1,123 warrants remained outstanding.

The following tables summarize the Company's share capital, net of customary transaction costs, for the periods presented:

	Number of Shares	Total Share Capital	Total Share Premium
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2019</b>	<b>655,730</b>	<b>\$ 8,800</b>	<b>\$ 760,543</b>
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	64,281	791	80,616
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)	324	3	—
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(12,958)	(74)	—
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>707,377</b>	<b>9,520</b>	<b>841,159</b>
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	141,541	2,044	211,800
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)	737	7	—
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b>849,655</b>	<b>11,571</b>	<b>1,052,959</b>
Issuance of share capital (settlement of warrants)	513	5	—
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)	792	\$ 7	\$ —
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	1,760	—	—
Repurchase of shares (EBT)	(15,790)	—	—
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(7,995)	\$ (80)	\$ —
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>828,935</b>	<b>\$11,503</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>

#### Subsequent Events

In February 2023, the Company placed 128,444 new shares at \$1.27 per share (£1.05) to raise gross proceeds of \$162,757 (approximately £134,866). Associated costs of the placing were \$6,479. The Company used the proceeds to fund the Tanos II transaction, discussed in Note 5.

#### NOTE 17—NON-CASH SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

##### Equity Incentive Plan

The 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), as amended through April 27, 2021, authorized and reserved for issuance 65,681 shares of common stock, which may be issued upon exercise of vested Options or the vesting of RSUs, PSUs and dividend equivalent units ("DEUs"), that are granted under the Plan. As of December 31, 2022, 11,882 shares have vested and been issued to Plan participants, 25,856 shares have been granted but remain unvested and 4,230 DEUs have accrued and remain unvested. As of December 31, 2021, 1,783 shares have vested and been issued to Plan participants, 33,057 shares have been granted but remain unvested and 1,960 DEUs have accrued and remain unvested.

**Options Awards**

The following table summarizes Options award activity for the respective periods presented:

	Number of Options <sup>(a)</sup>	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>23,670</b>	<b>\$0.42</b>
Granted	—	\$ —
Exercised <sup>(b)</sup>	—	\$ —
Forfeited	(650)	\$0.37
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>23,020</b>	<b>\$0.43</b>
Granted	—	—
Exercised <sup>(b)</sup>	(833)	0.33
Forfeited	(300)	0.59
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b>21,887</b>	<b>\$0.43</b>
Granted	—	—
Exercised <sup>(b)</sup>	(7,973)	0.33
Forfeited	(6,400)	0.57
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>7,514</b>	<b>\$0.41</b>

- (a) As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, 380 and 4,033 Options were exercisable, respectively. As of December 31, 2022 all remaining Options outstanding have an exercise price ranging from £0.84 to £1.20 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 5.6 years.
- (b) The weighted average exercise date share price was \$1.62 and \$1.74 for Options exercised during 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The Company's Options ratably vest over a three-year period and contain both performance and service metrics. The performance metrics include Adjusted EPS as compared to pre-established benchmarks and a calculation that compares the Company's TSR to pre-established benchmarks. The number of units that will vest can range between 0% and 100% of the award. The fair value of the Company's Options was calculated using the Black-Scholes model as of the grant date and is uniformly expensed over the vesting period. No Options were awarded during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020.

**RSU Awards**

The following table summarizes RSU equity award activity for the respective periods presented:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>\$1.20</b>
Granted	2,641	1.17
Vested	(470)	1.08
Forfeited	—	—
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b>3,423</b>	<b>\$1.19</b>
Granted	1,536	1.59
Vested	(760)	1.16
Forfeited	(74)	1.32
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>\$1.34</b>
Granted	3,970	1.38
Vested	(1,275)	1.30
Forfeited	(89)	1.36
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>6,731</b>	<b>\$1.38</b>

RSUs cliff- or ratably-vest based on service conditions. The fair value of the Company's RSUs is determined using the stock price at the grant date and uniformly expensed over the vesting period.

#### PSU Awards

The following table summarizes PSU equity award activity for the respective periods presented:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value per Share
<b>Balance as of 31 December 2019</b>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Granted	4,667	1.19
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2020</b>	<u><b>4,667</b></u>	<u><b>\$1.19</b></u>
Granted	2,465	1.08
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	(87)	1.15
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2021</b>	<u><b>7,045</b></u>	<u><b>\$1.15</b></u>
Granted	4,640	1.40
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	(74)	1.30
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<u><b>11,611</b></u>	<u><b>\$1.25</b></u>

PSUs cliff-vest based on performance criteria which include a three-year average adjusted return on equity as compared to pre-established benchmarks, a calculation that compares the Company's TSR to pre-established benchmarks as well as the same calculated return for a group of peer companies as selected by the Company, and methane intensity reduction over three years. The number of units that will vest can range between 0 % and 100% of the award.

The fair value of the Company's PSUs is calculated using a Monte Carlo simulation model as of the grant date and is uniformly expensed over the vesting period. The inputs to the Monte Carlo model included the following for PSUs granted during the respective periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Risk-free rate of interest	1.3%	0.2%
Volatility <sup>(a)</sup>	37%	35%
Correlation with comparator group range	0.01 – 0.36	0.02 – 0.36

(a) Volatility utilizes the historical volatility for the Company's share price.

#### Share-Based Compensation Expense

The following table presents share-based compensation expense for the respective periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Options	\$ (749)	\$2,115	\$2,553
RSUs	4,210	2,346	1,367
PSUs	4,590	2,939	1,116
<b>Total share-based compensation expense</b>	<u><b>\$8,051</b></u>	<u><b>\$7,400</b></u>	<u><b>\$5,036</b></u>



**NOTE 18—DIVIDENDS**

The following table summarizes the Company's dividends declared and paid on the dates indicated:

Date Dividends Declared/Paid	Dividend per Share		Record Date	Pay Date	Shares Outstanding	Gross Dividends Paid
	USD	GBP				
Declared on October 28, 2021	\$0.0425	£0.0325	March 4, 2022	March 28, 2022	850,047	\$ 36,127
Declared on March 22, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0343	May 27, 2022	June 30, 2022	850,548	36,148
Declared on May 16, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0366	September 2, 2022	September 26, 2022	845,881	\$ 35,950
Declared on August 8, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0345	November 25, 2022	December 28, 2022	828,935	35,230
<b>Paid during the year ended December 31, 2022</b>						<b>143,455</b>
Declared on October 29, 2020	\$0.0400	£0.0285	March 5, 2021	March 26, 2021	707,525	\$ 28,301
Declared on March 8, 2021	\$0.0400	£0.0281	May 28, 2021	June 24, 2021	849,434	\$ 33,970
Declared on April 30, 2021	\$0.0400	£0.0288	September 3, 2021	September 24, 2021	849,603	\$ 33,984
Declared on August 5, 2021	\$0.0400	£0.0299	November 26, 2021	December 17, 2021	849,603	33,984
<b>Paid during the year ended December 31, 2021</b>						<b>\$130,239</b>
Declared on December 10, 2019	\$0.0350	£0.0276	March 6, 2020	March 27, 2020	642,805	\$ 22,498
Declared on March 9, 2020	\$0.0350	£0.0274	May 29, 2020	June 26, 2020	707,086	24,748
Declared on May 4, 2020	\$0.0350	£0.0269	September 4, 2020	September 25, 2020	707,274	24,755
Declared on August 10, 2020	\$0.0375	£0.0278	November 27, 2020	December 18, 2020	707,377	26,526
<b>Paid during the year ended December 31, 2020</b>						<b>\$ 98,527</b>

On November 14, 2022 the Company proposed a dividend of \$0.04375 per share. The dividend will be paid on March 28, 2023 to shareholders on the register on March 3, 2023. This dividend was not approved by shareholders, thereby qualifying it as an "interim" dividend. No liability was recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements in respect of this interim dividend as of December 31, 2022.

Dividends are waived on shares held in the EBT.

**Subsequent Events**

On March 21, 2023 the Directors recommended a dividend of \$0.04375 per share. The dividend will be paid on June 30, 2023 to shareholders on the register on May 26, 2023, subject to shareholder approval at the AGM. Provided this dividend was not approved by shareholders as of the reporting date, this represents an "interim" dividend. No liability has been recorded in the Consolidated Financial Statements in respect of this dividend as of December 31, 2022.

**NOTE 19—ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS**

The Company records a liability for the present value of the estimated future decommissioning costs on its natural gas and oil properties, which it expects to incur at the end of the long-producing life of a well.

Productive life varies within the Company's well portfolio and presently the Company expects all of its existing wells to have reached the end of their economic lives by approximately 2095 consistent with the Company's reserve calculations which were independently evaluated by the Company's independent engineers for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020. The Company also records a liability for the future cost of decommissioning its production facilities and pipelines when required by contract, statute, or constructive obligation. No such contractual agreements or statutes that would impose material obligations on the Company were in place for the Company's production facilities and pipelines for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

In estimating the present value of future decommissioning costs of natural gas and oil properties the Company takes into account the number and state jurisdictions of wells, current costs to decommission by state and the average well life across its portfolio. The Directors' assumptions are based on the current economic environment and represent what the Directors believe is a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. However, actual decommissioning costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices at the time the decommissioning services are performed. Furthermore, the timing of decommissioning will vary depending on when the fields cease to produce economically, making the determination dependent upon future natural gas and oil prices, which are inherently uncertain.

The Company applies a contingency allowance for annual inflationary cost increases to its current cost expectations then discounts the resulting cash flows using a credit adjusted risk free discount rate. The inflationary adjustment is a U.S. long-term 10-year rate sourced from consensus economics. When determining the discount rate of the liability, the Company evaluates treasury rates as well as the Bloomberg 15-year U.S. Energy BB and BBB bond index which economically aligns with the underlying long-term and unsecured liability. Based on this evaluation the net discount rate used in the calculation of the decommissioning liability in 2022, 2021 and 2020 was 3.6%, 2.9% and 3.7%, respectively.

The composition of the provision for asset retirement obligations at the reporting date was as follows for the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>\$525,589</b>	<b>\$346,124</b>	<b>\$199,521</b>
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	24,395	96,292	26,995
Accretion	27,569	24,396	15,424
Asset retirement costs	(4,889)	(2,879)	(2,442)
Disposals <sup>(b)</sup>	(16,779)	(16,500)	(3,838)
Revisions to estimate <sup>(c)</sup>	(98,802)	78,156	110,464
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$457,083</b>	<b>\$525,589</b>	<b>\$346,124</b>
Less: Current asset retirement obligations	4,529	3,399	1,882
<b>Non-current asset retirement obligations</b>	<b>\$452,554</b>	<b>\$522,190</b>	<b>\$344,242</b>

(a) Refer to Note 5 for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures.

(b) Associated with the divestiture of natural gas and oil properties in the normal course of business. Refer to Note 10 for additional information.

(c) As of December 31, 2022, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$98,802 decrease in the liability. This decrease was comprised of a \$144,656 decrease attributable to a higher discount rate. The higher discount rate was a result of macroeconomic factors spurred by the increase in bond yields which have elevated with U.S. treasuries to combat the current inflationary environment. Partially offsetting this decrease was \$29,357 in cost revisions based on the Company's recent asset retirement experiences and a \$16,497 timing revision for the acceleration of the Company's retirement plans made possible by the recent asset retirement acquisitions that improve the Company's asset retirement capacity through the growth of its operational capabilities. As of December 31, 2021, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations,

which resulted in a \$78,156 increase in the liability. This increase was comprised of a \$109,306 increase attributable to the lower discount rate which was then offset by a \$27,038 reduction in anticipated ARO cost. The remaining change was attributable to timing. The lower discount rate was a result of macroeconomic factors spurred by the COVID-19 recovery, which reduced bond yields and increased inflation. Cost reductions are a result of the expansion of the Company's internal asset retirement program and efficiencies gained. As of December 31, 2020, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations which resulted in a \$110,464 adjustment, of which \$102,686 relates to macroeconomic factors stemming largely from the COVID-19 pandemic that reduced bond yields and resulted in a lower discount rate applied to our asset retirement obligations liability. The remaining \$7,778 relates to pricing-related adjustments based on historical costs incurred to retire wells.

Changes to assumptions for the estimation of the Company's asset retirement obligations could result in a material change in the carrying value of the liability. A reasonably possible 10% change in assumptions could have the following impact on the Company's asset retirement obligations as of December 31, 2022.

ARO Sensitivity	+10%	-10%
Discount rate	\$ (46,122)	\$ 53,417
Timing	27,998	(30,755)
Cost	45,708	(45,708)

#### NOTE 20—LEASES

The Company leased automobiles, equipment and real estate for the periods presented below. A reconciliation of leases arising from financing activities and the balance sheet classification of future minimum lease payments as of the reporting periods presented were as follows:

	Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 27,804</b>	<b>\$18,878</b>	<b>\$ 1,813</b>
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	11,269	16,482	19,820
Interest expense <sup>(b)</sup>	1,022	1,050	929
Cash outflows	(11,233)	(8,606)	(3,684)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 28,862</b>	<b>\$27,804</b>	<b>\$18,878</b>
<b>Classified as:</b>			
Current liability	\$ 9,293	\$ 9,627	\$ 5,013
Non-current liability	19,569	18,177	13,865
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,862</b>	<b>\$27,804</b>	<b>\$18,878</b>

- (a) The \$11,269 in lease additions during the year ended December 31, 2022, was primarily attributable to the expansion of the Company's fleet due to its growth. Of the \$16,482 in lease additions during the year ended December 31, 2021, \$8,062 was attributable to the Indigo, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions. Of the \$19,820 in lease additions in 2020, \$3,500 was attributable to the Carbon acquisition. The remainder is a result of fleet expansion and the Company transitioning owned vehicles to a fleet management lease program. Refer to Note 5 for additional information regarding acquisitions.
- (b) Included as a component of finance cost.

Set out below is the movement in the right-of-use assets:

	Right-of-Use Assets		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 26,908</b>	<b>\$18,026</b>	<b>\$ 1,868</b>
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	11,295	16,554	19,558
Depreciation	(10,244)	(7,672)	(3,400)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 27,959</b>	<b>\$26,908</b>	<b>\$18,026</b>
<b>Classified as:</b>			
Motor vehicles	\$ 23,782	\$19,149	\$14,614
Midstream	3,801	6,502	2,496
Buildings and leasehold improvements	376	1,257	916
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,959</b>	<b>\$26,908</b>	<b>\$18,026</b>

- (a) The \$11,295 in lease additions during the year ended December 31, 2022 was attributable to the expansion of the Company's fleet due to its growth. Of the \$16,554 in lease additions during the year ended December 31, 2021, \$8,062 was attributable to the Indigo, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions. Of the \$19,558 in lease additions in 2020, \$3,500 was attributable to the Carbon acquisition. The remainder is a result of fleet expansion and the Company transitioning owned vehicles to a fleet management lease program. Refer to Note 5 for additional information regarding acquisitions.

The range of discount rates applied in calculating right-of-use assets and related lease liabilities, depending on the lease term, is presented below:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Discount rates range	1.8% – 6.3%	1.8% – 3.3%	1.8% – 3.3%

Expenses related to short-term and low-value lease exemptions applied under IFRS 16 are primarily associated with short term compressor rentals and were \$25,153, \$15,362 and \$9,799 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 respectively. These amounts have been included in the Company's operating expenses and are primarily concentrated in LOE.

The following table reflects the maturity of leases as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Not Later Than One Year	\$ 9,293	\$ 9,627
Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	19,569	18,177
Later Than Five Years	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,862</b>	<b>\$27,804</b>

**NOTE 21 — BORROWINGS**

The Company's borrowings consist of the following amounts as of the reporting date as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Credit Facility (Interest rate of 7.42% and 3.50%, respectively) <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 56,000	\$ 570,600
ABS I Notes (Interest rate of 5.00%)	125,864	155,266
ABS II Notes (Interest rate of 5.25%)	147,458	169,320
ABS III Notes (Interest rate of 4.875%)	319,856	—
ABS IV Notes (Interest rate of 4.95%)	130,144	—
ABS V Notes (Interest rate of 5.78%)	378,796	—
ABS VI Notes (Interest rate of 7.50%)	212,446	—
Term Loan I (Interest rate of 6.50%)	120,518	137,099
Miscellaneous, primarily for real estate, vehicles and equipment	7,084	9,380
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>\$1,498,166</b>	<b>\$1,041,665</b>
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	(271,096)	(58,820)
Less: Deferred financing costs	(48,256)	(26,413)
Less: Original issue discounts	(9,581)	(4,897)
<b>Total non-current borrowings, net</b>	<b>\$1,169,233</b>	<b>\$ 951,535</b>

(a) Represents the variable interest rate as of period end.

**Credit Facility**

The Company maintains the Credit Facility with a lending syndicate, the borrowing base for which is redetermined on a semi-annual, or as needed, basis. The borrowing base is primarily a function of the value of the natural gas and oil properties that collateralize the lending arrangement and will fluctuate with changes in collateral, which may occur as a result of acquisitions or through the establishment of ABS, term loan or other lending structures that result in changes to the Credit Facility collateral base.

In August 2022, the Company amended and restated the credit agreement governing its Credit Facility by entering into the A&R Revolving Credit Facility. The amendment enhanced the alignment with the Company's stated ESG initiatives by including sustainability performance targets ("SPTs") similar to those included in the ABS III, IV, V and VI notes, extended the maturity of the Credit Facility to August 2026, removed DGOC as a credit party from the Credit Facility, and reaffirmed the borrowing base of \$300,000 and included no other material changes to pricing or terms. Further, as a result of the amendment, the covenant structure associated with the A&R Revolving Credit Facility is now associated solely with DP RBL CO LLC, the borrower, a subsidiary of DGOC, the prior borrower.

The A&R Credit Facility contains three SPTs which, depending on our performance thereof, may result in adjustments to the applicable margin with respect to borrowings thereunder:

- GHG Emissions Intensity: The Company's consolidated Scope 1 emissions and Scope 2 emissions, each measured as MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per MMcf;
- Asset Retirement Performance: The number of wells the Company successfully retires during any fiscal year; and
- TRIR Performance: The arithmetic average of the two preceding fiscal years and current period total recordable injury rate computed as the Total Number of Recordable Cases (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) multiplied by 200,000 and then divided by total hours worked by all employees during any fiscal year.

The goals set by the A&R Credit Facility for each of these categories are aspirational and represent higher thresholds than the Company has publicly set for itself. The economic repercussions of achieving or

failing to achieve these thresholds, however, are relatively minor, ranging from subtracting five basis points to adding five basis points to the applicable margin level in any given fiscal year.

An independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify the Company's performance of the SPTs. Though the Company is not required to do so, it intends to disclose this certification on an annual basis in our semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such certification, along with an overall ESG update.

Additional amendments to the Credit Facility in October 2022 and November 2022 lowered the borrowing base to \$250,000 to account for the net impact of ABS VI and the ConocoPhillips acquisition. In March 2023, the Company upsized the borrowing base on the Credit Facility to \$375,000. The next redetermination is expected to occur in Spring 2024.

The Credit Facility has an interest rate of SOFR plus an additional spread that ranges from 2.75% to 3.75% based on utilization. Interest payments on the Credit Facility are paid on a monthly basis. Available borrowings under the Credit Facility were \$183,332 as of December 31, 2022 which considers the impact of \$10,668 in letters of credit issued to certain vendors.

The Credit Facility contains certain customary representations and warranties and affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants relating to: maintenance of books and records; financial reporting and notification; compliance with laws; maintenance of properties and insurance; and limitations on incurrence of indebtedness, liens, fundamental changes, international operations, asset sales, making certain debt payments and amendments, restrictive agreements, investments, restricted payments and hedging. It also requires the DP RBL Co LLC to maintain a ratio of total debt to EBITDAX of not more than 3.25 to 1.00 and a ratio of current assets (with certain adjustments) to current liabilities of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. The fair value of the Credit Facility approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

#### **Term Loan I**

In May 2020, the Company acquired DP Bluegrass LLC ("Bluegrass"), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to enter into a securitized financing agreement for \$160,000, which was structured as a secured term loan. The Company issued the Term Loan I at a 1% discount and used the proceeds of \$158,400 to fund the 2020 Carbon and EQT acquisitions. The Term Loan I is secured by certain producing assets acquired in connection with the Carbon, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions.

The Term Loan I accrues interest at a stated 6.50% annual rate and has a maturity date of May 2030. Interest and principal payments on the Term Loan I are payable on a monthly basis. During the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company incurred \$8,643, \$9,860 and \$6,371 in interest related to the Term Loan I, respectively. The fair value of the Term Loan I approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

#### **ABS I Notes**

In November 2019, the Company formed Diversified ABS LLC ("ABS I"), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200,000 at par. The ABS I Notes are secured by certain of the Company's upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

Interest and principal payments on the ABS I Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company incurred \$7,110, \$8,460 and \$9,661 of interest related to the ABS I Notes, respectively. The legal final maturity date is January 2037 with an amortizing maturity of December 2029. The ABS I Notes accrue interest at a stated 5% rate per annum. The fair value of the ABS I Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022. In the event that ABS I has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS I is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) with respect to any payment date prior to March 1, 2030, (i) if the debt service coverage ratio (the "DSCR") as of such payment date is greater than or

equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, the production tracking rate for ABS I is less than 80%, or the loan to value ratio is greater than 85%, then 100%, and (b) with respect to any payment date on or after March 1, 2030, 100%.

#### **ABS II Notes**

In April 2020, the Company formed Diversified ABS Phase II LLC (“ABS II”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200,000. The ABS II Notes were issued at a 2.775% discount. The Company used the proceeds of \$183,617, net of discount, capital reserve requirement, and debt issuance costs, to pay down its Credit Facility. The ABS II Notes are secured by certain of the Company’s upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

The ABS II Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.25% rate per annum and have a maturity date of July 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2028. Interest and principal payments on the ABS II Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company incurred \$9,286, \$10,530 and \$7,563 in interest related to the ABS II Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS II Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

In the event that ABS II has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS II is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS II is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (c) if the loan-to-value ratio (“LTV”) as of such payment date is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (d) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% and ABS II has executed hedging agreements for a minimum period of 30 months starting July 2026 covering production volumes of at least 85% but no more than 95% (the “Extended Hedging Condition”), then 50%, else 0%; (e) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2025 and prior to October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 50%, else 0%; and (f) with respect to any payment date after October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **ABS III Notes**

In February 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS III LLC (“ABS III”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$365,000 at par. The ABS III Notes are secured by certain of the Company’s upstream producing, Appalachian assets.

The ABS III Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.875% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of April 2039 with an amortizing maturity of November 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS III Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$15,325 in interest related to the ABS III Notes. The fair value of the ABS III Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

In the event that ABS III has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS III is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS III (as described in the ABS III Indenture) is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS III is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, in connection with the issuance of the ABS III Notes, the Company retained an independent international provider of ESG research and services to provide and maintain a “sustainability score” with respect to Diversified Energy Company PLC and to the extent such score is below a minimum threshold established at the time of issue of the ABS III Notes, the interest payable with respect to the subsequent interest accrual period will increase by five basis points. This score is not dependent on the Company meeting or exceeding any sustainability performance metrics but rather an overall assessment of the Company’s corporate ESG profile. Further, this score is not dependent on the use of proceeds of the ABS III Notes and there were no such restrictions on the use of proceeds other than pursuant to the terms of the Company’s Credit Facility. The Company informs the ABS III note holders in monthly note holder statements as to any change in interest rate payable on the ABS III Notes as a result of the change in this sustainability score. While the Company is not required to publicly release this score, it will provide the score as of the date of its semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such updated score, along with the weighted average interest rate paid on the ABS III Notes as a result of any such five basis point change in interest rate.

#### **ABS IV Notes**

In February 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS IV LLC (“ABS IV”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$160,000 at par. The ABS IV Notes are secured by a portion of the upstream producing assets acquired in connection with the Blackbeard Acquisition.

The ABS IV Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.95% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of February 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS IV Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$6,235 in interest related to the ABS IV Notes. The fair value of the ABS IV Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

In the event that ABS IV has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS IV is required to pay between 50% and 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS IV is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS IV is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, in connection with the issuance of the ABS IV Notes, the Company retained an independent international provider of ESG research and services to provide and maintain a “sustainability score” with respect to Diversified Energy Company PLC and to the extent such score is below a minimum threshold established at the time of issue of the ABS IV Notes, the interest payable with respect to the subsequent interest accrual period will increase by five basis points. This score is not dependent on the Company meeting or exceeding any sustainability performance metrics but rather an overall assessment of its corporate ESG profile. Further, this score is not dependent on the use of proceeds of the ABS IV Notes and there were no such restrictions on the use of proceeds other than pursuant to the terms of the Company’s Credit Facility. The Company informs the ABS IV note holders in monthly note holder statements as to any change in interest rate payable on the ABS IV Notes as a result of the change in this sustainability score. While the Company is not required to publicly release this score, it will provide the score as of the date of its semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such updated score, along with the weighted average interest rate paid on the ABS IV Notes as a result of any such five basis point change in interest rate.

#### **ABS V Notes**

In May 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS V LLC (“ABS V”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$445,000 at par. The ABS V Notes are secured by a majority of the Company’s remaining upstream assets in Appalachia that were not securitized by previous ABS transactions.



The ABS V Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.78% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of May 2039 with an amortizing maturity of December 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS V Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$14,319 in interest related to the ABS V Notes. The fair value of the ABS V Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS V could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS V is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS V is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, a “second party opinion provider” certified the terms of the ABS V Notes as being aligned with the framework for sustainability-linked bonds of the International Capital Markets Association (“ICMA”), applicable to bond instruments for which the financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether predefined ESG objectives, or SPTs, are achieved. The framework has five key components (1) the selection of key performance indicators (“KPIs”), (2) the calibration of SPTs, (3) variation of bond characteristics depending on whether the KPIs meet the SPTs, (4) regular reporting of the status of the KPIs and whether SPTs have been met and (5) independent verification of SPT performance by an external reviewer such as an auditor or environmental consultant. Unlike the ICMA’s framework for green bonds, its framework for sustainability-linked bonds do not require a specific use of proceeds.

The ABS V Notes contain two SPTs. The Company must achieve, and have certified by April 28, 2027 (1) a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe, and/or (2) a reduction in Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe. For each of these SPTs that the Company fails to meet, or have certified by an external verifier that it has met, by April 28, 2027, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS V Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify the Company’s performance of the above SPTs by the applicable deadlines. Though the Company is not required to do so, it intends to disclose this certification on an annual basis in its semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such certification, along with an overall ESG update.

#### **ABS VI Notes**

In October 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS VI LLC (“ABS VI”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue, jointly with Oaktree, BBB+ rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$460,000 (\$235,750 to the Company, before fees, representative of its 51.25% ownership interest in the collateral assets). The ABS VI Notes were issued at a 2.63% discount and are secured primarily by the upstream assets that were jointly acquired with Oaktree in the 2021 Tapstone acquisition. Similar to the accounting treatment described in Note 3 for acquisitions performed in connection with Oaktree, DEC has recorded its proportionate share of the note in its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

The ABS VI Notes accrue interest at a stated 7.50% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2039 with an amortizing maturity of October 2031. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VI Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$3,300 in interest related to the ABS VI Notes. The fair value of the ABS VI Notes approximates the carrying value as of December 31, 2022.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS VI could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS VI is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS VI is greater than 75%, then 100%, else 0%.

In addition, a “second party opinion provider” certified the terms of the ABS VI Notes as being aligned with the framework for sustainability-linked bonds of the International Capital Markets Association (“ICMA”), applicable to bond instruments for which the financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether predefined ESG objectives, or SPTs, are achieved. The framework has five key components (1) the selection of key performance indicators (“KPIs”), (2) the calibration of SPTs, (3) variation of bond characteristics depending on whether the KPIs meet the SPTs, (4) regular reporting of the status of the KPIs and whether SPTs have been met and (5) independent verification of SPT performance by an external reviewer such as an auditor or environmental consultant. Unlike the ICMA’s framework for green bonds, its framework for sustainability-linked bonds do not require a specific use of proceeds.

The ABS VI Notes contain two SPTs. The Company must achieve, and have certified by May 28, 2027 (1) a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe, and/or (2) a reduction in Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe. For each of these SPTs that the Company fails to meet, or have certified by an external verifier that it has met, by May 28, 2027, the interest rate payable with respect to the ABS VI Notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify the Company’s performance of the above SPTs by the applicable deadlines. Though the Company is not required to do so, it intends to disclose this certification on an annual basis in its semi-annual or annual report, as determined by the timing of such certification, along with an overall ESG update.

#### **Debt Covenants — ABS I, II, III, IV, V and VI Notes (Collectively, The “ABS Notes”) and Term Loan I**

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are subject to a series of covenants and restrictions customary for transactions of this type, including (i) that the Issuer maintains specified reserve accounts to be used to make required interest payments in respect of the ABS Notes and Term Loan I, (ii) provisions relating to optional and mandatory prepayments and the related payment of specified amounts, including specified make-whole payments in the case of the ABS Notes and Term Loan I under certain circumstances, (iii) certain indemnification payments in the event, among other things, that the assets pledged as collateral for the ABS Notes and Term Loan I are used in stated ways defective or ineffective, (iv) covenants related to recordkeeping, access to information and similar matters, and (v) the Issuer will comply with all laws and regulations which it is subject to including ERISA, environmental laws, and the USA Patriot Act (ABS III-VI only).

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are also subject to customary accelerated amortization events provided for in the indenture, including events tied to failure to maintain stated debt service coverage ratios, failure to maintain certain production metrics, certain change of control and management termination events, and event of default and the failure to repay or refinance the ABS Notes and Term Loan I on the applicable scheduled maturity date.

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are subject to certain customary events of default, including events relating to non-payment of required interest, principal, or other amounts due on or with respect to the ABS Notes and Term Loan I, failure to comply with covenants within certain time frames, certain bankruptcy events, breaches of specified representations and warranties, failure of security interests to be effective and certain judgments.

As of December 31, 2022 the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants for the ABS Notes, Term Loan I and the Credit Facility.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the Company’s future maturities of its total borrowings as of the reporting date as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Not later than one year	\$ 271,096	\$ 58,820
Later than one year and not later than five years	778,887	811,964
Later than five years	448,183	170,881
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>\$1,498,166</b>	<b>\$1,041,665</b>

The following table represents the Company's finance costs for each of the periods presented:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Interest expense, net of capitalized and income amounts <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 86,840	\$42,370	\$34,391
Amortization of discount and deferred finance costs	13,903	8,191	8,334
Other	56	67	602
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>\$100,799</b>	<b>\$50,628</b>	<b>\$43,327</b>

(a) Includes payments related to borrowings and leases.

Reconciliation of borrowings arising from financing activities:

	Year Ended		
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,010,355</b>	<b>\$ 717,240</b>	<b>\$ 622,288</b>
Acquired as part of a business combination	2,437	3,801	—
Proceeds from borrowings	2,587,554	1,727,745	799,650
Repayments of borrowings	(2,139,686)	(1,436,367)	(705,314)
Costs incurred to secure financing	(34,234)	(10,255)	(7,799)
Amortization of discount and deferred financing costs	13,903	8,191	8,334
Cash paid for interest	(82,936)	(41,623)	(34,335)
Finance costs and other	82,936	41,623	34,416
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 1,440,329</b>	<b>\$ 1,010,355</b>	<b>\$ 717,240</b>

#### NOTE 22 — TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following table includes a detail of trade and other payables. The fair value approximates the carrying value as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Trade payables	\$90,437	\$61,612
Other payables	3,327	806
<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>\$93,764</b>	<b>\$62,418</b>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and paid as they become due.

**NOTE 23 — OTHER LIABILITIES**

The following table includes details of other liabilities as of the periods presented:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>Other non-current liabilities</b>		
Other non-current liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>	5,375	7,775
<b>Total other non-current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 5,375</b>	<b>\$ 7,775</b>
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 140,058	\$ 139,648
Taxes payable <sup>(c)</sup>	41,907	53,629
Net revenue clearing <sup>(d)</sup>	186,244	137,366
Asset retirement obligations – current	4,529	3,399
Revenue to be distributed <sup>(e)</sup>	90,899	57,006
<b>Total other current liabilities</b>	<b>\$463,637</b>	<b>\$391,048</b>

- (a) Other non-current liabilities primarily represent the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree. The upfront promote allows the Company to obtain a 51.25% interest for tranche I deals and 52.50% interest for tranche II deals in the net assets associated with the acquisition while only paying 50% of the total consideration. The upfront promote is intended to compensate the Company for the administrative expansion necessary with acquired growth and is amortized to G&A expense over the life of the promote.
- (b) As of December 31, 2022 accrued expenses primarily consisted of \$61,896 for hedge settlements payables. The remaining balance consisted of accrued capital projects and operating expenses which naturally increased with our growth. As of December 31, 2021 accrued expenses primarily consisted of the \$22,503 for the Carbon and EQT contingent consideration and \$44,085 for hedge settlements payables. The remaining balance consisted of accrued capital projects and operating expenses which naturally increased with our growth.
- (c) The decrease in taxes payable year-over-year was primarily attributable to the \$33,526 capital gain payable on the Tapstone acquisition in 2021 that was paid in 2022 resulting from this transaction being treated as a stock deal for tax purposes. The Company received a purchase price concession from Oaktree as a result of this tax treatment to share the payable between the parties. Remaining taxes payable were attributable to the Company's customary operations.
- (d) Net revenue clearing is estimated revenue that is payable to third-party working interest owners. The year-over-year increase, similar to commodity receivables, is a result of higher commodity prices year-over-year, the Company's growth from acquisitions and Oaktree's participation in a number of the Company's recent acquisitions.
- (e) Revenue to be distributed is revenue that is payable to third-party working interest owners, but has yet to be paid due to title, legal, ownership or other issues. The Company releases the underlying liability as the aforementioned issues become resolved. As the timing of resolution is unknown, the Company records the balance as a current liability. As of December 31, 2022, revenue to be distributed increased year-over-year as a result of the Company's growth and the increase in commodity prices experienced in 2022. As of December 31, 2021, revenue to be distributed increased year-over-year as a result of the Central Region acquisitions while the remaining change was attributable to recurring operating activity and increases in commodity prices.

**NOTE 24 — FAIR VALUE AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS****Fair Value**

The fair value of an asset or liability is the price that would be received to sell that asset or paid to transfer that liability in an orderly transaction occurring in the principal market (or most advantageous

market in the absence of a principal market) for such asset or liability. In estimating fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. Such valuation techniques are consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques include the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement (“IFRS 13”) establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is defined as follows:

**Level 1:** Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) can include the following:

- (1) Observable prices in active markets for similar assets;
- (2) Prices for identical assets in markets that are not active;
- (3) Directly observable market inputs for substantially the full term of the asset; and
- (4) Market inputs that are not directly observable but are derived from or corroborated by observable market data.

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs which reflect the Directors’ best estimates of what market participants would use in pricing the asset at the measurement date.

### **Financial Instruments**

#### ***Working Capital***

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, other current assets, accounts payable and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position approximate fair value because of their short-term nature. For trade receivables, the Company applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognized from initial recognition of the receivables. Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost.

For borrowings, derivative financial instruments, and leases the following methods and assumptions were used to estimate fair value:

#### ***Borrowings***

The fair values of the Company’s ABS Notes and Term Loan I are considered to be a Level 2 measurement on the fair value hierarchy. The carrying values of the borrowings under the Company’s Credit Facility (to the extent utilized) approximates fair value because the interest rate is variable and reflective of market rates. The Company considers the fair value of its Credit Facility to be a Level 2 measurement on the fair value hierarchy.

#### ***Leases***

The Company initially measures the lease liability at the present value of the future lease payments. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. When this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate.

#### ***Derivative Financial Instruments***

The Company measures the fair value of its derivative financial instruments based upon a pricing model that utilizes market-based inputs, including, but not limited to, the contractual price of the underlying position, current market prices, natural gas and liquids forward curves, discount rates such as the U.S. Treasury yields, SOFR curve, and volatility factors.

The Company has classified its derivative financial instruments into the fair value hierarchy depending upon the data utilized to determine their fair values. The Company's fixed price swaps (Level 2) are estimated using third-party discounted cash flow calculations using the NYMEX futures index for natural gas and oil derivatives and OPIS for NGLs derivatives. The Company utilizes discounted cash flow models for valuing its interest rate derivatives (Level 2). The net derivative values attributable to the Company's interest rate derivative contracts as of December 31, 2022 are based on (i) the contracted notional amounts, (ii) active market-quoted SOFR yield curves and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve.

The Company's call options, put options, collars and swaptions (Level 2) are valued using the Black-Scholes model, an industry standard option valuation model that takes into account inputs such as contract terms, including maturity, and market parameters, including assumptions of the NYMEX and OPIS futures index, interest rates, volatility and credit worthiness. Inputs to the Black-Scholes model, including the volatility input are obtained from a third-party pricing source, with independent verification of the most significant inputs on a monthly basis. A change in volatility would result in a change in fair value measurement, respectively.

The Company's basis swaps (Level 2) are estimated using third-party calculations based upon forward commodity price curves.

### **Contingent Consideration**

These liabilities represent the estimated fair value of potential future payments the Company may be required to remit under the terms of historical purchase agreements entered into for asset acquisitions and business combinations. In instances when the contingent consideration relates to the acquisition of a group of assets, the Company records changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration through the basis of the asset acquired rather than through Other income (expense) in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income as it does for business combinations. During the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company recorded \$1,036, \$9,482 and \$2,402, respectively, in revaluations related to contingent consideration associated with asset acquisitions and none, \$8,963 and \$567, respectively, associated with business combinations.

The contingent consideration represented on the Company's financial statements is associated with the Carbon and EQT acquisitions. The maximum contingent consideration payment of \$15,000 associated with the Carbon acquisitions and the remaining contingent consideration payment of \$8,547 associated with EQT acquisitions was made during the year ended December 31, 2022, settling both contingencies in their entirety.

The Company remeasures the fair value of the contingent consideration at each reporting period. This estimate requires assumptions to be made, including forecasting the NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas settlement prices relative to stated floor and target prices in future periods. In determining the fair value of the contingent consideration liability, the Company used the Monte Carlo simulation model, which considers unobservable input variables, representing a Level 3 measurement. While valued under this technique, presently there are no remaining contingent payments.

There were no transfers between fair value levels for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The following table includes the Company's financial instruments as at the periods presented:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,329	\$ 12,558
Trade receivables and accrued income	296,781	282,922
Other non-current assets <sup>(a)</sup>	4,351	3,635
Other current assets <sup>(b)</sup>	—	25,004
Other non-current liabilities <sup>(c)</sup>	(1,669)	(7,775)
Other current liabilities <sup>(d)</sup>	(417,201)	(334,020)
Derivative financial instruments at fair value	(1,429,966)	(807,398)
Leases	(28,862)	(27,804)
Borrowings	(1,498,166)	(1,041,665)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$(3,067,403)</u></b>	<b><u>\$(1,894,543)</u></b>

- (a) Excludes indemnification receivables.
- (b) Excludes prepaid expenses, deposits and inventory.
- (c) Excludes the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree.
- (d) Includes accrued expenses, net revenue clearing and revenue to be distributed. Excludes taxes payable and asset retirement obligations.

#### **NOTE 25—FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks such as market risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, capital risk and collateral risk. The Company manages these risks by monitoring the unpredictability of financial markets and seeking to minimize potential adverse effects on its financial performance on a continuous basis.

The Company's principal financial liabilities are comprised of borrowings, leases and trade and other payables, used primarily to finance and financially guarantee its operations. The Company's principal financial assets include cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables derived from its operations.

The Company also enters into derivative financial instruments which, depending on market dynamics, are recorded as assets or liabilities. To assist with the design and composition of its hedging program, the Company engages a specialist firm with the appropriate skills and experience to manage its risk management derivative-related activities.

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the possibility that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of two types of risk: interest rate risk and commodity price risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include borrowings and derivative financial instruments. Derivative and non-derivative financial instruments are used to manage market price risks resulting from changes in commodity prices and foreign exchange rates, which could have a negative effect on assets, liabilities or future expected cash flows.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Company is subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates. The Company's borrowings primarily consist of fixed-rate amortizing notes and its variable rate Credit Facility as illustrated below.

	December 31, 2022		December 31, 2021	
	Borrowings	Interest Rate <sup>(a)</sup>	Borrowings	Interest Rate <sup>(a)</sup>
ABS Notes and Term Loan I	\$1,435,082	5.70%	\$461,685	5.54%
Credit Facility	56,000	7.42%	570,600	3.50%

- (a) The interest rate on the ABS Notes and Term Loan I borrowings represents the weighted average fixed-rate of the notes while the interest rate presented for the Credit Facility represents the floating rate as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Credit Facility transitioned from LIBOR to SOFR during a the regular spring redetermination. The Company did not experience a material impact from the transition.

Refer to Note 21 for additional information regarding the ABS Notes, Term Loan I and Credit Facility. The table below represents the impact of a 100 basis point adjustment in the borrowing rate for the Credit Facility and the corresponding impact on finance costs. This represents a reasonably possible change in interest rate risk.

Credit Facility Interest Rate Sensitivity	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
+100 Basis Points	\$ 560	\$ 5,706
-100 Basis Points	\$(560)	\$(5,706)

During 2022, the Company entered into four ABS financing arrangements with fixed interest rates decreasing exposure to rising short-term interest rates. The Company strives to maintain a prudent balance of floating and fixed-rate borrowing exposure, particularly during uncertain market conditions. As part of the Company's risk mitigation strategy from time to time the Company enters into swap arrangements to increase or decrease exposure to floating or fixed- interest rates to account for changes in the composition of borrowings in its portfolio. As a result, the total principal hedged through the use of derivative financial instruments varies from period to period. The fair value of the Company's interest rate swaps represents a liability of \$3,228 and \$91 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Refer to Note 13 for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

#### **Commodity Price Risk**

The Company's revenues are primarily derived from the sale of its natural gas, NGLs and oil production, and as such, the Company is subject to commodity price risk. Commodity prices for natural gas, NGLs and oil can be volatile and can experience fluctuations as a result of relatively small changes in supply, weather conditions, economic conditions and government actions. For the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, the Company's commodity revenue was \$1,873,011, \$973,107 and \$381,662, respectively. The Company enters into derivative financial instruments to mitigate the risk of fluctuations in commodity prices. The total volumes hedged through the use of derivative financial instruments varies from period to period, but generally the Company's objective is to hedge at least 65% for the next 12 months, at least 50% in months 13 to 24, and a minimum of 30% in months 25 to 36, of its anticipated production volumes. Refer to Note 13 for additional information regarding derivative financial instruments.

By removing price volatility from a significant portion of the Company's expected production through 2032, it has mitigated, but not eliminated, the potential effects of changing prices on its operating cash flow for those periods. While mitigating negative effects of falling commodity prices, these derivative contracts also limit the benefits the Company would receive from increases in commodity prices.

#### **Credit and Counterparty Risk**

The Company is exposed to credit and counterparty risk from the sale of its natural gas, NGLs and oil. Trade receivables from customers are amounts due for the purchase of natural gas, NGLs and oil. Collectability is dependent on the financial condition of each customer. The Company reviews the financial condition of customers prior to extending credit and generally does not require collateral in support of their trade receivables. The Company had no customers that comprised over 10% of its total trade receivables



from customers as of December 31, 2022, and one customer that comprised 13% of its total trade receivables from customers as of December 31, 2021. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's trade receivables from customers were \$278,030 and \$268,375, respectively.

The Company is also exposed to credit risk from joint interest owners, entities that own a working interest in the properties operated by the Company. Joint interest receivables are classified in trade receivables, net in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The Company has the ability to withhold future revenue payments to recover any non-payment of joint interest receivables. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's joint interest receivables were \$18,751 and \$14,547, respectively.

The majority of trade receivables are current and the Company believes these receivables are collectible. Refer to Note 3 for additional information.

### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they are due. The Company manages this risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves through the use of cash from operations and borrowing capacity on the Credit Facility. The Company also continuously monitors its forecast and actual cash flows to ensure it maintains an appropriate amount of liquidity. The amounts disclosed in the following table are the contractual cash flows. Balances due within 12 months equal their carrying balances, because the impact of discounting is not significant.

	Not Later Than One Year	Later Than One Year and Not Later Than Five Years	Later Than Five Years	Total
<b>For the year ended December 31, 2022</b>				
Trade and other payables	\$ 93,764	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 93,764
Borrowings	271,096	778,887	448,183	1,498,166
Leases	9,293	19,569	—	28,862
Other liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>	326,302	5,375	—	331,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$700,455</b>	<b>\$803,831</b>	<b>\$448,183</b>	<b>\$1,952,469</b>
<b>For the year ended December 31, 2021</b>				
Trade and other payables	\$ 62,418	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 62,418
Borrowings	58,820	811,964	170,881	1,041,665
Leases	9,627	18,177	—	27,804
Other liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>	277,014	7,775	—	284,789
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$407,879</b>	<b>\$837,916</b>	<b>\$170,881</b>	<b>\$1,416,676</b>

- (a) Represents accrued expenses and net revenue clearing. Excludes taxes payable, asset retirement obligations, revenue to be distributed and the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree.

### Capital Risk

The Company defines capital as the total of equity shareholders' funds and long-term borrowings net of available cash balances. The Company's objectives when managing capital are to provide returns for shareholders and safeguard the ability to continue as a going concern while pursuing opportunities for growth through identifying and evaluating potential acquisitions and constructing new infrastructure on existing proved leaseholds. The Directors do not establish a quantitative return on capital criteria, but rather promote year-over-year Adjusted EBITDA growth. The Company seeks to maintain a Leverage target at or below 2.5x.

### Collateral Risk

The Company has pledged 100% of its upstream natural gas and oil properties in Appalachia and the upstream natural gas and oil properties in the Barnett Shale (excluding those in the Alliance, Texas area,

which have been pledged under the Credit Facility) as of December 31, 2022 to fulfil the collateral requirements for borrowings under the ABS Notes and Term Loan I. The Company's remaining natural gas and oil properties collateralize the Credit Facility. The fair value of the borrowings collateral is based on a third-party engineering reserve calculation using estimated cash flows discounted at 10% and a commodities futures price schedule. Refer to Notes 5 and 21 for additional information regarding acquisitions and borrowings, respectively.

#### **NOTE 26—CONTINGENCIES**

##### **Litigation And Regulatory Proceedings**

The Company is involved in various pending legal issues that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. The Company accrues for litigation, claims and proceedings when a liability is both probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. As of December 31, 2022, the Company did not have any material amounts accrued related to litigation or regulatory matters. For any matters not accrued for, it is not possible to estimate the amount of any additional loss, or range of loss that is reasonably possible, but, based on the nature of the claims, management believes that current litigation, claims and proceedings are not, individually or in aggregate, after considering insurance coverage and indemnification and reasonably expected outcomes, likely to have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company has no other contingent liabilities that would have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

##### **Environmental Matters**

The Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in all the jurisdictions in which it operates, and it was in compliance as of December 31, 2022. The Company is unable to predict the effect of additional environmental laws and regulations which may be adopted in the future, including whether any such laws or regulations would adversely affect its operations. The Company can offer no assurance regarding the significance or cost of compliance associated with any such new environmental legislation once implemented.

#### **NOTE 27—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Martin K. Thomas currently serves as a consultant at Wedlake Bell LLP, the former UK legal advisor to the company, where he was formerly a partner. During 2020, the Company paid fees of \$41 (£33) to the former related party legal advisor. The Company had no related party activity in 2022 or 2021.

#### **NOTE 28—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company determined the need to disclose the following material transactions that occurred subsequent to December 31, 2022, which have been described within each relevant footnote as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Footnote</u>
Acquisitions and Divestitures	Note 5
Share Capital	Note 16
Dividends	Note 18

#### **NOTE 29—SUPPLEMENTAL NATURAL GAS AND OIL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

##### **Estimated Reserves**

The process of estimating quantities of "proved" and "proved developed" reserves is very complex, requiring significant subjective decisions in the evaluation of all available geological, engineering and economic data for each reservoir. The data for a given reservoir may also change substantially over time as a result of numerous factors including, but not limited to, additional development activity, evolving

production history and continual reassessment of the viability of production under varying economic conditions. As a result, revisions to existing reserve estimates may occur from time to time. Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure that reserve estimates reported represent the most accurate assessments possible, the subjective decisions and variances in available data for various reservoirs make these estimates generally less precise than other estimates included in the financial statement disclosures.

For each of the years ended December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in the table below, the estimated proved reserves were independently evaluated by our independent engineers, NSAI, in accordance with petroleum engineering and evaluation standards published by the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers and definitions and guidelines established by the SEC. Accordingly, the following reserve estimates are based upon existing economic and operating conditions. Reserve estimates are inherently imprecise, and the Company's reserve estimates are generally based upon extrapolation of historical production trends, historical prices of natural gas and oil, and analogy to similar properties and volumetric calculations. Accordingly, the Company's estimates are expected to change, and such changes could be material and occur in the near term as future information becomes available.

The following table summarizes the changes in the Company's net proved reserves for the periods presented, all of which were located in the U.S.:

	Natural Gas (MMcf)	NGLs (MBbls)	Oil (MBbls)	Total (MBoe)
<b>December 31, 2019</b>	<b>2,786,622</b>	<b>66,944</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>535,979</b>
Revisions of previous estimates <sup>(a)</sup>	(370,257)	(3,813)	(388)	(65,911)
Extensions, discoveries and other additions	—	—	—	—
Production	(199,667)	(2,843)	(417)	(36,538)
Purchase of reserves in place <sup>(b)</sup>	646,311	—	1,062	108,781
Sales of reserves in place <sup>(c)</sup>	(2,217)	(82)	(95)	(547)
<b>December 31, 2020</b>	<b>2,860,792</b>	<b>60,206</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>541,765</b>
Revisions of previous estimates <sup>(a)</sup>	498,927	4,045	3,052	90,251
Extensions, discoveries and other additions	—	—	—	—
Production	(234,643)	(3,558)	(592)	(43,257)
Purchase of reserves in place <sup>(b)</sup>	1,019,944	32,698	7,397	210,086
Sales of reserves in place <sup>(c)</sup>	(135,983)	(4,311)	(365)	(27,340)
<b>December 31, 2021</b>	<b>4,009,037</b>	<b>89,080</b>	<b>14,252</b>	<b>771,505</b>
Revisions of previous estimates <sup>(a)</sup>	306,696	11,694	492	63,302
Extensions, discoveries and other additions	13,098	1	37	2,221
Production	(255,597)	(5,200)	(1,554)	(49,354)
Purchase of reserves in place <sup>(b)</sup>	281,345	6,356	1,927	55,174
Sales of reserves in place <sup>(c)</sup>	(4,968)	—	(324)	(1,152)
<b>December 31, 2022</b>	<b>4,349,611</b>	<b>101,931</b>	<b>14,830</b>	<b>841,696</b>

(a) During 2020, the net downward revision of 65,911 MBoe was primarily related to a lower commodity price environment in 2020 than that of 2019. During 2021, commodity market pricing began to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic lows driving a net upward revision of 90,251 MBoe. During 2022, commodity market pricing was volatile and increased significantly due to the war between Russia and Ukraine as well as other geopolitical factors. These factors primarily drove a net upward revision of 64,344 MBoe due to changes in pricing that impacted well economics. These increases were then offset in part by a 1,042 MBoe downward revision for changes in timing.

(b) During 2020, purchases of reserves in place were primarily related to the EQT and Carbon acquisitions. During 2021, purchases of reserves in place were primarily related to the Indigo, Tanos, Blackbeard,

and Tapstone acquisitions. During 2022, purchases of reserves in place were primarily related to the East Texas Assets and ConocoPhillips acquisitions. Refer to Note 5 for additional information about acquisitions.

- (c) During 2020 sales of reserves were primarily attributable to the divestitures of non-core assets. During 2021 and 2022 sales of reserves in place were primarily related to the divestitures of non-core assets. Refer to Note 5 for additional information about divestitures.

	Natural Gas (MMcf)	NGLs (MBbls)	Oil (MBbls)	Total (MBoe)
<b>Total proved reserves as of:</b>				
December 31, 2019	2,786,622	66,944	4,598	535,979
December 31, 2020	2,860,792	60,206	4,760	541,765
December 31, 2021	4,009,037	89,080	14,252	771,505
December 31, 2022	4,349,611	101,931	14,830	841,696
<b>Total proved developed reserves as of:</b>				
December 31, 2019	2,786,622	66,944	4,598	535,979
December 31, 2020	2,860,792	60,206	4,760	541,765
December 31, 2021	4,008,160	89,071	13,823	770,921
December 31, 2022	4,340,779	101,931	14,830	840,224
<b>Total proved undeveloped reserves as of:</b>				
December 31, 2019	—	—	—	—
December 31, 2020	—	—	—	—
December 31, 2021	877	9	429	584
December 31, 2022	8,832	—	—	1,472

#### Capitalized Costs Relating to Natural Gas and Oil Producing Activities

Capitalized costs relating to natural gas and oil producing activities and related accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization were as follows:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Proved properties	\$3,062,463	\$2,866,353	\$1,968,557
Unproved properties	—	—	—
<b>Total capitalized costs</b>	<b>3,062,463</b>	<b>2,866,353</b>	<b>1,968,557</b>
Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(506,655)	(336,275)	(213,472)
<b>Net capitalized costs</b>	<b>\$2,555,808</b>	<b>\$2,530,078</b>	<b>\$1,755,085</b>

**Costs Incurred in Natural Gas and Oil Property Acquisition, Exploration and Development Activities**

Costs incurred in natural gas and oil property acquisition, exploration and development activities were as follows:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Proved properties	\$260,817	\$718,353	\$201,228
Unproved properties	—	—	—
<b>Total property acquisition costs</b>	<b>260,817</b>	<b>718,353</b>	<b>201,228</b>
Total development costs	19,670	1,464	—
Total exploration costs	—	—	—
Capitalized interest	—	—	—
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>\$280,487</b>	<b>\$719,817</b>	<b>\$201,228</b>

**Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows**

The following information has been developed based on natural gas and crude oil reserve and production volumes estimated by the Company's engineering staff. It can be used for some comparisons, but should not be the only method used to evaluate the Company or its performance. Further, the information in the following table may not represent realistic assessments of future cash flows, nor should the Standardized Measure of Discounted Future Net Cash Flows (the "Standardized Measure") be viewed as representative of the current value of the Company.

The Company believes that the following factors should be taken into account when reviewing the following information:

- Future costs and selling prices will differ from those required to be used in these calculations;
- Due to future market conditions and governmental regulations, actual rates of production in future years may vary significantly from the rate of production assumed in the calculations;
- Selection of a 10% discount rate is arbitrary and may not be a reasonable measure of the relative risk that is part of realizing future net natural gas and oil revenues; and
- Future net cash flows may be subject to different rates of income taxation.

Under the Standardized Measure, future cash inflows were estimated by using the 12-month average index price for the respective commodity, calculated as the unweighted arithmetic average for the first day of the month price for each month during the year. Prices used for the Standardized Measure (adjusted for basis and quality differentials) were as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$ 6.29	\$ 3.26	\$ 1.89
NGLs (Bbls)	\$43.68	\$29.19	\$ 5.01
Oil (Bbls)	\$94.01	\$62.55	\$34.95

Future cash inflows were reduced by estimated future development and production costs based on year-end costs to arrive at net cash flow before tax. Future income tax expense was computed by applying year-end statutory tax rates to future pretax net cash flows, less the tax basis of the properties involved and utilization of available tax carryforwards related to natural gas and oil operations. The applicable accounting standards require the use of a 10% discount rate.

Management does not solely use the following information when making investment and operating decisions. These decisions are based on a number of factors, including estimates of proved reserves and

varying price and cost assumptions considered more representative of a range of anticipated economic conditions. The Standardized Measure is as follows:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Future cash inflows	\$32,155,117	\$16,283,927	\$ 5,885,765
Future production costs	(8,923,660)	(5,773,240)	(2,981,059)
Future development costs <sup>(a)</sup>	(1,902,297)	(1,818,190)	(1,570,606)
Future income tax expense	(5,001,823)	(1,644,625)	(167,058)
<b>Future net cash flows</b>	<b>16,327,337</b>	<b>7,047,872</b>	<b>1,167,042</b>
10% annual discount for estimated timing of cash flows	(9,584,237)	(3,714,781)	(161,735)
<b>Standardized Measure</b>	<b>\$ 6,743,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,333,091</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,307</b>

(a) Includes \$1,698,105, \$1,615,461 and \$1,570,606 in plugging and abandonment costs for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020, respectively. (Dollar amounts are in thousands.)

Future cash inflows were reduced by estimated future production and development costs based on year-end costs to determine pre-tax cash inflows. Future income taxes were computed by applying the year-end statutory rate to the excess of pre-tax cash inflows over the Company's tax basis in the associated proved gas and oil properties after giving effect to permanent differences and tax credits.

Changes in the Standardized Measure were as follows:

(Dollar amounts in thousands)	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Standardized Measure, beginning of year	\$ 3,333,091	\$1,005,307	\$1,345,964
Sales and transfers of natural gas and oil produced, net of production costs	(1,498,272)	(742,375)	(230,514)
Net changes in prices and production costs	5,137,373	2,411,163	(576,664)
Extensions, discoveries, and other additions, net of future production and development costs	28,038	—	—
Acquisition of reserves in place	555,773	980,837	213,210
Divestiture of reserves in place	(8,303)	(145,434)	(2,623)
Revisions of previous quantity estimates	702,585	609,100	(215,079)
Net change in income taxes	(1,378,438)	(622,314)	151,355
Changes in estimated future development costs	22,085	(5,612)	138,665
Previously estimated development costs incurred during the year	7,711	—	—
Changes in production rates (timing) and other	(562,245)	(266,273)	23,100
Accretion of discount	403,702	108,692	157,893
<b>Standardized Measure, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 6,743,100</b>	<b>\$3,333,091</b>	<b>\$1,005,307</b>

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**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Six Months Ended	
		June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Revenue	5	\$ 487,305	\$ 933,528
Operating expense	6	(227,299)	(206,357)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	6	(115,036)	(118,480)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>\$ 144,970</b>	<b>\$ 608,691</b>
General and administrative expense	6	(55,156)	(114,282)
Gain (loss) on natural gas and oil property and equipment		7,729	1,050
Gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments	7	812,113	(1,673,841)
Gain on bargain purchases	4	—	1,249
<b>Operating profit (loss)</b>		<b>\$ 909,656</b>	<b>\$ (1,177,133)</b>
Finance costs	11	(67,736)	(39,162)
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	10	(13,991)	(14,003)
Other income (expense)		327	171
<b>Income (loss) before taxation</b>		<b>\$ 828,256</b>	<b>\$ (1,230,127)</b>
Income tax benefit (expense)		(197,324)	294,877
<b>Net income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ 630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
Other comprehensive income (loss)		(88)	132
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ 630,844</b>	<b>\$ (935,118)</b>
<b>Net income (loss) attributable to:</b>			
Diversified Energy Company PLC		\$ 629,985	\$ (937,412)
Non-controlling interest		947	2,162
<b>Net income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ 630,932</b>	<b>\$ (935,250)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share attributable to Diversified Energy Company PLC</b>			
Earnings (loss) per share – basic		\$ 0.68	\$ (1.10)
Earnings (loss) per share – diluted		\$ 0.67	\$ (1.10)
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic		926,066	849,621
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted		937,838	849,621

The notes are an integral part of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Natural gas and oil properties, net		\$2,690,050	\$ 2,555,808
Property, plant and equipment, net		465,118	462,860
Intangible assets		20,798	21,098
Restricted cash	3	32,402	47,497
Derivative financial instruments	7	35,541	13,936
Deferred tax assets		176,709	371,156
Other non-current assets		3,678	4,351
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>\$3,424,296</b>	<b>\$ 3,476,706</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Trade receivables, net		\$ 195,038	\$ 296,781
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,208	7,329
Restricted cash	3	8,786	7,891
Derivative financial instruments	7	114,695	27,739
Other current assets		15,982	14,482
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>\$ 338,709</b>	<b>\$ 354,222</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$3,763,005</b>	<b>\$ 3,830,928</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Shareholders' equity:</b>			
Share capital		\$ 13,056	\$ 11,503
Share premium		1,208,192	1,052,959
Treasury reserve		(92,811)	(100,828)
Share based payment and other reserves		9,620	17,650
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)		(590,109)	(1,133,972)
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the parent:</b>		<b>\$ 547,948</b>	<b>\$ (152,688)</b>
Non-controlling interests	4	13,050	14,964
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>\$ 560,998</b>	<b>\$ (137,724)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>			
Asset retirement obligations	10	\$ 448,465	\$ 452,554
Leases		22,663	19,569
Borrowings	11	1,272,790	1,169,233
Deferred tax liability		11,228	12,490
Derivative financial instruments	7	731,093	1,177,801
Other non-current liabilities	12	2,687	5,375
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>\$2,488,926</b>	<b>\$ 2,837,022</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
Trade and other payables		\$ 69,744	\$ 93,764
Leases		10,645	9,293
Borrowings	11	231,819	271,096
Derivative financial instruments	7	98,172	293,840
Other current liabilities	12	302,701	463,637
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 713,081</b>	<b>\$ 1,131,630</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>\$3,202,007</b>	<b>\$ 3,968,652</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>\$3,763,005</b>	<b>\$ 3,830,928</b>

The Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Board on September 1, 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

*D.E. Johnson*

DAVID E. JOHNSON  
Chairman of the Board

September 1, 2023

The notes are an integral part of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Share Capital	Share Premium	Treasury Reserve	Share Based Payment and Other Reserves	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2023</b>		<b>\$11,503</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>	<b>\$(100,828)</b>	<b>\$17,650</b>	<b>\$(1,133,972)</b>	<b>\$(152,688)</b>	<b>\$14,964</b>	<b>\$(137,724)</b>
Income (loss) after taxation		—	—	—	—	629,985	629,985	947	630,932
Other comprehensive income (loss)		—	—	—	—	(88)	(88)	—	(88)
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 629,897</b>	<b>\$ 629,897</b>	<b>\$ 947</b>	<b>\$ 630,844</b>
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)		1,555	155,233	—	—	—	156,788	—	156,788
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)		—	—	—	198	(2,005)	(1,807)	—	(1,807)
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)		—	—	8,230	(8,230)	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)		(2)	—	(213)	2	—	(213)	—	(213)
Dividends	9	—	—	—	—	(84,029)	(84,029)	—	(84,029)
Distributions to non-controlling interest owners		—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,861)	(2,861)
<b>Transactions with shareholders</b>		<b>\$ 1,553</b>	<b>\$ 155,233</b>	<b>\$ 8,017</b>	<b>\$ (8,030)</b>	<b>\$ (86,034)</b>	<b>\$ 70,739</b>	<b>\$ (2,861)</b>	<b>\$ 67,878</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2023</b>		<b>\$13,056</b>	<b>\$1,208,192</b>	<b>\$ (92,811)</b>	<b>\$ 9,620</b>	<b>\$ (590,109)</b>	<b>\$ 547,948</b>	<b>\$13,050</b>	<b>\$ 560,998</b>
	Notes	Share Capital	Share Premium	Treasury Reserve	Share Based Payment and Other Reserves	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2022</b>		<b>\$11,571</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>	<b>\$(68,537)</b>	<b>\$14,156</b>	<b>\$ (362,740)</b>	<b>\$ 647,409</b>	<b>\$16,541</b>	<b>\$ 663,950</b>
Net Income (loss)		—	—	—	—	(937,412)	(937,412)	2,162	(935,250)
Other comprehensive income (loss)		—	—	—	—	132	132	—	132
<b>Total comprehensive income (loss)</b>		<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (937,280)</b>	<b>\$(937,280)</b>	<b>\$ 2,162</b>	<b>\$(935,118)</b>
Issuance of share capital (settlement of warrants)		2	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)		7	—	—	3,375	(1,517)	1,865	—	1,865
Repurchase of shares (EBT)		—	—	(9,718)	—	—	(9,718)	—	(9,718)
Dividends	9	—	—	—	—	(72,275)	(72,275)	—	(72,275)
Distributions to non-controlling interest owners		—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,776)	(2,776)
Cancellation of warrants		—	—	—	(14)	—	(14)	—	(14)
<b>Transactions with shareholders</b>		<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (9,718)</b>	<b>\$ 3,361</b>	<b>\$ (73,792)</b>	<b>\$ (80,140)</b>	<b>\$ (2,776)</b>	<b>\$ (82,916)</b>
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2022</b>		<b>\$11,580</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>	<b>\$(78,255)</b>	<b>\$17,517</b>	<b>\$(1,373,812)</b>	<b>\$(370,011)</b>	<b>\$15,927</b>	<b>\$(354,084)</b>

The notes are an integral part of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
(Unaudited) (Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

	Notes	Six Months Ended	
		June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Income (loss) after taxation		\$ 630,932	\$ (935,250)
<b>Cash flows from operations reconciliation:</b>			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	6	115,036	118,480
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	10	13,991	14,003
Income tax (benefit) expense		197,324	(294,877)
(Gain) loss on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments	7	(760,933)	1,205,938
Asset retirement costs	10	(2,077)	(1,582)
(Gain) loss on natural gas and oil properties and equipment		(7,729)	515
Gain on bargain purchases	4	—	(1,249)
Finance costs	11	67,736	39,162
Hedge modifications	7	17,446	(6,833)
Non-cash equity compensation	6	4,417	4,069
<b>Working capital adjustments:</b>			
Change in trade receivables and other current assets		93,968	(74,672)
Change in other non-current assets		(259)	(1,632)
Change in trade and other payables and other current liabilities		(189,636)	177,382
Change in other non-current liabilities		(5,733)	(8,612)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<b>\$ 174,483</b>	<b>\$ 234,842</b>
Cash paid for income taxes		(1,917)	(29,855)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		<b>\$ 172,566</b>	<b>\$ 204,987</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Consideration for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	4	\$ —	\$ (12,274)
Consideration for asset acquisitions	4	(262,329)	(51,550)
Proceeds from divestitures	4	37,503	—
Expenditures on natural gas and oil properties and equipment		(32,332)	(44,539)
Proceeds on disposals of natural gas and oil properties and equipment		8,661	6,052
Contingent consideration payments	13	(1,520)	(19,807)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>\$ (250,017)</b>	<b>\$ (122,118)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Repayment of borrowings	11	\$(782,990)	\$(1,392,883)
Proceeds from borrowings	11	840,230	1,730,200
Cash paid for interest	11	(59,415)	(32,605)
Debt issuance cost	11	(1,730)	(24,579)
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash <sup>(a)</sup>		14,200	(25,103)
Hedge modifications associated with ABS Notes	7, 11	—	(73,073)
Proceeds from equity issuance, net	8	156,788	—
Principal element of lease payments		(5,757)	(5,273)
Dividends to shareholders	9	(84,029)	(72,275)
Distributions to non-controlling interest owners		(2,861)	(2,776)
Repurchase of shares by the EBT	8	—	(9,718)
Repurchase of shares	8	(106)	—
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		<b>\$ 74,330</b>	<b>\$ 91,915</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(3,121)	174,784
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		7,329	12,558
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>		<b>\$ 4,208</b>	<b>\$ 187,342</b>

(a) Refer to Note 2 for information regarding prior period reclassifications.

The notes are an integral part of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**Notes to the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

**NOTE 1 — GENERAL INFORMATION**

Diversified Energy Company PLC (the “Parent”) and its wholly owned subsidiaries (together the “Company”) is an independent energy company engaged in the production, marketing and transportation of primarily natural gas related to its synergistic U.S. onshore upstream and midstream assets. The Company’s assets are located within the Central Region and Appalachian Basin of the U.S.

The Company was incorporated on July, 31 2014 in the United Kingdom and is registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006 as a public limited company under company number 09156132. The Company’s registered office is located at 4th floor Phoenix House, 1 Station Hill, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1NB, UK.

In May 2020, the Company’s shares were admitted to trading on the LSE’s Main Market for listed securities. The Company’s shares are listed on the LSE under the ticker “DEC.”

**NOTE 2 — BASIS OF PREPARATION****Basis of Preparation**

The Company’s unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2023 (the “Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements”) have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, ‘Interim Financial Reporting’ (“IAS 34”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the “IASB”).

The Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Company’s annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the IASB. The principal accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently throughout the year and are consistent with prior year unless otherwise stated.

Unless otherwise stated, the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in U.S. dollars, which is the Company’s subsidiaries’ functional currency and the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars except per share and per unit amounts and where otherwise indicated.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the rate of exchange on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Where the Company’s subsidiary has a different functional currency, its results and financial position are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position are translated at the closing rate at the date of that Consolidated Statement of Financial Position;
- Income and expenses in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and
- All resulting exchange differences are reflected within other comprehensive income in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) held at fair value through profit and loss or through other comprehensive income.

### Segment Reporting

The Company is an independent owner and operator of producing natural gas and oil wells with properties located in the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. The Company's strategy is to acquire long-life producing assets, efficiently operate those assets to generate Free Cash Flow for shareholders and then to retire assets safely and responsibly at the end of their useful life. The Company's assets consist of natural gas and oil wells, pipelines and a network of gathering lines and compression facilities which are complementary to the Company's assets.

In accordance with IFRS and UK-adopted IFRS the Company establishes segments on the basis by which those components of the Company are evaluated regularly by the chief executive officer, the Company's chief operating decision maker, when deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. When evaluating performance as well as when acquiring and managing assets the chief operating decision maker does so in a consolidated and complementary fashion to vertically integrate and improve margins. Accordingly, when determining operating segments under IFRS 8, the Company has identified one reportable segment that produces and transports natural gas, NGLs and oil in the U.S.

### Going Concern

The Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis of accounting. The Directors closely monitor and carefully manage the Company's Liquidity risk. The Company's financial outlook is assessed primarily through the annual business planning process, however, it is also carefully monitored on a monthly basis. This process includes regular Board discussions, led by Senior Leadership, at which the current performance of, and outlook for, the Company are assessed. In assessing the appropriateness of the going concern assumption over the next twelve months, management have stress tested the Company's most recent financial projections to incorporate a range of potential future outcomes by considering the Company's principal risks, potential downside pressures on commodity prices, long-term demand and availability of loan facility; management has also considered cash preservation measures, including reduced capital expenditure and shareholder distributions. This assessment confirmed that the Company has adequate cash and other liquid resources to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due in order to continue its operations over the twelve months from the issuance date of these Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Therefore, the Directors consider it appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Prior Period Reclassifications

#### *Reclassifications in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity*

To provide additional transparency into equity activity, the Company has reclassified certain amounts in its prior year Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity to conform to its current period presentation. These changes in reclassification do not affect total comprehensive income previously reported in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

The Company reclassified \$68,537 in "Repurchases of shares" from "Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)" to "Treasury Reserve" in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity as of June 30, 2023.

#### *Reclassifications in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows*

The Company has reclassified certain amounts in its prior year Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to conform to its current period presentation. These changes in classification do not affect net cash provided by operating activities previously reported in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

The Company reclassified \$24,099 in "Change in other current assets" to "Change in trade receivables and other current assets" and \$205,289 in "Change in other current and non-current liabilities" to "Change in trade and other payables and other current liabilities" in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of

Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The Company also reclassified \$25,103 in “(Increase) decrease in restricted cash” from “Cash flows from investing activities” to “Cash flows from financing activities” in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

### Basis of Consolidation

The Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended June 30, 2023 reflect the following corporate structure of the Company, and its 100% wholly owned subsidiaries:

> Diversified Energy Company PLC (“DEC”) as well as its wholly owned subsidiaries	> Diversified ABS Phase V Upstream LLC	> Giant Land, LLC <sup>(b)</sup>
> Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation	> DP Bluegrass Holdings LLC	> Link Land LLC <sup>(n)</sup>
> Diversified Production LLC	> DP Bluegrass LLC	> Old Faithful Land LLC <sup>(n)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Holdings LLC	> Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC <sup>(a)</sup>	> Riverside Land LLC <sup>(n)</sup>
> Diversified ABS LLC	> Diversified ABS Phase VI Holdings LLC	> Splendid Land LLC <sup>(n)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Phase II Holdings LLC	> Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC	> Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust <sup>(c)</sup>
> Diversified ABS Phase II LLC	> Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC	> TGG Cotton Valley Assets, LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase III Holdings LLC	> Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC	> Diversified Midstream LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase III LLC	> DP RBL Co LLC	> Cranberry Pipeline Corporation
> Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC	> BlueStone Natural Resources II, LLC	> Coalfield Pipeline Company
> Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC	> DP Legacy Central LLC	> DM Bluebonnet LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase IV Holdings LLC	> Diversified Energy Marketing LLC	> Black Bear Midstream Holdings LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC	> DP Tapstone Energy Holdings LLC	> Black Bear Midstream LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase V Holdings LLC	> DP Legacy Tapstone LLC	> Black Bear Liquids LLC
> Diversified ABS Phase V LLC		> Black Bear Liquids Marketing LLC
		> DGOC Holdings Sub III LLC
		> Diversified Energy Group LLC
		> Diversified Energy Company LLC
		> Next LVL Energy, LLC

(a) Owned 51.25% by Diversified Energy Company PLC.

(b) Owned 55% by Diversified Energy Company PLC.

(c) Diversified Production, LLC holds 50.8% of the issued and outstanding common shares of Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust.

### NOTE 3 — SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in compliance with IAS 34 requires management to make estimates and exercise judgment in applying the Company’s accounting policies. In preparing the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Company’s accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the company financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

When determining the income tax benefit (expense) recognized during interim periods management estimates the weighted average effective annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The estimated average annual tax rate used for the six months ended June 30, 2023 was 23.8%, compared to 24.0% for the six months ended June 30, 2022.

#### **New Standards and Interpretations**

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for June 30, 2023 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Company. None of these new standards or interpretations are expected to have a material impact on the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company.

#### **NOTE 4 — ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES**

The assets acquired in all acquisitions include the necessary permits, rights to production, royalties, assignments, contracts and agreements that support the production from wells and operation of pipelines. The Company determines the accounting treatment of acquisitions using IFRS 3.

As part of the Company's corporate strategy it actively seeks to acquire assets that complement the Company's acquisition criteria of being long life, low-decline assets that strategically complement the Company's existing asset base.

#### **2023 Acquisitions**

##### ***Tanos Energy Holdings II, LLC ("Tanos II") Asset Acquisition***

On March 1, 2023 the Company acquired certain upstream assets and related infrastructure in the Central Region from Tanos II. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$262,329, inclusive of transaction costs of \$936 and customary purchase price adjustments. The Company funded the purchase with proceeds from the February 2023 equity raise, cash on hand and existing availability on the Credit Facility for which the borrowing base was upsized concurrent to the closing of the Tanos II transaction. Refer to Notes 8 and 11 for additional information regarding the Company's share capital and borrowings. In the period from its acquisition to June 30, 2023 the Tanos II assets increased the Company's revenue by \$24,741.

The provisional assets and liabilities assumed were as follows:

<b>Consideration paid</b>	
Cash consideration	\$262,329
<b>Total consideration</b>	<b><u>\$262,329</u></b>
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	
Natural gas and oil properties	\$263,056
Asset retirement obligations, asset portion	3,250
Property, plant and equipment	234
Trade receivables, net	1,729
Derivative financial instruments, net	7,449
Asset retirement obligations, liability portion	(3,250)
Other current liabilities	(10,139)
<b>Net assets acquired</b>	<b><u>\$262,329</u></b>

#### **2023 Divestitures**

On June 27, 2023, the Company announced the sale of certain non-core, non-operated assets within its Central Region for gross consideration of approximately \$37,503. The divested assets were located in Texas and Oklahoma and consisted of non-operated wells and the associated leasehold acreage that was acquired



as part of the ConocoPhillips Asset Acquisition in September 2022. This sale of non-operated and non-core assets aligns with the Company's application of the Smarter Asset Management strategy and our strategic focus on operated proved developed producing assets.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company divested certain other non-core undeveloped acreage across its operating footprint for consideration of approximately \$6,000.

## **2022 Acquisitions**

### ***East Texas Asset Acquisition***

On April 25, 2022, the Company acquired a proportionate 52.5% working interest in certain upstream assets and related facilities within the Central Region from a private seller in conjunction with Oaktree, via the previously disclosed participation agreement between the two parties. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination. When making this determination management performed an asset concentration test considering the fair value of the acquired assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$47,468, including customary purchase price adjustments. Transaction costs associated with the acquisition were \$1,550. The Company funded the purchase with available cash on hand and a draw on the Credit Facility. During 2022 purchase accounting was finalized and no measurement period adjustments were recorded.

### ***Other Acquisitions***

During the period ended December 31, 2022 the Company acquired three asset retirement companies for an aggregate consideration of \$13,949, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments. The Company will also pay an additional \$3,150 in deferred consideration through November 2024. As of June 30, 2023, the Company has paid \$1,000 of the deferred consideration. When evaluating these transactions, the Company determined they did not have significant asset concentrations and, as a result, it had acquired identifiable sets of inputs, processes and outputs, and concluded the transactions were business combinations. The expansion in the Company's internal asset retirement operations brought the total plugging rigs owned and operated by the Company to 15 as of December 31, 2022.

On April 1, 2022 the Company acquired certain midstream assets, inclusive of a processing facility, in the Central Region that are contiguous to its existing East Texas assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$10,139, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. When evaluating the transaction, the Company determined it did not have significant asset concentration and as a result it had acquired an identifiable set of inputs, processes and outputs and concluded the transaction was a business combination. The fair value of the net assets acquired was \$10,742 generating a bargain purchase gain of \$603.

On November 21, 2022 the Company acquired certain midstream assets in the Central Region that are contiguous to its existing East Texas assets. The Company paid purchase consideration of \$7,438, inclusive of customary purchase price adjustments and transaction costs. Given the concentration of assets, this transaction was considered an asset acquisition rather than a business combination.

Transaction costs associated with the other acquisitions noted above were insignificant and the Company funded the aggregate cash consideration with existing cash on hand.

### ***Subsequent Events***

On July 17, 2023, the Company announced the sale of certain undeveloped, non-core, net acres within its Central Region for net consideration of approximately \$16,060. This sale of undeveloped, non-core assets continues to align with the Company's strategic initiatives and focus on operated proved developed producing assets.

## **NOTE 5 — REVENUE**

The Company extracts and sells natural gas, NGLs and oil to various customers in addition to operating a majority of these natural gas and oil wells for customers and other working interest owners. In addition, the Company provides gathering and transportation services as well as asset retirement and other services to third parties. All revenue was generated in the U.S.

The following table reconciles the Company's revenue for the periods presented:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Natural gas	\$334,588	\$727,152
NGLs	67,159	107,846
Oil	54,294	78,817
<b>Total commodity revenue</b>	<b>\$456,041</b>	<b>\$913,815</b>
Midstream	16,662	16,602
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	14,602	3,111
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$487,305</b>	<b>\$933,528</b>

(a) Includes asset retirement and other revenue.

A significant portion of the Company's trade receivables represent receivables related to either sales of natural gas, NGLs and oil or operational services, all of which are uncollateralized, and are collected within 30 – 60 days.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, no customers individually comprised more than 10% of total revenues.

#### NOTE 6 — EXPENSES BY NATURE

The following table provides a detail of the Company's expenses for the periods presented:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
LOE <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 111,637	\$ 81,776
Production taxes <sup>(b)</sup>	31,307	33,878
Midstream operating expense <sup>(c)</sup>	34,391	33,156
Transportation expense <sup>(d)</sup>	49,964	57,547
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$227,299</b>	<b>\$206,357</b>
Depreciation and amortization	27,503	25,251
Depletion	87,533	93,229
<b>Total depreciation, depletion and amortization</b>	<b>\$115,036</b>	<b>\$118,480</b>
Employees, administrative costs and professional services <sup>(e)</sup>	38,497	36,245
Costs associated with acquisitions <sup>(f)</sup>	8,866	6,935
Other adjusting costs <sup>(g)</sup>	3,376	67,033
Non-cash equity compensation <sup>(h)</sup>	4,417	4,069
<b>Total G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 55,156</b>	<b>\$114,282</b>
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>\$397,491</b>	<b>\$439,119</b>
Aggregate remuneration (including Directors):		
Wages and salaries	\$ 61,135	\$ 53,561
Payroll taxes	5,238	4,881
Benefits	12,560	11,715
<b>Total employees and benefits expense</b>	<b>\$ 78,933</b>	<b>\$ 70,157</b>

(a) LOE includes costs incurred to maintain producing properties. Such costs include direct and contract labor, repairs and maintenance, water hauling, compression, automobile, insurance, and materials and supplies expenses.

- (b) Production taxes include severance and property taxes. Severance taxes are generally paid on produced natural gas, NGLs and oil production at fixed rates established by federal, state, or local taxing authorities. Property taxes are generally based on the taxing jurisdictions' valuation of the Company's natural gas and oil properties and midstream assets.
- (c) Midstream operating expenses are daily costs incurred to operate the Company's owned midstream assets inclusive of employee and benefit expenses.
- (d) Transportation expenses are daily costs incurred from third-party systems to gather, process and transport the Company's natural gas, NGLs and oil.
- (e) Employees, administrative costs and professional services includes payroll and benefits for the Company's administrative and corporate staff, costs of maintaining administrative and corporate offices, costs of managing the Company's production operations, franchise taxes, public company costs, fees for audit and other professional services and legal compliance.
- (f) The Company generally incurs costs related to the integration of acquisitions, which will vary for each acquisition. For acquisitions considered to be a business combination, these costs include transaction costs directly associated with a successful acquisition transaction. These costs also include costs associated with transition service arrangements where the Company pays the seller of the acquired entity a fee to handle various G&A functions until the Company has fully integrated the assets onto its systems. In addition, these costs include costs related to integrating IT systems and consulting as well as internal workforce costs directly related to integrating acquisitions into the Company's systems.
- (g) Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2023 primarily consisted of expenses associated with an unused firm transportation agreement and legal and professional fees related to contemplated transaction. Other adjusting costs for the six months ended June 30, 2022, primarily consisted of \$28,345 in contract terminations which will allow the Company to obtain more favorable pricing in the future and \$31,099 in costs associated with deal breakage and/or sourcing costs for acquisitions.
- (h) Non-cash equity compensation reflects the expense recognition related to share-based compensation provided to certain key members of the management team.

#### NOTE 7 — DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company is exposed to volatility in market prices and basis differentials for natural gas, NGLs and oil, which impacts the predictability of its cash flows related to the sale of those commodities. The Company can also have exposure to volatility in interest rate markets, depending on the makeup of its debt structure, which impacts the predictability of its cash flows related to interest payments on the Company's variable rate debt obligations. These risks are managed by the Company's use of certain derivative financial instruments. As of June 30, 2023, the Company's derivative financial instruments consisted of swaps, collars, basis swaps, stand-alone put and call options, and swaptions. A description of the Company's derivative financial instruments is provided below:

- Swaps:** If the Company sells a swap, it receives a fixed price for the contract and pays a floating market price to the counterparty;
- Collars:** Arrangements that contain a fixed floor price (purchased put option) and a fixed ceiling price (sold call option) based on an index price which, in aggregate, have no net costs. At the contract settlement date, (1) if the index price is higher than the ceiling price, the Company pays the counterparty the difference between the index price and ceiling price, (2) if the index price is between the floor and ceiling prices, no payments are due from either party, and (3) if the index price is below the floor price, the Company will receive the difference between the floor price and the index price.

Certain collar arrangements may also include a sold put option with a strike price below the purchased put option. Referred to as a three-way collar, the structure works similar to the above description, except that when the index price settles below the sold put option, the Company pays the counterparty the difference between the index price and sold put option, effectively enhancing realized pricing by the difference between the price of the sold and purchased put option;

**Basis swaps:** Arrangements that guarantee a price differential for commodities from a specified delivery point. If the Company sells a basis swap, it receives a payment from the counterparty if the price differential is greater than the stated terms of the contract and pays the counterparty if the price differential is less than the stated terms of the contract;

**Put options:** The Company purchases and sells put options in exchange for a premium. If the Company purchases a put option, it receives from the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price below the strike price of the put option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is above the put's strike price, no payment is due from either party. If the Company sells a put option, the Company pays the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price below the strike price of the put option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is above the put's strike price, no payment is due from either party.

**Call options:** The Company purchases and sells call options in exchange for a premium. If the Company purchases a call option, it receives from the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price over the strike price of the call option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is below the call's strike price, no payment is due from either party. If the Company sells a call option, it pays the counterparty the excess (if any) of the market price over the strike price of the call option at the time of settlement, but if the market price is below the call's strike price, no payment is due from either party; and

**Swaptions:** If the Company sells a swaption, the counterparty will receive the option to enter into a swap contract at a specified date and receives a fixed price for the contract and pays a floating market price to the counterparty.

The Company may elect to enter into offsetting transactions for the above instruments for the purpose of cancelling or terminating certain positions.

The following tables summarize the Company's calculated net fair value of derivative financial instruments as of the reporting date as follows:

NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS	Volume (MMBtu)	Weighted Average Price per Mcfe <sup>(a)</sup>					Fair Value at June 30, 2023
		Swaps	Sold Puts	Purchased Puts	Sold Calls	Basis Differential	
<b>For the remainder of 2023</b>							
Swaps	105,417	\$3.78	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 57,677
Two-way Collars	1,377	—	—	4.15	6.51	—	1,002
Stand-Alone Calls, net <sup>(b)</sup>	10,755	—	—	—	2.94	—	(26,276)
Basis Swaps	101,595	—	—	—	—	(0.65)	33,044
<b>Total 2023 contracts</b>	<b>219,144</b>						<b>\$ 65,447</b>
<b>2024</b>							
Swaps	204,997	\$3.30	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (85,061)
Two-Way Collars	2,560	—	—	4.03	6.25	—	1,034
Deferred Premium <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	(47,470)
Basis Swaps	145,297	—	—	—	—	(0.70)	(8,021)
<b>Total 2024 contracts</b>	<b>352,854</b>						<b>\$ (139,518)</b>
<b>2025</b>							
Swaps	166,055	\$3.26	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (135,636)
Deferred Premium <sup>(c)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	(32,108)
Basis Swaps	25,550	—	—	—	—	(0.21)	(424)
<b>Total 2025 contracts</b>	<b>191,605</b>						<b>\$ (168,168)</b>
<b>2026</b>							
Swaps	111,471	\$3.18	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (96,168)
Stand-Alone Calls	21,900	—	—	—	4.28	—	(15,348)
Basis Swap	10,950	—	—	—	—	(0.21)	(948)
<b>Total 2026 contracts</b>	<b>144,321</b>						<b>\$ (112,464)</b>

NATURAL GAS CONTRACTS	Volume (MMBtu)	Weighted Average Price per Mcfe <sup>(a)</sup>					Fair Value at June 30, 2023
		Swaps	Sold Puts	Purchased Puts	Sold Calls	Basis Differential	
<b>2027</b>							
Swaps	91,004	\$3.22	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (60,470)
Collars	1,414	—	—	4.28	7.17	—	673
Purchased puts	4,906	—	—	2.25	—	—	782
Sold puts	4,906	—	1.93	—	—	—	(486)
<b>2028</b>							
Swaps	32,190	\$2.11	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (44,369)
Collars	5,382	—	—	4.28	6.90	—	2,795
Purchased puts	54,203	—	—	3.04	—	—	21,917
Sold puts	31,585	—	1.93	—	—	—	(3,592)
<b>2029</b>							
Swaps	29,190	\$2.11	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (38,153)
Collars	3,726	—	—	4.28	7.51	—	2,068
Purchased puts	30,066	—	—	2.92	—	—	11,721
Sold puts	30,066	—	1.93	—	—	—	(3,955)
<b>2030</b>							
Swaps	5,450	\$2.03	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (7,965)
Purchased puts	14,492	—	—	2.93	—	—	5,710
Sold puts	14,492	—	1.93	—	—	—	(2,037)
<b>Swaptions</b>							
10/1/2024 – 9/30/2028 <sup>(d)</sup>	14,610	\$2.91	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (14,072)
1/1/2025 – 12/31/2029 <sup>(e)</sup>	36,520	2.77	—	—	—	—	(38,400)
4/1/2026 – 3/31/2030 <sup>(f)</sup>	97,277	2.57	—	—	—	—	(138,652)
4/1/2030 – 3/31/2032 <sup>(g)</sup>	42,627	2.57	—	—	—	—	(48,743)
<b>Total 2027 – 2032 contracts</b>	<b>544,106</b>						<b>\$(355,228)</b>
<b>Total natural gas contracts</b>	<b>1,452,030</b>						<b>\$(709,931)</b>

- (a) Rates have been converted from Btu to Mcfe using a Btu conversion factor of 1.07.
- (b) Inclusive of \$21,095 in future cash settlements for deferred premiums.
- (c) Future cash settlements for deferred premiums.
- (d) Option expires on September 6, 2024.
- (e) Option expires on December 23, 2024.
- (f) Option expires on March 23, 2026.
- (g) Option expires on March 22, 2030.

NGLs CONTRACTS	Volume (MBbls)	Weighted Average Price per Bbl		Fair Value at June 30, 2023
		Swaps	Sold Calls	
<b>For the remainder of 2023</b>				
Swaps	2,273	\$37.49	\$ —	\$20,885
Stand-Alone Calls	184	—	24.78	(427)
<b>2024</b>				
Swaps	3,301	\$37.74	\$ —	\$20,317
Stand-Alone Calls	915	—	31.29	(2,658)
<b>2025</b>				
Swaps	2,143	\$30.22	\$ —	\$ 1,619
<b>2026</b>				
Swaps	1,097	\$27.68	\$ —	\$ (621)
<b>Total NGLs contracts</b>	<b>9,913</b>			<b>\$39,115</b>
OIL CONTRACTS	Volume (MBbls)	Weighted Average Price per Bbl		Fair Value at June 30, 2023
		Swaps	Sold Calls	
<b>For the remainder of 2023</b>				
Swaps	448	\$69.12	\$ —	\$ (448)
Sold Calls	59	—	53.20	(1,018)
<b>2024</b>				
Swaps	431	\$62.54	\$ —	\$(2,441)
Sold Calls	183	—	70.00	(1,327)
<b>2025</b>				
Swaps	366	\$59.01	\$ —	\$(2,165)
<b>2026</b>				
Swaps	283	\$59.48	\$ —	\$ (899)
<b>2027</b>				
Swaps	162	\$58.60	\$ —	\$ (352)
<b>Total oil contracts</b>	<b>1,932</b>			<b>\$(8,650)</b>
INTEREST		Principal Hedged	Fixed-Rate	Fair Value at June 30, 2023
<b>2023</b>				
SOFR Interest Rate Swap		\$5,520	4.15%	\$ 437
<b>Net fair value of derivative financial instruments as of June 30, 2023</b>				<b>\$(679,029)</b>

Netting the fair values of derivative assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes is permitted if such assets and liabilities are with the same counterparty and a legal right of set-off exists, subject to a master netting arrangement. The Directors have elected to present derivative assets and liabilities net when these conditions are met. The following table outlines the Company's net derivatives as of the periods presented:

Derivative Financial Instruments	Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Assets:</b>			
Non-current assets	Derivative financial instruments	\$ 35,541	\$ 13,936
Current assets	Derivative financial instruments	114,695	27,739
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$ 150,236</b>	<b>\$ 41,675</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Non-current liabilities	Derivative financial instruments	\$(731,093)	\$(1,177,801)
Current liabilities	Derivative financial instruments	(98,172)	(293,840)
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>\$(829,265)</b>	<b>\$(1,471,641)</b>
<b>Net assets (liabilities):</b>			
Net assets (liabilities) – non-current	Derivative financial instruments	\$(695,552)	\$(1,163,865)
Net assets (liabilities) – current	Derivative financial instruments	16,523	(266,101)
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>		<b>\$(679,029)</b>	<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>

The Company presents the fair value of derivative contracts on a net basis in the consolidated balance sheet. The following presents the impact of this presentation to the Company's recognized assets and liabilities as of the periods indicated:

	June 30, 2023		
	Presented without Effects of Netting	Effects of Netting	As Presented with Effects of Netting
Non-current assets	\$ 123,597	\$ (88,056)	\$ 35,541
Current assets	177,872	(63,177)	114,695
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 301,469</b>	<b>\$(151,233)</b>	<b>\$ 150,236</b>
Non-current liabilities	(797,221)	66,128	(731,093)
Current liabilities	(183,277)	85,105	(98,172)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$(980,498)</b>	<b>\$ 151,233</b>	<b>\$(829,265)</b>
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$(679,029)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(679,029)</b>
	December 31, 2022		
	Presented without Effects of Netting	Effects of Netting	As Presented with Effects of Netting
Non-current assets	\$ 101,275	\$ (87,339)	\$ 13,936
Current assets	92,611	(64,872)	27,739
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 193,886</b>	<b>\$(152,211)</b>	<b>\$ 41,675</b>
Non-current liabilities	(1,261,369)	83,568	(1,177,801)
Current liabilities	(362,483)	68,643	(293,840)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$(1,623,852)</b>	<b>\$ 152,211</b>	<b>\$(1,471,641)</b>
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$(1,429,966)</b>

The Company recorded the following gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the periods presented:

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Net gain (loss) on commodity derivatives settlements <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 54,525	\$ (468,731)
Net gain (loss) on interest rate swaps <sup>(a)</sup>	(2,824)	828
Gain (loss) on foreign currency hedges <sup>(a)</sup>	(521)	—
<b>Total gain (loss) on settled derivative instruments</b>	<b>\$ 51,180</b>	<b>\$ (467,903)</b>
Gain (loss) on fair value adjustments of unsettled financial instruments <sup>(b)</sup>	760,933	(1,205,938)
<b>Total gain (loss) on derivative financial instruments</b>	<b>\$812,113</b>	<b>\$ (1,673,841)</b>

(a) Represents the cash settlement of hedges that settled during the period.

(b) Represents the change in fair value of financial instruments net of removing the carrying value of hedges that settled during the period.

All derivatives are defined as Level 2 instruments as they are valued using inputs and outputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets and liabilities.

#### Commodity Derivative Contract Modifications and Extinguishments

From time to time, such as when acquiring producing assets, completing ABS financings or navigating changing price environments, the Company will opportunistically modify, offset, extinguish or add certain existing hedge positions. Modifications include the volume of production subject to contracts, the swap or strike price of certain derivative contracts and similar elements of the derivative contract. The Company maintains distinct, long-dated derivative contract portfolios for its ABS financings and Term Loan I. The Company also maintains a separate derivative contract portfolio related to its assets collateralized by the Credit Facility.

#### 2023 Modifications and Extinguishments

In February 2023, the Company sold puts in ABS III for approximately \$9,045 and replaced them with swaps to maintain the appropriate level and composition of derivatives at both the legal entity and full-company level. The Company also monetized an additional \$8,401 in net modifications, primarily comprised of swap terminations. As these modifications were made in the normal course of business for the six months ended June 30, 2023, they were recorded on the Company's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and are presented as an operating activity in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

#### 2022 Modifications and Extinguishments

In February 2022, the Company adjusted portions of its commodity derivative portfolio across its legal entities to ensure that it maintained the appropriate level and composition at both the legal entity and full-company level for the completion of the ABS III and ABS IV financing arrangements. The Company completed these adjustments by entering into new commodity derivative contracts and novating certain derivative contracts to the legal entities holding the ABS III and ABS IV notes. The Company paid \$41,823 for these portfolio adjustments, including long-dated puts for ABS III and ABS IV that collectively increased the value of the Company's derivative position by an equal amount, and were required under the respective ABS III and ABS IV indentures. The Company recorded payments for offsetting positions as new derivative financial instruments and applied extinguishment payments against the existing commodity contracts on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

In May 2022, and in October 2022 the Company completed the ABS V and ABS VI financing arrangements, respectively, and made similar commodity derivative portfolio adjustments to maintain the appropriate level and composition of derivatives at both the legal entity and full-company level. The Company paid \$31,250, driven primarily by the purchase of long-dated puts that increased the value of the Company's derivative position by an equal amount, and were required under the ABS V indenture. Under the ABS VI



financing, the Company paid \$32,242 from the proceeds of the financing to increase the value of certain pre-existing derivative contracts that were novated to the ABS VI legal entity at closing. The Company recorded the payments as new derivative financial instruments on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Refer to Note 11 for additional information regarding ABS financing arrangements.

Other commodity derivative contract modifications made during the normal course of business for the year ended December 31, 2022 totaled \$133,573 which the Company recorded on its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. As these modifications were made in the normal course of business, the Company has presented these as an operating activity in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. These modifications were primarily associated with elevating the Company's weighted average hedge floor to take advantage of the high price environment experienced in 2022 over a longer term. The trades were primarily comprised of swap enhancements and the extinguishment of standalone call options.

#### **Subsequent Event**

Subsequent to June 30, 2023, the Company monetized an additional \$9,240 in purchased puts associated with its ABS hedge books and transitioned the monetized positions into long-dated swap agreements.

#### **NOTE 8 — SHARE CAPITAL**

The Company has one class of common shares which carry the right to one vote at annual general meetings of the Company. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had no limit on the amount of authorized share capital and all shares in issue were fully paid.

Share capital represents the nominal (par) value of shares (£0.01) that have been issued. Share premium includes any premiums received on issue of share capital above par. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares are deducted from share premium, net of any related income tax benefits. The components of share capital include:

##### **Issuance of Share Capital**

In February 2023, the Company placed 128,444 new shares at \$1.27 per share (£1.05) to raise gross proceeds of \$162,757 (approximately £134,866). Associated costs of the placing were \$5,969. The Company used the proceeds to fund the Tanos II transaction, discussed in Note 4.

##### **Treasury Shares**

The Company's holdings in its own equity instruments are classified as treasury shares. The consideration paid, including any directly attributable incremental costs, is deducted from the stockholders' equity of the Company until the shares are cancelled or reissued. No gain or loss is recognized in the income statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of treasury shares.

##### **Employee Benefit Trust ("EBT")**

In March 2022, the Company established the EBT for the benefit of the employees of the Company. The Company funds the EBT to facilitate the acquisition of shares. The shares in the EBT are held to satisfy awards and grants under the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan and the Employee Share Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). Shares held in the EBT are accounted for in the same manner as treasury shares and are therefore included in the Consolidated Financial Statements as Treasury Shares.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the EBT reissued 5,914 shares to settle vested share-based awards and ESPP purchases. No shares were purchased by the EBT during the six months ended June 30, 2023. No shares were reissued from the EBT during the six months ended June 30, 2022. During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the EBT purchased 6,790 shares at an average price per share of \$1.43 (approximately £1.14) for a total consideration of \$9,718 (approximately £7,708). As of June 30, 2023, the EBT held 8,116 shares.

##### **Repurchase of Shares**

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Company repurchased 200 treasury shares at an average price per share of \$1.05 totaling \$213. No treasury shares were repurchased during the six months ended June 30, 2022.

**Settlement of Warrants**

In July 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to cancel 132 warrants (the “Warrants”) held by certain former Mirabaud Securities Limited (“Mirabaud”) employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$56 (approximately £46). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation. Concurrently, the Company entered into an agreement to exercise 224 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$201 (approximately £166). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation in exchange for an equivalent number of shares of common stock. Following this purchase and exercise, no warrants remain outstanding.

In February 2022, the Company entered into an agreement to cancel 477 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud Securities Limited (“Mirabaud”) employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$265 (approximately £196). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation. Concurrently, the Company entered into an agreement to exercise 290 Warrants held by certain former Mirabaud employees for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$251 (approximately £187). The former employees surrendered the Warrants to the Company for cancellation in exchange for an equivalent number of shares of common stock. Following this purchase and exercise, 355 warrants remained outstanding.

The following tables summarize the Company’s share capital, net of customary transaction costs, for the periods presented:

	Number of Shares	Total Share Capital	Total Share Premium
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2023</b>	<b>828,935</b>	<b>\$11,503</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>
Issuance of share capital (equity placement)	128,444	1,555	155,233
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	5,914	—	—
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(200)	(2)	—
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2023</b>	<b>963,093</b>	<b>\$13,056</b>	<b>\$1,208,192</b>
	Number of Shares	Total Share Capital	Total Share Premium
<b>Balance as of January 1, 2022</b>	<b>849,655</b>	<b>\$11,571</b>	<b>\$1,052,959</b>
Issuance of share capital (settlement of warrants)	513	5	—
Issuance of share capital (equity compensation)	792	7	—
Issuance of EBT shares (equity compensation)	1,760	—	—
Repurchase of shares (EBT)	(15,790)	—	—
Repurchase of shares (share buyback program)	(7,995)	\$ (80)	\$ —
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2022</b>	<b>828,935</b>	<b>11,503</b>	<b>1,052,959</b>

**NOTE 9 — DIVIDENDS**

The following table summarizes the Company’s dividends declared and paid on the dates indicated:

Date Dividends Declared/Paid	Dividend per Share		Record Date	Pay Date	Shares Outstanding	Gross Dividends Paid
	USD	GBP				
Declared on November 14, 2022	\$0.0438	£0.0361	March 3, 2023	March 28, 2023	957,379	\$41,885
Declared on March 21, 2023	\$0.0438	£0.0343	May 26, 2023	June 30, 2023	963,293	42,144
<b>Paid during the six months ended June 30, 2023</b>						<b>\$84,029</b>

Date Dividends Declared/ Paid	Dividend per Share		Record Date	Pay Date	Shares Outstanding	Gross Dividends Paid
	USD	GBP				
Declared on October 28, 2021	\$0.0425	£0.0325	March 4, 2022	March 28, 2022	850,047	\$36,127
Declared on March 22, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0343	May 27, 2022	June 30, 2022	850,548	36,148
Declared on May 16, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0366	September 2, 2022	September 26, 2022	845,881	35,950
Declared on August 8, 2022	\$0.0425	£0.0345	November 25, 2022	December 28, 2022	828,935	35,230
<b>Paid during the year ended December 31, 2022</b>						<b>\$143,455</b>

On May 9, 2023 the Company proposed a dividend of \$0.04375 per share. The dividend will be paid on September 29, 2023 to shareholders on the register on September 1, 2023. This dividend was not required to be approved by shareholders, thereby qualifying it as an “interim” dividend. No liability was recorded in the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in respect of this interim dividend as of June 30, 2023.

Dividends are waived on shares held in the EBT.

#### Subsequent Events

On September 1, 2023 the Directors recommended a dividend of \$0.04375 per share. The dividend will be paid on December 29, 2023 to shareholders on the register on December 1, 2023. This dividend was not required to be approved by shareholders, thereby qualifying it as an “interim” dividend. No liability has been recorded in the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in respect of this dividend as of June 30, 2023.

#### NOTE 10—ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Company records a liability for the present value of the estimated future decommissioning costs on its natural gas and oil properties, which it expects to incur at the end of the long-producing life of a well. Productive life varies within the Company’s well portfolio and presently the Company expects all of its existing wells to have reached the end of their economic lives by approximately 2095 consistent with the Company’s reserve calculations which were independently evaluated by the Company’s independent engineers for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Company also records a liability for the future cost of decommissioning its production facilities and pipelines when required by contract, statute, or constructive obligation. No such contractual agreements or statutes were in place for the Company’s production facilities and pipelines for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and year ended December 31, 2022.

In estimating the present value of future decommissioning costs of natural gas and oil properties the Company takes into account the number and state jurisdictions of wells, current costs to decommission by state and the average well life across its portfolio. The Directors’ assumptions are based on the current economic environment and represent what the Directors believe is a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the future liability. However, actual decommissioning costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices at the time the decommissioning services are performed. Furthermore, the timing of decommissioning will vary depending on when the fields cease to produce economically, making the determination dependent upon future natural gas and oil prices, which are inherently uncertain.

The Company applies a contingency allowance for annual inflationary cost increases to its current cost expectations then discounts the resulting cash flows using a credit adjusted risk free discount rate. The inflationary adjustment is a U.S. long-term 10-year rate sourced from consensus economics. When determining the discount rate of the liability, the Company evaluates treasury rates as well as the Bloomberg 15-year U.S. Energy BB and BBB bond index which economically aligns with the underlying long-term and unsecured

liability. Based on this evaluation the net discount rate used in the calculation of the decommissioning liability in 2023 and 2022 was 3.6% and 3.6%, respectively.

The composition of the provision for asset retirement obligations at the reporting date was as follows for the periods presented:

	<u>Six Months Ended</u>	<u>Year Ended</u>
	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>\$457,083</b>	<b>\$525,589</b>
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	3,241	24,395
Accretion	13,991	27,569
Asset retirement costs	(2,077)	(4,889)
Disposals <sup>(b)</sup>	(6,314)	(16,779)
Revisions to estimate <sup>(c)</sup>	(12,942)	(98,802)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$452,982</b>	<b>\$457,083</b>
Less: Current asset retirement obligations	4,517	4,529
<b>Non-current asset retirement obligations</b>	<b>\$448,465</b>	<b>\$452,554</b>

- (a) Refer to Note 4 for additional information regarding acquisitions and divestitures.
- (b) Associated with the divestiture of natural gas and oil properties in the normal course of business.
- (c) As of June 30, 2023, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$12,942 decrease in the liability. This decrease was comprised of a \$15,695 decrease attributable to a marginally higher discount rate which was offset by an increase of \$2,753 in cost revisions for our recent experiences. The marginal changes in the discount rate are a result of a decline in bond yield volatility over the first half of the year. As of December 31, 2022, the Company performed normal revisions to its asset retirement obligations, which resulted in a \$98,802 decrease in the liability. This decrease was comprised of a \$144,656 decrease attributable to a higher discount rate. The higher discount rate was a result of macroeconomic factors spurred by the increase in bond yields which have elevated with U.S. treasuries to combat the current inflationary environment. Partially offsetting this decrease was \$29,357 in cost revisions based on the Company's recent asset retirement experiences and a \$16,497 timing revision for the acceleration of the Company's retirement plans made possible by the recent asset retirement acquisitions that improve the Company's asset retirement capacity through the growth of its operational capabilities.

Changes to assumptions for the estimation of the Company's asset retirement obligations could result in a material change in the carrying value of the liability. A reasonably possible 10% change in assumptions could have the following impact on the Company's asset retirement obligations as of June 30, 2023.

<u>ARO Sensitivity</u>	<u>+10%</u>	<u>-10%</u>
Discount rate	\$(45,986)	\$ 53,270
Timing	27,910	(30,578)
Cost	45,208	(45,208)

#### NOTE 11 — BORROWINGS

The Company's borrowings consist of the following amounts as of the reporting date as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Credit Facility (Weighted average interest rate of 8.65% and 7.42%, respectively) <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 265,000	\$ 56,000
ABS I Notes (Interest rate of 5.00%)	111,007	125,864
ABS II Notes (Interest rate of 5.25%)	136,550	147,458
ABS III Notes (Interest rate of 4.875%)	295,151	319,856

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
ABS IV Notes (Interest rate of 4.95%)	113,609	130,144
ABS V Notes (Interest rate of 5.78%)	329,381	378,796
ABS VI Notes (Interest rate of 7.50%)	183,758	212,446
Term Loan I (Interest rate of 6.50%)	112,433	120,518
Miscellaneous, primarily for real estate, vehicles and equipment	8,319	7,084
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b><u>\$1,555,208</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,498,166</u></b>
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	(231,819)	(271,096)
Less: Deferred financing costs	(42,325)	(48,256)
Less: Original issue discounts	(8,274)	(9,581)
<b>Total non-current borrowings, net</b>	<b><u>\$1,272,790</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,169,233</u></b>

(a) Represents the variable interest rate as of period end.

### Credit Facility

The Company maintains a revolving loan facility with a lending syndicate, the borrowing base for which is redetermined on a semi-annual, or as needed, basis. The borrowing base is primarily a function of the value of the natural gas and oil properties that collateralize the lending arrangement and will fluctuate with changes in collateral, which may occur as a result of acquisitions or through the establishment of ABS, term loan or other lending structures that result in changes to the collateral base.

In August 2022, the Company amended and restated the credit agreement governing its Credit Facility. The amendment enhanced the alignment with the Company's stated ESG initiatives by including sustainability performance targets ("SPTs") similar to those included in the ABS III, IV, V and VI notes, extended the maturity of the Credit Facility to August 2026. In March 2023, the Company performed its semi-annual redetermination and the borrowing base was resized to \$375,000 reflective of the Tanos II collateral and changes in commodity pricing.

The Credit Facility has an interest rate of SOFR plus an additional spread that ranges from 2.75% to 3.75% based on utilization. Interest payments on the Credit Facility are paid on a quarterly basis. Available borrowings under the Credit Facility were \$98,640 as of June 30, 2023 which considers the impact of \$11,360 in letters of credit issued to certain vendors.

The Credit Facility contains certain customary representations and warranties and affirmative and negative covenants, including covenants relating to: maintenance of books and records; financial reporting and notification; compliance with laws; maintenance of properties and insurance; and limitations on incurrence of indebtedness, liens, fundamental changes, international operations, asset sales, making certain debt payments and amendments, restrictive agreements, investments, restricted payments and hedging. The restricted payment provision governs the Company's ability to make discretionary payments such as dividends, share repurchases, or other discretionary payments. DP RBL Co LLC must comply with the following restricted payments test in order to make discretionary payments (i) leverage is less than 1.5x and borrowing base availability is >25% (ii) leverage is between 1.5x and 2.0x, free cash flow must be positive and borrowing base availability must be >15% (iii) leverage is between 2.0x and 2.5x, free cash flow must be positive and borrowing base availability must be >20% (iv) the Company's restricted payments are restricted when leverage exceeds 2.5x for DP RBL Co LLC.

Additional covenants require DP RBL Co LLC to maintain a ratio of total debt to EBITDAX of not more than 3.25 to 1.00 and a ratio of current assets (with certain adjustments) to current liabilities of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. The fair value of the Credit Facility approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

### Term Loan I

In May 2020, the Company acquired DP Bluegrass LLC ("Bluegrass"), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to enter into a securitized financing agreement for \$160,000, which was

structured as a secured term loan. The Company issued the Term Loan I at a 1% discount and used the proceeds of \$158,400 to fund the 2020 Carbon and EQT acquisitions. The Term Loan I is secured by certain producing assets acquired in connection with the Carbon, Blackbeard and Tapstone acquisitions.

The Term Loan I accrues interest at a stated 6.50% annual rate and has a maturity date of May 2030. Interest and principal payments on the Term Loan I are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$3,911 and \$4,455 in interest related to the Term Loan I, respectively. The fair value of the Term Loan I approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

#### **ABS I Notes**

In November 2019, the Company formed Diversified ABS LLC (“ABS I”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200,000 at par. The ABS I Notes are secured by certain of the Company’s upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

Interest and principal payments on the ABS I Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$2,993 and \$3,734 of interest related to the ABS I Notes, respectively. The legal final maturity date is January 2037 with an amortizing maturity of December 2029. The ABS I Notes accrue interest at a stated 5% rate per annum. The fair value of the ABS I Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023. In the event that ABS I has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS I is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) with respect to any payment date prior to March 1, 2030, (i) if the debt service coverage ratio (the “DSCR”) as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, the production tracking rate for ABS I is less than 80%, or the loan to value ratio is greater than 85%, then 100%, and (b) with respect to any payment date on or after March 1, 2030, 100%.

#### **ABS II Notes**

In April 2020, the Company formed Diversified ABS Phase II LLC (“ABS II”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly owned subsidiary, to issue BBB- rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$200,000. The ABS II Notes were issued at a 2.775% discount. The Company used the proceeds of \$183,617, net of discount, capital reserve requirement, and debt issuance costs, to pay down its Credit Facility. The ABS II Notes are secured by certain of the Company’s upstream producing Appalachian assets. Natural gas production associated with these assets was hedged at 85% at the close of the agreement with long-term derivative contracts.

The ABS II Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.25% rate per annum and have a maturity date of July 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2028. Interest and principal payments on the ABS II Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$4,174 and \$4,798 in interest related to the ABS II Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS II Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS II has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS II is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS II is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (c) if the loan-to-value ratio (“LTV”) as of such payment date is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%; (d) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% and ABS II has executed hedging agreements for a minimum period of 30 months starting July 2026 covering production volumes of at least 85% but no more than 95% (the “Extended Hedging Condition”), then 50%, else 0%; (e) with respect to any payment date after July 1, 2025 and prior to October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the

Extended Hedging Condition, then 50%, else 0%; and (f) with respect to any payment date after October 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or ABS II has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **ABS III Notes**

In February 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS III LLC (“ABS III”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$365,000 at par. The ABS III Notes are secured by certain of the Company’s upstream producing, Appalachian assets.

The ABS III Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.875% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of April 2039 with an amortizing maturity of November 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS III Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$7,509 and \$7,099 in interest related to the ABS III Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS III Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS III has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS III is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS III (as described in the ABS III Indenture) is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS III is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **ABS IV Notes**

In February 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS IV LLC (“ABS IV”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$160,000 at par. The ABS IV Notes are secured by a portion of the upstream producing assets acquired in connection with the Blackbeard Acquisition.

The ABS IV Notes accrue interest at a stated 4.950% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of February 2037 with an amortizing maturity of September 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS IV Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$3,033 and \$2,730 in interest related to the ABS IV Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS IV Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

In the event that ABS IV has cash flow in excess of the required payments, ABS IV is required to pay between 50% to 100% of the excess cash flow, contingent on certain performance metrics, as additional principal, with the remaining excess cash flow, if any, remaining with the Company. In particular, (a) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS IV is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS IV is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **ABS V Notes**

In May 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS V LLC (“ABS V”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue BBB rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$445,000 at par. The ABS V Notes are secured by a majority of the Company’s remaining upstream assets in Appalachia that were not securitized by previous ABS transactions.

The ABS V Notes accrue interest at a stated 5.780% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of May 2039 with an amortizing maturity of December 2030. Interest and principal payments on the ABS V Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Company incurred \$10,273 and \$2,286 in interest related to the ABS V Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS V Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS V could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) if the DSCR as of any payment date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such payment date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS V is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS V is greater than 65%, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **ABS VI Notes**

In October 2022, the Company formed Diversified ABS VI LLC (“ABS VI”), a limited-purpose, bankruptcy-remote, wholly-owned subsidiary, to issue, jointly with Oaktree, BBB+ rated asset-backed securities in an aggregate principal amount of \$460,000 (\$235,750 to the Company, before fees, representative of its 51.25% ownership interest in the collateral assets). The ABS VI Notes were issued at a 2.63% discount and are secured primarily by the upstream assets that were jointly acquired with Oaktree in the 2021 Tapstone acquisition. Similar to the accounting treatment for acquisitions performed in connection with Oaktree, DEC has recorded its proportionate share of the note in its Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

The ABS VI Notes accrue interest at a stated 7.50% rate per annum and have a final maturity date of November 2039 with an amortizing maturity of October 2031. Interest and principal payments on the ABS VI Notes are payable on a monthly basis. During the six months ended June 30, 2023 and the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company incurred \$8,257 and \$3,300 in interest related to the ABS VI Notes, respectively. The fair value of the ABS VI Notes approximates the carrying value as of June 30, 2023.

Based on whether certain performance metrics are achieved, ABS VI could be required to apply 50% to 100% of any excess cash flow to make additional principal payments. In particular, (a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; (b) if the production tracking rate for ABS VI is less than 80%, then 100%, else 0%; and (c) if the LTV for ABS VI is greater than 75%, then 100%, else 0%.

#### **Debt Covenants**

##### ***ABS I, II, III, IV, V and VI Notes (Collectively, The “ABS Notes”) and Term Loan I***

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are subject to a series of covenants and restrictions customary for transactions of this type, including (i) that the Issuer maintains specified reserve accounts to be used to make required interest payments in respect of the ABS Notes and Term Loan I, (ii) provisions relating to optional and mandatory prepayments and the related payment of specified amounts, including specified make-whole payments in the case of the ABS Notes and Term Loan I under certain circumstances, (iii) certain indemnification payments in the event, among other things, that the assets pledged as collateral for the ABS Notes and Term Loan I are used in stated ways defective or ineffective, (iv) covenants related to recordkeeping, access to information and similar matters, and (v) the Issuer will comply with all laws and regulations which it is subject to including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA Patriot Act (ABS III-VI only).

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are also subject to customary accelerated amortization events provided for in the indenture, including events tied to failure to maintain stated debt service coverage ratios, failure to maintain certain production metrics, certain change of control and management termination events, and event of default and the failure to repay or refinance the ABS Notes and Term Loan I on the applicable scheduled maturity date.

The ABS Notes and Term Loan I are subject to certain customary events of default, including events relating to non-payment of required interest, principal, or other amounts due on or with respect to the ABS Notes and Term Loan I, failure to comply with covenants within certain time frames, certain bankruptcy events, breaches of specified representations and warranties, failure of security interests to be effective and certain judgments.



As of June 30, 2023 the Company was in compliance with all financial covenants for the ABS Notes, Term Loan I and the Credit Facility.

### **Sustainability-Linked Borrowings**

#### *Credit Facility*

The Credit Facility contains three SPTs which, depending on the Company's performance thereof, may result in adjustments to the applicable margin with respect to borrowings thereunder:

- GHG Emissions Intensity: The Company's consolidated Scope 1 emissions and Scope 2 emissions, each measured as MT CO<sub>2</sub>e per MMcfe;
- Asset Retirement Performance: The number of wells the Company successfully retires during any fiscal year; and
- TRIR Performance: The arithmetic average of the two preceding fiscal years and current period total recordable injury rate computed as the Total Number of Recordable Cases (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) multiplied by 200,000 and then divided by total hours worked by all employees during any fiscal year.

The goals set by the Credit Facility for each of these categories are aspirational and represent higher thresholds than the Company has publicly set for itself. The economic repercussions of achieving or failing to achieve these thresholds, however, are relatively minor, ranging from subtracting five basis points to adding five basis points to the applicable margin level in any given fiscal year.

An independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify the Company's performance of the SPTs.

#### ***ABS III & IV***

In connection with the issuance of the ABS III & IV notes, the Company retained an independent international provider of ESG research and services to provide and maintain a "sustainability score" with respect to Diversified Energy Company PLC and to the extent such score is below a minimum threshold established at the time of issue of the ABS III & IV notes, the interest payable with respect to the subsequent interest accrual period will increase by five basis points. This score is not dependent on the Company meeting or exceeding any sustainability performance metrics but rather an overall assessment of the Company's corporate ESG profile. Further, this score is not dependent on the use of proceeds of the ABS III & IV notes and there were no such restrictions on the use of proceeds other than pursuant to the terms of the Company's Credit Facility. The Company informs the ABS III & IV note holders in monthly note holder statements as to any change in interest rate payable on the ABS III & IV notes as a result of the change in this sustainability score.

#### ***ABS V & VI***

In addition, a "second party opinion provider" certified the terms of the ABS V & VI notes as being aligned with the framework for sustainability-linked bonds of the International Capital Markets Association ("ICMA"), applicable to bond instruments for which the financial and/or structural characteristics vary depending on whether predefined ESG objectives, or SPTs, are achieved. The framework has five key components (1) the selection of key performance indicators ("KPIs"), (2) the calibration of SPTs, (3) variation of bond characteristics depending on whether the KPIs meet the SPTs, (4) regular reporting of the status of the KPIs and whether SPTs have been met and (5) independent verification of SPT performance by an external reviewer such as an auditor or environmental consultant. Unlike the ICMA's framework for green bonds, its framework for sustainability-linked bonds do not require a specific use of proceeds.

The ABS V & VI notes contain two SPTs. The Company must achieve, and have certified by April 28, 2027 for ABS V and May 28, 2027 for ABS VI (1) a reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe, and/or (2) a reduction in Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe. For each of these SPTs that the Company fails to meet, or have certified by an external verifier that it has met, by April 28, 2027 for ABS V and May 28, 2027 for ABS VI, the interest rate payable with

respect to the ABS V & VI notes will be increased by 25 basis points. In each case, an independent third-party assurance provider will be required to certify the Company's performance of the above SPTs by the applicable deadlines.

### Compliance

As of June 30, 2023 the Company met or was in compliance with all sustainability-linked debt metrics..

### Future Maturities

The following table provides a reconciliation of the Company's future maturities of its total borrowings as of the reporting date as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Not later than one year	\$ 231,819	\$ 271,096
Later than one year and not later than five years	972,846	778,887
Later than five years	350,543	448,183
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b><u>\$1,555,208</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,498,166</u></b>

### Finance Costs

The following table represents the Company's finance costs for each of the periods presented:

	<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
Interest expense, net of capitalized and income amounts <sup>(a)</sup>	\$58,768	\$33,322
Amortization of discount and deferred finance costs	8,968	5,797
Other	—	43
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b><u>\$67,736</u></b>	<b><u>\$39,162</u></b>

(a) Includes payments related to borrowings and leases.

### Financing Activities

Reconciliation of borrowings arising from financing activities:

	<u>Six Months Ended</u>	
	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b><u>\$1,440,329</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,010,355</u></b>
Acquired as part of a business combination	—	2,437
Proceeds from borrowings	840,230	1,730,200
Repayments of borrowings	(782,990)	(1,392,883)
Costs incurred to secure financing	(1,730)	(24,579)
Amortization of discount and deferred financing costs	8,968	5,797
Cash paid for interest	(59,415)	(32,605)
Finance costs and other	59,217	32,604
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b><u>\$1,504,609</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,331,326</u></b>

### Subsequent Events

From time to time the Company enters into financing arrangements which maximize the lending value of its collateral to bolster liquidity. In August 2023, the Company entered into a credit agreement providing it the ability to borrow up to \$135,000 in loans and extensions of credit from the lender upon meeting conditions considered customary for agreements of this nature. The borrowing base is primarily a function of the value of the natural gas and oil properties that will collateralize the lending arrangement. The Credit

Facility has an interest rate of SOFR plus an additional spread that ranges from 4.00% to 5.00% based on the period drawn. The legal maturity for the credit agreement is August 24, 2026.

#### NOTE 12—OTHER LIABILITIES

(Amounts in thousands, except per share and per unit data)

The following table includes details of other liabilities as of the periods presented:

	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Other non-current liabilities</b>		
Other non-current liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 2,687	\$ 5,375
<b>Total other non-current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,687</b>	<b>\$ 5,375</b>
<b>Other current liabilities</b>		
Accrued expenses <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 97,299	\$140,058
Taxes payable	41,336	41,907
Net revenue clearing <sup>(c)</sup>	60,746	186,244
Asset retirement obligations – current	4,517	4,529
Revenue to be distributed <sup>(d)</sup>	98,803	90,899
<b>Total other current liabilities</b>	<b>\$302,701</b>	<b>\$463,637</b>

- (a) Other non-current liabilities primarily represent the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree. The upfront promote allows the Company to obtain a 51.25% interest for tranche 1 deals and 52.5% interest for tranche 2 deals in the net assets associated with the acquisition while only paying 50% of the total consideration. The upfront promote is intended to compensate the Company for the administrative expansion necessary with acquired growth and is amortized to G&A expense over the life of the promote.
- (b) As of June 30, 2023 accrued expenses primarily consisted of hedge settlements payable, accrued capital projects and operating expenses. The year-over-year decrease is primarily a result of a decrease in hedge settlements payable of \$46,071 due to lower commodity prices year-over-year.
- (c) Net revenue clearing is estimated revenue that is payable to third-party working interest owners. The year-over-year decrease is a result of lower commodity prices year-over-year.
- (d) Revenue to be distributed is revenue that is payable to third-party working interest owners, but has yet to be paid due to title, legal, ownership or other issues. The Company releases the underlying liability as the aforementioned issues become resolved. As the timing of resolution is unknown, the Company records the balance as a current liability. Revenue to be distributed increased year-over-year as a result of our acquisitions and recurring operating activity.

#### NOTE 13—FAIR VALUE AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

##### Fair Value

The fair value of an asset or liability is the price that would be received to sell that asset or paid to transfer that liability in an orderly transaction occurring in the principal market (or most advantageous market in the absence of a principal market) for such asset or liability. In estimating fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. Such valuation techniques are consistently applied. Inputs to valuation techniques include the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. IFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement (“IFRS 13”) establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is defined as follows:

- Level 1:** Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.

**Level 2:** Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) can include the following:

- (1) Observable prices in active markets for similar assets;
- (2) Prices for identical assets in markets that are not active;
- (3) Directly observable market inputs for substantially the full term of the asset; and
- (4) Market inputs that are not directly observable but are derived from or corroborated by observable market data.

**Level 3:** Unobservable inputs which reflect the Directors' best estimates of what market participants would use in pricing the asset at the measurement date.

## **Financial Instruments**

### ***Working Capital***

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, other current assets, accounts payable and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position approximate fair value because of their short-term nature. For trade receivables, the Company applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"), which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognized from initial recognition of the receivables. Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost.

For borrowings, derivative financial instruments, and leases the following methods and assumptions were used to estimate fair value:

### ***Borrowings***

The fair values of the Company's ABS Notes and Term Loan I are considered to be a Level 2 measurement on the fair value hierarchy. The carrying values of the borrowings under the Company's Credit Facility (to the extent utilized) approximates fair value because the interest rate is variable and reflective of market rates. The Company considers the fair value of its Credit Facility to be a Level 2 measurement on the fair value hierarchy.

### ***Leases***

The Company initially measures the lease liability at the present value of the future lease payments. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. When this rate cannot be readily determined, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate.

### ***Derivative Financial Instruments***

The Company measures the fair value of its derivative financial instruments based upon a pricing model that utilizes market-based inputs, including, but not limited to, the contractual price of the underlying position, current market prices, natural gas and liquids forward curves, discount rates such as the U.S. Treasury yields, SOFR curve, and volatility factors.

The Company has classified its derivative financial instruments into the fair value hierarchy depending upon the data utilized to determine their fair values. The Company's fixed price swaps (Level 2) are estimated using third-party discounted cash flow calculations using the NYMEX futures index for natural gas and oil derivatives and OPIS for NGLs derivatives. The Company utilizes discounted cash flow models for valuing its interest rate derivatives (Level 2). The net derivative values attributable to the Company's interest rate derivative contracts as of June 30, 2023 are based on (i) the contracted notional amounts, (ii) active market-quoted SOFR yield curves and (iii) the applicable credit-adjusted risk-free rate yield curve.

The Company's call options, put options, collars and swaptions (Level 2) are valued using the Black-Scholes model, an industry standard option valuation model that takes into account inputs such as contract terms, including maturity, and market parameters, including assumptions of the NYMEX and OPIS futures index, interest rates, volatility and credit worthiness. Inputs to the Black-Scholes model, including

the volatility input are obtained from a third-party pricing source, with independent verification of the most significant inputs on a monthly basis. A change in volatility would result in a change in fair value measurement, respectively.

The Company's basis swaps (Level 2) are estimated using third-party calculations based upon forward commodity price curves.

There were no transfers between fair value levels for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

The following table includes the Company's financial instruments as at the periods presented:

	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,208	\$ 7,329
Trade receivables and accrued income	195,038	296,781
Other non-current assets	3,678	4,351
Other non-current liabilities <sup>(a)</sup>	(936)	(1,669)
Other current liabilities <sup>(b)</sup>	(256,848)	(417,201)
Derivative financial instruments at fair value	(679,029)	(1,429,966)
Leases	(33,308)	(28,862)
Borrowings	(1,555,208)	(1,498,166)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$(2,322,405)</u></b>	<b><u>\$(3,067,403)</u></b>

(a) Excludes the long-term portion of the value associated with the upfront promote received from Oaktree.

(b) Includes accrued expenses, net revenue clearing and revenue to be distributed. Excludes taxes payable and asset retirement obligations.

#### NOTE 14—CONTINGENCIES

##### Litigation And Regulatory Proceedings

The Company is involved in various pending legal issues that have arisen in the ordinary course of business. The Company accrues for litigation, claims and proceedings when a liability is both probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. As of June 30, 2023, the Company did not have any material amounts accrued related to litigation or regulatory matters. For any matters where it is not possible to estimate the amount of any additional loss, or range of loss that is reasonably possible, no amounts have been accrued for, but, based on the nature of the claims, management believes that current litigation, claims and proceedings are not, individually or in aggregate, after considering insurance coverage and indemnification, likely to have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company has no other contingent liabilities that would have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

##### Environmental Matters

The Company's operations are subject to environmental regulation in all the jurisdictions in which it operates, and it was in material compliance as of June 30, 2023. The Company is unable to predict the effect of additional environmental laws and regulations which may be adopted in the future, including whether any such laws or regulations would adversely affect its operations. The Company can offer no assurance regarding the significance or cost of compliance associated with any such new environmental legislation once implemented.

#### NOTE 15—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company had no related party activity in 2023 or 2022.

**NOTE 16—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Company determined the need to disclose the following material transactions that occurred subsequent to June 30, 2023, which have been described within each relevant footnote as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Footnote</b>
Acquisitions and Divestitures	Note 4
Derivative Financial Instruments	Note 7
Dividends	Note 9
Borrowings	Note 11

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT**

dated as of August 2, 2022

among

**DP RBL CO LLC**  
as Borrower

**KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
as Administrative Agent

and

the Lenders party hereto

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**KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS INC.**  
AS COORDINATING LEAD ARRANGER AND SOLE BOOKRUNNER

**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK BRANCH, CITIZENS BANK, N.A., MIZUHO BANK, LTD., TRUIST BANK, DNB MARKETS, INC., AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
AS JOINT LEAD ARRANGERS

**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK BRANCH, CITIZENS BANK, N.A., MIZUHO BANK, LIMITED, AND TRUIST BANK**  
AS CO-SYNDICATION AGENTS

**DNB BANK ASA, NEW YORK BRANCH, AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
AS CO-DOCUMENTATION AGENTS

**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE AS LEAD SUSTAINABILITY STRUCTURING AGENT**

**DNB BANK ASA, NEW YORK BRANCH AS CO-SUSTAINABILITY STRUCTURING AGENT**

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**THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT** dated as of August 2, 2022, is among DP RBL CO LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), DIVERSIFIED GAS & OIL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Existing Borrower"), each Lender that is a party hereto, KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, together with its successors in such capacity pursuant to the terms hereof, the "Administrative Agent"), KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS, as Sole Lead Arranger and Sole Book Runner, and KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Issuing Bank.

#### RECITALS

A. The Existing Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the lenders and other agents party thereto (the "Existing Lenders") entered into that certain Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 7, 2018 (as amended to the date hereof, the "Existing Credit Agreement") pursuant to which the Existing Lenders provided certain loans to and extensions of credit to the Existing Borrower.

B. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the parties hereto desire to (i) allow the Existing Borrower to assign to the Borrower its rights, duties, liabilities and obligations, including the "Secured Obligations" (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement), as the "Borrower" under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Assigned Loan Documents (as defined below) to which it is a party and the Existing Borrower will immediately thereafter be released of its obligations thereunder and hereunder, (ii) have the "Secured Obligations" (as such term is defined under the Existing Credit Agreement) renewed and rearranged under this Agreement as part of the Secured Obligations (as defined herein) set forth herein, (iii) have the Secured Obligations (as defined herein) be secured by the liens and security interests securing the "Secured Obligations" (as such term is defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) unless such liens and security interests have otherwise been terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.21 hereof, and (iv) amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement in its entirety in the form of this Agreement.

C. Borrower has requested that the Lenders provide certain loans and extensions of credit from time to time on behalf of the Borrower.

D. The Lenders have agreed to make such loans and extensions of credit subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

E. After giving effect to the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant to the terms hereof, the commitments of each Existing Lender under the Existing Credit Agreement will be replaced with the Commitments hereunder which will be as set forth on Annex I attached hereto.

F. In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and of the loans, extensions of credit and commitments hereinafter referred to, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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**ARTICLE I**  
**DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING MATTERS**

Section 1.01 Terms Defined Above. As used in this Agreement, each term defined above has the meaning indicated above.

Section 1.02 Certain Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

“ABR” means, when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Alternate Base Rate.

“ABS Party” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.11(g)(iv).

“ABS Transaction” means a transaction whereby the Oil and Gas Properties or the Equity Interests of an entity owning Oil and Gas Properties, in each instance, owned by the Borrower or a Subsidiary of the Borrower are transferred to Diversified or a Subsidiary of Diversified (other than the Borrower and its Subsidiaries) and such Oil and Gas Properties are securitized in a financing with third parties.

“Accounting Changes” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.05.

“Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR” means with respect to a Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the greater of (a) the sum of (i) Daily Simple SOFR and (ii) the applicable SOFR Index Adjustment and (b) the Floor.

“Adjusted Term SOFR” means for any Available Tenor and Interest Period with respect to a SOFR Loan, the greater of (a) sum of (i) Term SOFR for such Interest Period and (ii) the applicable SOFR Index Adjustment and (b) the Floor.

“Administrative Agent” has the meaning assigned to such term in the preamble hereto.

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Financial Institution” means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Affiliate Operator” means Diversified Production LLC, Diversified Midstream LLC and any other Affiliate of either that conducts the exploration, development, production, operation, or other management services or plugs any Oil and Gas Property of the Group Members or that markets the production therefrom.

“Agents” means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Co-Syndication Agents and the Co-Documentation Agents; and “Agent” shall mean either the Administrative Agent, a Co-Syndication Agent or a Co-Documentation Agent, as the context requires.

“Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts” means, at any time, an amount equal to the sum of the Maximum Credit Amounts in effect at such time.

“Agreement” means this Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, including the Schedules and Exhibits hereto, as the same may be amended, modified, supplemented, restated, replaced or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Alternate Base Rate” means, for any day, a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 0.50%, (b) the Prime Rate, (c) Adjusted Term SOFR for a one month tenor in effect on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1.00% and (d) 0.00%. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or Adjusted Term SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or Adjusted Term SOFR, respectively.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction applicable to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates from time to time concerning or relating to bribery or corruption.

“Applicable Margin” means, for any day, the applicable rate *per annum* set forth below as determined based upon the Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage then in effect:

Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage	≤25%	>25% and ≤50%	>50% and ≤75%	>75% and ≤90%	>90%
SOFR Loans	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%	3.75%
ABR Loans	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%
Commitment Fee Rate	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%

Each change in the Applicable Margin shall apply during the period commencing on the effective date of such change in the Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage and ending on the date immediately preceding the effective date of the next such change; provided that, if at any time when the Applicable Margin is determined based on Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage the Borrower fails to deliver a Reserve Report pursuant to Section 8.11(a), then beginning on the date that is 30 calendar days from the date of such failure and until such Reserve Report is delivered, the “Applicable Margin” shall mean the rate per annum set forth on the grid when the Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage is at its highest level. It is hereby understood and agreed that the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans shall each be adjusted from time to time based upon the Sustainability Rate Adjustment (to be calculated and applied as set forth in Section 2.13).



“Applicable Percentage” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts represented by such Lender’s Maximum Credit Amount as such percentage is set forth on Annex I; provided further that when a Defaulting Lender shall exist, “Applicable Percentage” shall mean the percentage of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts (disregarding any Defaulting Lender’s Maximum Credit Amount) represented by such Lender’s Maximum Credit Amount. As of the Closing Date, each Lender’s Applicable Percentage is set forth on Annex I.

“Approved Counterparty” means (a) any Secured Swap Provider or (b) any other Person that has (or the credit support provider of such Person has) a long term senior unsecured debt or corporate credit rating of BBB or Baa2 by S&P or Moody’s (or their equivalent) or higher at the time of entry into the applicable Swap Agreements.

“Approved Fund” means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business and that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

“Approved Petroleum Engineers” means (a) Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., (b) Ryder Scott Company Petroleum Consultants, L.P., (c) DeGolyer and MacNaughton, (d) Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc., (e) Wright & Company, (f) W.D. Von Gonten & Co., and (g) any other independent petroleum engineer reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

“Arranger” means each of the Lenders listed on the cover page as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners in such capacity hereunder.

“Assignee” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.04(b)(i).

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 12.04(b)), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, substantially in the form of Exhibit G or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Availability” means, on any date of determination, the difference between the aggregate Commitments on such date and the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposures on such date.

“Available Free Cash Flow” means, as of any time of calculation thereof, the amount equal to:

- (a) Free Cash Flow as of the last day of the most recently ended Test Period, minus
- (b) the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made pursuant to Section 9.04(a) that have occurred during the period commencing with the first day of the most recently ended Test Period, through and including the time of calculation.

“Availability Period” means the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Termination Date.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, (a) if such Benchmark is a term rate, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining the length of an interest period pursuant to this Agreement, or (b) otherwise, any payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, in each case, as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv).

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means, with respect to (a) any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their Affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bankruptcy Code” means The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 as codified as 11 U.S.C. Section 101 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time and any successor statute.

“Bankruptcy Event” means, with respect to any Person, such Person becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, administrator, custodian, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with the reorganization or liquidation of its business appointed for it, or, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment, provided that a Bankruptcy Event shall not result solely by virtue of any ownership interest, or the acquisition of any ownership interest, in such Person by a Governmental Authority or instrumentality thereof, or from the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official by a supervisory authority or regulator with respect to a Person that directly or indirectly controls such Person under the Dutch Financial Supervision Act 2007 (as amended from time to time and including any successor legislation); provided, further, that such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Person with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Person (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made by such Person.

“Benchmark” means, initially, with respect to any (a) any Daily Simple SOFR Loan, Daily Simple SOFR, and (b) any Term SOFR Loan, Term SOFR; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to Section 3.03.

“Benchmark Replacement” means, with respect to any Benchmark Transition Event for the then-current Benchmark, the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent as the replacement for such Benchmark giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for such Benchmark for syndicated credit facilities denominated in U.S. Dollars at such time and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment, if any; provided that, if such Benchmark Replacement as so determined would be less than the Floor, such Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means, with respect to any replacement of any then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Available Tenor, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero), if any, that has been selected by the Administrative Agent giving due consideration to (a) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body or (b) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. Dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities.

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means the earlier to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

(a) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event”, the later of (i) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (ii) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(b) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be non-representative; provided that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (c) and even if any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date.

For the avoidance of doubt, the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (a) or (b) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Event” means, with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to such Benchmark:

(a) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(c) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are not, or as of a specified future date will not be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Start Date” means, with respect to any Benchmark, in the case of a Benchmark Transition Event, the earlier of (a) the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (b) if such Benchmark Transition Event is a public statement or publication of information of a prospective event, the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to the expected date of such event as of such public statement or publication of information (or if the expected date of such prospective event is fewer than 90 days after such statement or publication, the date of such statement or publication).

“Benchmark Unavailability Period” means, with respect to any then-current Benchmark, the period (if any) (a) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to such Benchmark pursuant to clauses (a) or (b) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 3.03(a) and (b) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 3.03(b).

“Beneficial Ownership Certification” means a certification regarding beneficial ownership as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 CFR § 1010.230.

“BHC Act Affiliate” of a party means an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

“Board” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America or any successor Governmental Authority.

“Borrower” has the meaning assigned to such term in the preamble hereto.

“Borrowing” means (a) Loans of the same Type, made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Term SOFR Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect or (b) a Swing Line Loan.

“Borrowing Base” means, at any time, an amount equal to the amount determined in accordance with Section 2.07, as the same may be adjusted from time to time pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions. The Borrowing Base on the Closing Date shall be the amount set forth in Section 2.07(a).

“Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions” means Section 2.08(a), Section 2.08(b), Section 2.08(c), Section 2.08(d), and any other provision hereunder which adjusts (as opposed to redetermines) the amount of the Borrowing Base.

“Borrowing Base Deficiency” occurs if, at any time, the total Revolving Credit Exposures exceeds the Borrowing Base then in effect; provided, that, for purposes of determining the existence and amount of any Borrowing Base Deficiency, obligations under any Letter of Credit will not be deemed to be outstanding to the extent such obligations are Cash Collateralized.

“Borrowing Base Properties” means the Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves and the Specified NGLs that (a) are included in the most recently delivered Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.11 and (b) are given Borrowing Base credit.

“Borrowing Base Utilization Percentage” means, as of any day, the fraction expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the sum of the Revolving Credit Exposures of the Lenders on such day, and the denominator of which is the Borrowing Base in effect on such day.

“Borrowing Base Value” means, with respect to any Borrowing Base Properties or any Swap Agreement, the value attributed to such asset in connection with the most recent determination of the Borrowing Base as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion acting in good faith and consistent with its customary oil and gas lending criteria as it exists at the particular time.

“Borrowing Request” means a request by the Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit B for a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.03.

“Business Day” means (a) any day other than Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which commercial banks in Cleveland, Ohio or New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close and (b) with respect to any matters relating to SOFR Loans, a SOFR Business Day.

“Capital Lease Obligations” means, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP and, for the purposes of this Agreement, the amount of such obligations at any time shall be the capitalized amount thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Cash Collateralize” means, to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent (in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and Issuing Bank, which shall require such deposit to be made into a controlled account), for the benefit of any Issuing Bank, the Lenders or any Secured Parties and other Persons as the context requires, as collateral for LC Exposure or obligations of the Lenders to fund participations in respect of LC Exposure, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Administrative Agent and any applicable Issuing Bank shall agree, in their sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and any such Issuing Bank. “Cash Collateral” shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such Cash Collateral and other credit support.

“Cash Equivalents” means (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States Government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition; (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits or overnight bank deposits having maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition issued by any Lender or by any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof having combined capital and surplus of not less than \$500,000,000; (c) commercial paper of an issuer rated at least A-1 by S&P or P-1 by Moody's, or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally, and maturing within six months from the date of acquisition or (d) repurchase obligations of any Lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days, with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government.

“Cash Management Agreement” means any agreement to provide cash management services, including treasury, depository, overdraft, credit or debit card, electronic funds transfer and other cash management arrangements.

“Casualty Event” means any loss, casualty or other insured damage to, or any nationalization, taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding of, any Property of any Group Member.

“Change in Control” means (a) the acquisition of ownership, directly or indirectly, beneficially or of record, by any Person or group, of Equity Interests representing more than 40% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Parent, (b) the Parent shall cease to own, directly or indirectly, all of the Equity Interests of Diversified Production LLC, (c) Diversified Production LLC shall pledge any portion of the Equity Interests of the Borrower or cease to own 100% of the Equity Interests in the Borrower (other than a pledge in favor of the Administrative Agent), or (d) a Specified Change of Control shall have occurred.

“Change in Law” means the occurrence after the date of this Agreement of any of the following (a) the adoption of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) compliance by any Lender or Issuing Bank (or, for purposes of Section 5.01(c)), by any lending office of such Lender or by such Lender’s or Issuing Bank’s holding company, if any) with any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the date of this Agreement; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States of America or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a “Change in Law”, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, issued or implemented.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the conditions specified in Section 6.01 are satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 12.02).

“CME” means CME Group Benchmark Administration Ltd.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

“Commitment” means, with respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to make or continue Loans and to acquire participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans hereunder, expressed as an amount representing the maximum aggregate amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Exposure hereunder, as such commitment may be (a) modified from time to time pursuant to Section 2.06, (b) modified from time to time pursuant to assignments by or to such Lender pursuant to Section 12.04(b) or (c) otherwise modified pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The amount representing each Lender’s Commitment shall at any time be the lesser of (i) such Lender’s Maximum Credit Amount and (ii) such Lender’s Applicable Percentage of the then effective Borrowing Base.

“Commitment Fee Rate” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Applicable Margin”.

“Commodity Exchange Act” means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

“Compliance Certificate” means the Compliance Certificate, signed by a Financial Officer, substantially in the form of Exhibit D.

“Conforming Changes” means, with respect to either the use or administration of Daily Simple SOFR or Term SOFR, or the use, administration, adoption or implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Alternate Base Rate,” the definition of “Business Day,” the definition of “SOFR Business Day,” the definition of “Interest Period” or any similar or analogous definition (or the addition of a concept of “interest period”), timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, the applicability and length of lookback periods, the applicability of Section 5.02 and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of any such rate or to permit the use and administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of any such rate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

“Connection Income Taxes” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“Continue,” “Continuation” and “Continued” each refers to a continuation of a SOFR Loan for an additional Interest Period as provided in Section 2.06.

“Consolidated Net Income” means with respect to the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries, for any period, the aggregate of the net income (or loss) of the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries after allowances for taxes for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that there shall be excluded from such net income (to the extent otherwise included therein) the following: (a) the net income of any Person in which the Borrower or any Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary has an interest (other than a Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary), except to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions actually paid in cash during such period by such other Person to the Borrower or to a Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, from such other Person’s net income; (b) the net income (but not loss) during such period of any Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions or transfers or loans by that Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary is not at the time permitted by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument or Governmental Requirement applicable to such Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary or is otherwise restricted or prohibited; (c) the income (or loss) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower or is merged into or consolidated with the Borrower or any of its Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries; (d) any extraordinary gains or losses or expenses during such period; (e) non-cash gains or losses under FASB ASC Topic 815 resulting from the net change in mark to market portfolio of commodity price risk management activities during that period and (f) any gains or losses attributable to writeups or writedowns of assets, including ceiling test writedowns.

“Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries” means each Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower (whether now existing or hereafter created or acquired) the financial statements of which shall be (or should have been) consolidated with the financial statements of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP.



“Consolidated Subsidiaries” means each Subsidiary of the Borrower (whether now existing or hereafter created or acquired) the financial statements of which are or shall be (or should have been) consolidated with the financial statements of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Total Assets” means, as of any date of determination, the amount that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption “total assets” (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries.

“Control” means the power, directly or indirectly, to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Control Agreement” means a deposit account control agreement or securities account control agreement (or similar agreement), as applicable, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, executed by the applicable Loan Party, the Administrative Agent and the relevant financial institution party thereto, which agreement shall provide a first priority perfected Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the applicable Loan Party’s Deposit Account and/or Securities Account.

“Controlled Account” means a Deposit Account or Securities Account that is subject to a Control Agreement.

“Corresponding Tenor” with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

“Co-Sustainability Structuring Agent” means DNB Bank ASA, New York Branch, in its capacity as co-sustainability agent.

“Covered Entity” means any of the following:

- (a) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (b) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (c) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Covered Party” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.20(a).

“Current Assets” means, as of any date of determination, without duplication, the sum of all amounts that would, in accordance with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption “total current assets” (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries at such date, plus the unused Commitments, but excluding all non-cash assets under FASB ASC Topics 815 and 410.

“Current Liabilities” means, as of any date of determination, without duplication, the sum of all amounts that would, in accordance with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption “total current liabilities” (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries on such date, but excluding (a) all non-cash obligations under FASB ASC Topics 815 and 410 and (b) the current portion of the Loans under this Agreement.

“Current Ratio” means, with respect to the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries for any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Current Assets as of the last day of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter (which may be such date of determination) to (b) Current Liabilities on such day.

“Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day (a “SOFR Rate Day”), a rate per annum (rounded in accordance with the Administrative Agent’s customary practice) equal to SOFR for the day (such day, the “SOFR Determination Day”) that is five (5) SOFR Business Days (or such other period as determined by the Administrative Agent based on then prevailing market conventions) prior to (a) if such SOFR Rate Day is a SOFR Business Day, such SOFR Rate Day or (b) if such SOFR Rate Day is not a SOFR Business Day, the SOFR Business Day immediately preceding such SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as and when SOFR for such SOFR Rate Day is published by the Daily Simple SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator’s Website. If by 5:00 p.m. on the second (2nd) SOFR Business Day immediately following any SOFR Determination Day, SOFR in respect of such SOFR Determination Day has not been published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to Daily Simple SOFR has not occurred, then SOFR for such SOFR Determination Day will be SOFR as published in respect of the first preceding SOFR Business Day for which such SOFR was published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website; provided, that any SOFR determined pursuant to this sentence shall be utilized for purposes of calculation of Daily Simple SOFR for no more than three (3) consecutive SOFR Rate Days. Any change in Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Borrower.

“Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing” means a Borrowing comprised of Daily Simple SOFR Loans.

“Daily Simple SOFR Loan” means each Loan bearing interest at a rate based upon Daily Simple SOFR.

“December 31 Reserve Report” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.11(a).

“Default” means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which upon notice, lapse of time or both would, unless cured or waived, become an Event of Default.

“Defaulting Lender” means any Lender that (a) has failed, within two Business Days of the date required to be funded or paid, to (i) fund any portion of its Loans, (ii) fund any portion of its participations in Letters of Credit or Swing Line Loans or (iii) pay over to the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, any Issuing Bank or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder, unless, in the case of clause (i) above, such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) has not been satisfied, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender or any Issuing Bank in writing, or has made a public statement to the effect, that it does not intend or expect to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement (unless such writing or public statement indicates that such position is based on such Lender’s good faith determination that a condition precedent (specifically identified and including the particular default, if any) to funding a Loan under this Agreement cannot be satisfied) or generally under other agreements in which it commits to extend credit, (c) has failed, within three Business Days after request by the Administrative Agent, acting in good faith, to provide a certification in writing from an authorized officer of such Lender that it will comply with its obligations (and is financially able to meet such obligations) to fund prospective Loans and participations in then outstanding Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans under this Agreement; provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon the Administrative Agent’s receipt of such certification in form and substance satisfactory to it, or (d) has become the subject of a Bankruptcy Event or Bail-In Action.

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

“Deficiency Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.04(c)(ii).

“Deposit Account” has the meaning assigned to such term in the UCC.

“Disposition” means, with respect to any Property, any sale, lease, sale and leaseback, assignment, conveyance, transfer, casualty, condemnation or other disposition thereof. The terms “Dispose” and “Disposed of” shall have correlative meanings.

“Disqualified Capital Stock” means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable) or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable for any consideration other than other Equity Interests (which would not constitute Disqualified Capital Stock), pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is convertible or exchangeable for Indebtedness or redeemable for any consideration other than other Equity Interests (which would not constitute Disqualified Capital Stock) at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is one year after the earlier of (a) the Maturity Date and (b) the date on which there are no Loans, LC Exposure or other Secured Obligations outstanding and all of the Commitments are terminated.

“Diversified” means Diversified Gas and Oil Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Documentation Agent” means each of the Documentation Agents identified on the cover page of this Agreement.

“dollars” or “\$” refers to lawful money of the United States of America.

“Domestic Subsidiary Group Member” means any Restricted Subsidiary (a) that is organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and (b) that is not a Foreign Group Member.

“EBITDAX” means, for any period, the sum of Consolidated Net Income for such period plus the following expenses or charges to the extent deducted from Consolidated Net Income in such period: (i) interest, (ii) income and franchise taxes, (iii) depreciation, depletion, amortization and other noncash charges, and (iv) actual cash transaction costs and expenses incurred in connection with permitted acquisitions, permitted incurrences of Indebtedness, issuances of Equity Interests, permitted Investments or dispositions (whether or not successful) not to exceed 5% of EBITDAX for any period of four consecutive Fiscal Quarters, minus all noncash income (including cancellation of indebtedness income) added to Consolidated Net Income (excluding any such non cash item to the extent it represents the reversal of an accrual or reserve for potential cash item in any prior period); provided that any realized cumulative cash gains or losses resulting from the settlement of commodity price risk contracts not included in Consolidated Net Income shall, to the extent not included, be added to EBITDAX in the case of such gains and subtracted from EBITDAX in the case of such losses (provided that in all events any such realized cumulative cash gains or losses shall be applied in equal monthly installments across the term which would have been in effect had such applicable commodity price risk contract not been settled); provided further that for the purposes of calculating EBITDAX for any period of four consecutive Fiscal Quarters (each, a “Reference Period”), (a) if during such Reference Period (or, in the case of pro forma calculations, during the period from the last day of such Reference Period to and including the date as of which such calculation is made) the Borrower or any Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary shall have made a Material Disposition or Material Acquisition, EBITDAX (including Consolidated Net Income) for such Reference Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Material Disposition or Material Acquisition by the Borrower or its Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries occurred on the first day of such Reference Period (with the Reference Period for the purposes of pro forma calculations being the most recent period of four consecutive Fiscal Quarters for which the relevant financial information is available and made on an annualized basis) including the addition of any losses and subtraction of any gains resulting from settlements of commodity price risk associated with an ABS Transaction that (x) settle between the effective date and closing date of such ABS Transaction and (y) are unwound to maintain compliance with Section 9.17, subject to the conditions in Section 3.04(c) being met and (b) if any calculations in the foregoing clause (a) are made on a pro forma basis, such pro forma adjustments are factually supportable and subject to supporting documentation and otherwise acceptable to the Administrative Agent. As used in this definition, “Material Acquisition” means any acquisition by the Borrower or its Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries of property or series of related acquisitions of property that involves consideration in excess of \$10,000,000, and “Material Disposition” means any Disposition or series of related Dispositions that yields gross proceeds to the Borrower or any Consolidated Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$10,000,000. For avoidance of doubt, amounts added back or subtracted from Consolidated Net Income pursuant to this definition shall be without duplication of gains or losses excluded from Consolidated Net Income. For the purpose of determining EBITDAX for any four fiscal quarters ending (i) before September 30, 2022, EBITDAX for such four Fiscal Quarters shall be deemed to be \$80.0 million, (ii) on September 30, 2022, EBITDAX for such four fiscal quarters shall be deemed to equal EBITDAX for the fiscal quarter then ending multiplied by 4; (iii) ending on December 31, 2022, EBITDAX for such four fiscal quarters shall be deemed to equal EBITDAX for the two fiscal quarters then ending multiplied by 2, and (iv) ending on March 31, 2023, EBITDAX for such four fiscal quarters shall be deemed to equal EBITDAX for the three fiscal quarters then ending multiplied by 4 and divided by 3.

“EEA Financial Institution” means (a) any institution established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“EEA Member Country” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

“Engineering Reports” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(c)(i).

“Environmental Laws” means all Governmental Requirements relating to the environment, the preservation or reclamation of natural resources, the regulation or management of any harmful or deleterious substances, or to health and safety as it relates to environmental protection or exposure to harmful or deleterious substances.

“Environmental Permit” means any permit, registration, license, notice, approval, consent, exemption, variance, or other authorization required under or issued pursuant to applicable Environmental Laws.

“Equity Interests” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such Equity Interest.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and any successor statute, together with the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any entity (whether or not incorporated) which together with the Borrower or a Subsidiary would be treated as a single employer under Section 4001(b)(1) of ERISA or Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code or, for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code and Section 302 of ERISA, Section 414 (m) or (o) of the Code.

“ERISA Event” means (a) a Reportable Event, (b) the withdrawal of the Borrower, any other Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate from a Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a “substantial employer” as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA, (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by the Borrower, any other Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan; (d) the filing (or the receipt by any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate) of a notice of intent to terminate a Plan under Section 4041(c) of ERISA or the treatment of a Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 of ERISA, (e) the institution of proceedings to terminate a Plan by the PBGC, (f) the receipt by any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate of a notice of withdrawal liability pursuant to Section 4202 of ERISA, (g) any other event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Plan or the incurrence by any Group Member or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan, including but not limited to the imposition of any Lien in favor of the PBGC, (h) on and after the effectiveness of the Pension Act, a determination that a Plan is, or would reasonably be expected to be, in “at risk” status (as defined in 303(i)(4) of ERISA or 430(j)(4) of the Code) or (i) the failure of any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate to make by its due date, after expiration of any applicable grace period, a required installment under Section 430(j) of the Code with respect to any Plan or any failure by any Plan to satisfy the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) applicable to such Plan, whether or not waived, or the failure by the Borrower, any other Group Member or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates to make any required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

“Erroneous Payment” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(a).

“Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(d).

“Erroneous Payment Impacted Loan” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(d).

“Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(d).

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor Person), as in effect from time to time.

“Event of Default” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 10.01.

“Excepted Liens” means: (a) Liens for Taxes, assessments or other governmental charges or levies which are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate action and for which adequate reserves have been maintained in accordance with GAAP; (b) Liens in connection with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance or other social security, old age pension or public liability obligations which are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate action and for which adequate reserves have been maintained in accordance with GAAP; (c) statutory landlord’s liens, operators’, vendors’, carriers’, warehousemen’s, repairmen’s, mechanics’, suppliers’, workers’, materialmen’s, construction or other like Liens arising by operation of law in the ordinary course of business or incident to the exploration, development, operation and maintenance of Oil and Gas Properties each of which is in respect of obligations that are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate action and for which adequate reserves have been maintained in accordance with GAAP; (d) contractual Liens which arise in the ordinary course of business under operating agreements, joint venture agreements, oil and gas partnership agreements, oil and gas leases, farm-out agreements, division orders, contracts for the sale, transportation or exchange of oil and natural gas, unitization and pooling declarations and agreements, area of mutual interest agreements, overriding royalty agreements, marketing agreements, processing agreements, net profits agreements, development agreements, gas balancing or deferred production agreements, injection, repressuring and recycling agreements, salt water or other disposal agreements, seismic or other geophysical permits or agreements, and other agreements, in each case, which are usual and customary in the oil and gas business and are for claims which are not delinquent or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate action and for which adequate reserves have been maintained in accordance with GAAP, provided that any such Lien referred to in this clause does not materially impair (i) the use of the Property covered by such Lien for the purposes for which such Property is held by the Borrower or any other Group Member or (ii) the value of such Property subject thereto; (e) Liens arising by virtue of any statutory or common law provision or customary deposit account terms relating to banker’s liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies and burdening only deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a creditor depository institution, provided that no such deposit account is a dedicated cash collateral account or is subject to restrictions against access by the depositor in excess of those set forth by regulations promulgated by the Board and no such deposit account is intended by Borrower or any other Group Member to provide collateral to the depository institution; (f) zoning and land use requirements, easements, restrictions, servitudes, permits, conditions, covenants, exceptions or reservations in any Property of the Borrower or any other Group Member for the purpose of roads, pipelines, transmission lines, transportation lines, distribution lines for the removal of gas, oil, coal or other minerals or timber, and other like purposes, or for the joint or common use of real estate, rights of way, facilities and equipment, that do not secure any monetary obligations and which in the aggregate do not materially impair (i) the use of such Property for the purposes of which such Property is held by the Borrower or any other Group Member or (ii) the value of such Property subject thereto; (g) Liens on cash or securities pledged to secure performance of tenders, surety and appeal bonds, government contracts, performance and return of money bonds, bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, regulatory obligations and other obligations of a like nature, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business; (h) judgment and attachment Liens not giving rise to an Event of Default, provided that any appropriate legal proceedings which may have been duly initiated for the review of such judgment shall not have been finally terminated or the period within which such proceeding may be initiated shall not have expired and no action to enforce such Lien has been commenced; (i) Liens, titles and interests of lessors of personal Property leased by such lessors to the Borrower or any other Group Member, restrictions and prohibitions on encumbrances and transferability with respect to such Property and the Borrower’s or such Group Member’s interests therein imposed by such leases, and Liens and encumbrances encumbering such lessors’ titles and interests in such Property and to which the Borrower’s or such Group Member’s leasehold interests may be subject or subordinate, in each case, whether or not evidenced by UCC financing statement filings or other documents of record; provided that such Liens do not secure Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Group Member and do not encumber Property of the Borrower or any other Group Member other than the Property that is the subject of such leases; and (j) Liens, titles and interests of licensors of software and other intangible personal Property licensed by such licensors to the Borrower or any other Group Member, restrictions and prohibitions on encumbrances and transferability with respect to such Property and the Borrower’s or such Group Member’s interests therein imposed by such licenses, and Liens and encumbrances encumbering such licensors’ titles and interests in such Property and to which the Borrower’s or such Group Member’s license interests may be subject or subordinate, in each case, whether or not evidenced by UCC financing statement filings or other documents of record; provided that such Liens do not secure Indebtedness of the Borrower or any other Group Member and do not encumber Property of the Borrower or any other Group Member other than the Property that is the subject of such licenses; provided, further that Liens described in clauses (a) through (e) shall remain “Excepted Liens” only for so long as no action to enforce such Lien has been commenced and no intention to subordinate the Liens granted in favor of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders is to be hereby implied or expressed by the permitted existence of any Excepted Liens.

“Excess Cash” means, at any time, the aggregate amount of cash and Cash Equivalents (other than Excluded Cash) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in excess of \$60,000,000.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Excluded Accounts” means (a) each account in which all or substantially all of the deposits consist of amounts utilized to fund payroll, employee benefit or tax obligations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (b) fiduciary accounts, (c) to the extent necessary or desirable to comply with the terms of a binding purchase agreement, escrow accounts holding amounts on deposit in connection with a binding purchase agreement to the extent that and for so long as such amounts are refundable to the buyer, (d) “zero balance” accounts and (e) other accounts so long as the aggregate average daily maximum balance in any such other account over a 30-day period does not at any time exceed \$2,500,000; provided that the aggregate daily maximum balance for all such bank accounts excluded pursuant to this clause (e) on any day shall not exceed \$5,000,000.

“Excluded Cash” means, at any time, (a) any cash or Cash Equivalents held in Excluded Accounts, (b) to the extent the payment of such amounts are not prohibited by this Agreement, other amounts in respect of which the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary has issued checks or has initiated wires or ACH transfers to Persons that are not Affiliates of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary but that have not yet been subtracted from the balance in the relevant account of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, (c) any cash of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries constituting pledges and/or deposits securing any binding and enforceable purchase and sale agreement with any Persons who are not Affiliates of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case to the extent permitted by this Agreement, (d) cash or Cash Equivalents of to be used by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary within ten (10) Business Days to pay (i) the purchase price for any acquisition of any assets or property by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to an executed and binding agreement between the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and a third party seller that is not an Affiliate of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, and (ii) obligations of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary then due and owing or to make dividends, Investments or other acquisitions not prohibited by this Agreement, (e) cash deposited with an Issuing Bank to cash collateralize Letters of Credit in accordance with Section 2.09(j) and (f) any cash or Cash Equivalents subject to a Lien pursuant to clause (g) of the definition of “Excepted Liens”.

“Excluded Swap Obligation” means, with respect to any Guarantor, (a) any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, and only for so long as, all or a portion of the guarantee of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, as applicable, such Swap Obligation (or any guarantee thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor’s failure to constitute an “eligible contract participant,” as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder, at the time the guarantee of (or grant of such security interest by, as applicable) such Guarantor becomes or would become effective with respect to such Swap Obligation.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Lending Party or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Lending Party: (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Lending Party being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 5.05) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 5.03, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender’s assignor immediately before such Lender acquired the applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Lending Party’s failure to comply with Section 5.03(g) or Section 5.03(h) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Borrower” has the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Recitals hereto.

“Existing Lenders” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Recitals hereto.

“Existing Letters of Credit” means the letters of credit described on Schedule 1.01(a) hereto and issued and outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement prior to the Closing Date.

“Existing Liens” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.21.

“Existing Loans” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01(b).

“Existing Loan Documents” means the “Loan Documents” (as such term is defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) as in effect prior to the Closing Date.

“Fair Market Value” means, with respect to any asset or group of assets on any date of determination, the value of the consideration obtainable in a Disposition of such asset or assets at such date of determination assuming a Disposition by a willing seller to a willing purchaser dealing at arm’s length and arranged in an orderly manner over a reasonable period of time having regard to the nature and characteristics of such asset.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) (1) of the Code and any law, regulation, rule, promulgation or official agreement implementing any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities with respect to the foregoing.



“Federal Reserve Bank of New York’s Website” means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source.

“FCPA” means the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

“Federal Funds Effective Rate” means, for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for the day of such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it; provided that if the Federal Funds Effective Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

“Financial Officer” means, for any Person, the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, principal accounting officer or treasurer of such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a Financial Officer means a Financial Officer of the Borrower, Diversified or of the Parent, as applicable.

“Financial Performance Covenants” means the covenants of the Borrower set forth in Section 9.01.

“Fiscal Quarter” means each fiscal quarter for accounting and tax purposes, ending on the last day of each March, June, September and December.

“Fiscal Year” means each fiscal year for accounting and tax purposes, ending on December 31 of each year.

“Flood Insurance Regulations” means (a) the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as now or hereafter in effect or any successor statute thereto, (b) the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as now or hereafter in effect or any successor statute thereto, (c) the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (amending 42 USC 4001, *et seq.*), as the same may be amended or recodified from time to time, (d) the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004 and (e) the Biggert Waters Flood Reform Act of 2012, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Floor” means a rate of interest equal to 0.00% per annum.

“Foreign Group Member” means, any Group Member that is a Subsidiary of the Borrower which (a) is not organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia or (b) is a FSHCO.

“Free Cash Flow” means, as of any time of calculation thereof, EBITDAX for the four Fiscal Quarter period for the most recently ended Test Period minus the sum, without duplication, of the amounts for such four Fiscal Quarter period of:

- (a) capital expenditures paid in cash (other than to the extent such capital expenditures were themselves (or were incurred in connection with) an acquisition),
- (b) consolidated interest expense paid in cash,
- (c) taxes paid in cash, and
- (d) exploration expenses paid in cash.

With respect to the foregoing, Free Cash Flow for any four fiscal quarters ending before September 30, 2022 shall be deemed to be \$60.0 million; the sum of items in (a) through (d) above for any four Fiscal Quarters ending (i) on September 30, 2022, shall be deemed to equal the sum of such items for the fiscal quarter then ending multiplied by 4; (i) on December 31, 2022, shall be deemed to equal the sum of such items for the two fiscal quarters then ending multiplied by 2, and (iii) on March 31, 2023, shall be deemed to equal the sum of such items for the three fiscal quarters then ending multiplied by 4 and divided by 3.

“FSHCO” means any Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which consist of Equity Interests in or Indebtedness of one or more Subsidiaries that are “controlled foreign corporations” within the meaning of Section 957 of the Code.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 1.05.

“GHG Emissions Intensity Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount” means, [\*\*\*].

“GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Targets” means the targets set forth on Appendix A to achieve a reduction in Diversified’s GHG Emissions Intensity for a Fiscal Year.

“GHG Emissions Intensity” means in any Fiscal Year, the consolidated Scope 1 Emissions and Scope 2 Emissions as metric tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (“MtCO<sub>2</sub>e”) of Diversified per million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent (“MMcfe”) expressed as MtCO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe as reported in Diversified’s annual Sustainability Report for such Fiscal Year and which is verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.

“GHG Emissions Intensity Reported Amount” means, with respect to any Fiscal Year, Diversified’s reported values of GHG Emissions Intensity for such Fiscal Year as verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States of America, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Governmental Requirement” means any law (including common law), statute, code, ordinance, order, determination, rule, regulation, judgment, decree, injunction, franchise, permit, certificate, license, authorization or other directive or requirement, whether now or hereinafter in effect, including energy regulations and occupational, safety and health standards or controls, of any Governmental Authority.

“Group Members” means the collective reference to the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

“Guarantee and Collateral Agreement” means the Amended and Restated Guaranty and Collateral Agreement dated as of the date hereof and executed by the Borrower and the Guarantors, as the same may be amended, amended and restated, modified or supplemented from time to time.

“Guarantors” means:

- (a) BlueStone Natural Resources II LLC,
- (b) DP Legacy Central LLC,
- (c) DP Legacy Tapstone LLC,
- (d) Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC,
- (e) DP Tapstone Energy Holdings, LLC, and

(f) each other Domestic Subsidiary Group Member that is a Material Subsidiary that guarantees the Secured Obligations pursuant to Section 8.13(b) or any other Group Member that guarantees the Secured Obligations at the election of the Borrower.

“Hazardous Material” means any chemical, compound, material, product, byproduct, substance or waste that is defined, regulated or otherwise classified as a “hazardous substance,” “hazardous material,” “hazardous waste,” “solid waste,” “toxic waste,” “extremely hazardous substance,” “toxic substance,” “contaminant,” “pollutant,” or words of similar meaning under any applicable Environmental Law, and for the avoidance of doubt includes Hydrocarbons, radioactive materials, explosives, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon, and infectious or medical wastes.

“Highest Lawful Rate” means, as to any Lender, at the particular time in question, the maximum non-usurious rate of interest which, under applicable law, such Lender is then permitted to contract for, charge or collect from the Borrower on the Loans or the other obligations of the Borrower hereunder, and as to any other Person, at the particular time in question, the maximum non-usurious rate of interest which, under applicable law, such Person is then permitted to contract for, charge or collect with respect to the obligation in question. If the maximum rate of interest which, under applicable law, the Lenders are permitted to contract for, charge or collect from the Borrower on the Loans or the other obligations of the Borrower hereunder shall change after the date hereof, the Highest Lawful Rate shall be automatically increased or decreased, as the case may be, as of the effective time of such change without notice to the Borrower or any other Person.

“Hydrocarbon Interests” means all rights, titles, interests and estates now or hereafter acquired in and to oil and gas leases, oil, gas and mineral leases, or other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbon leases, mineral fee interests, overriding royalty and royalty interests, net profit interests and production payment interests, including any reserved or residual interests of whatever nature. Unless otherwise indicated herein, each reference to the term “Hydrocarbon Interests” shall mean Hydrocarbon Interests of the Borrower or any other Group Member, as the context requires.

“Hydrocarbons” means all oil, gas, casinghead gas, drip gasoline, natural gasoline, condensate, distillate, liquid hydrocarbons, gaseous hydrocarbons and all constituents, elements or compounds thereof and all products refined or separated therefrom and all other minerals which may be produced and saved from or attributable to the Oil and Gas Properties of any Person, including all oil in tanks, and all rents, issues, profits, proceeds, products, revenues and other incomes from or attributable to the Hydrocarbon Interests or other properties constituting Oil and Gas Properties.

“IFRS” means the accounting standards issued by the International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation and the International Accounting Standards Board and Adopted by the European Union in effect from time to time and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1.05.

“Indebtedness” means, for any Person, the sum of the following (without duplication):

- (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money or evidenced by bonds, bankers’ acceptances, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (b) all obligations of such Person (whether contingent or otherwise) in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees, surety or other bonds and similar instruments;
- (c) all accounts payable and all accrued expenses, liabilities or other obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of Property or services (including insurance premium payables), in each case that are greater than one hundred twenty (120) days past the date of invoice, other than those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate action and for which adequate reserves have been maintained in accordance with GAAP;
- (d) all Capital Lease Obligations;
- (e) all Indebtedness (as defined in the other clauses of this definition) of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) a Lien on any Property of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person;

(f) all Indebtedness (as defined in the other clauses of this definition) of others guaranteed by such Person or in which such Person agrees to purchase or otherwise assures a creditor against loss of the Indebtedness (howsoever such assurance shall be made) to the extent of the lesser of the amount of such Indebtedness and the maximum stated amount of such guarantee or assurance against loss;

(g) all obligations or undertakings of such Person to maintain or cause to be maintained the financial position or covenants of others or to purchase Indebtedness or Property of others;

(h) all obligations of such Person under take/ship or pay contracts if any goods or services are not actually received or utilized by such Person;

(i) any Indebtedness of a partnership for which such Person is liable either by agreement, by operation of law or by a Governmental Requirement but only to the extent of such liability;

(j) Disqualified Capital Stock (for purposes hereof, the amount of any Disqualified Capital Stock shall be its liquidation value and, without duplication, the amount of all obligations of such Person with respect to the redemption, repayment or other repurchase in respect of Disqualified Capital Stock);

(k) net Swap Obligations of such Person (for purposes hereof, the amount of any net Swap Obligations on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date); and

(l) the undischarged balance of any volumetric or production payment created by such Person or for the creation of which such Person directly or indirectly received payment.

The Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described above to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is not included as a liability of such Person under GAAP.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in clause (a) above, Other Taxes.

“Indemnitee” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.03(b).

“Information” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.11.

“Interest Election Request” means a request by the Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit C to convert or continue a Borrowing in accordance with Section 2.04.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) with respect to any ABR Loan (other than a Swing Line Loan) or any Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the last day of each March, June, September and December, (b) with respect to any Term SOFR Loan, the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such Loan is a part and, in the case of a Term SOFR Borrowing with an Interest Period of more than three months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at intervals of three months’ duration after the first day of such Interest Period, and (c) with respect to any Swing Line Loan, the day that such Loan is required to be repaid.

“Interest Period” means, with respect to each Term SOFR Borrowing, a period of one, three or six months as selected by the Borrower (other than any tenor removed pursuant to Section 3.03(b)(iv)); provided, however, that (a) the initial Interest Period for any Borrowing of a Term SOFR Loan shall commence on the date of such Borrowing (the date of a Borrowing resulting from a Conversion or Continuation shall be the date of such Conversion or Continuation) and each Interest Period occurring thereafter in respect of such Borrowing shall commence on the first day after the last day of the next preceding Interest Period; (b) if any Interest Period begins on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such calendar month; (c) if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall expire on the next succeeding Business Day; provided, however, that if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day but is a day of the month after which no further Business Day occurs in such month, such Interest Period shall expire on the next preceding Business Day; (d) no Interest Period for any Term SOFR Loan may be selected that would end after the Maturity Date; and (e) if, upon the expiration of any Interest Period, the Borrower has failed to (or may not) elect a new Interest Period to be applicable to the respective Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans as provided above, the Borrower shall be deemed to have elected to Convert such Borrowing to Daily Simple SOFR Loans effective as of the expiration date of such current Interest Period.

“Interim Redetermination” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(b).

“Interim Redetermination Date” means the date on which a Borrowing Base that has been redetermined pursuant to an Interim Redetermination becomes effective as provided in Section 2.07(d).

“Investment” means, for any Person: (a) the acquisition (whether for cash, Property, services or securities or otherwise) of Equity Interests of any other Person or any agreement to make any such acquisition (including any “short sale” or any sale of any securities at a time when such securities are not owned by the Person entering into such short sale); (b) the making of any deposit with, or advance, loan or capital contribution to, assumption of Indebtedness of, purchase or other acquisition of any other Indebtedness of, or equity participation or interest in, or other extension of credit to, any other Person (including the purchase of Property from another Person subject to an understanding or agreement, contingent or otherwise, to resell such Property to such Person, but excluding any such advance, loan or extension of credit having a term not exceeding ninety (90) days representing the purchase price of inventory, goods, supplies or services sold by such Person in the ordinary course of business); (c) the purchase or acquisition (in one or a series of transactions) of Property of another Person constituting a business unit or Oil and Gas Properties; or (d) the entering into of any guarantee of, or other contingent obligation (including the deposit of any Equity Interests to be sold) with respect to, Indebtedness or other liability of any other Person and (without duplication) any amount committed to be advanced, lent or extended to such Person.

“Issuing Bank” means KeyBank National Association, Truist Bank and each Lender approved by the Administrative Agent that is reasonably requested by the Borrower that agrees to act as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, in each case, in its capacity as the issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, and its successors in such capacity as provided in Section 2.09(i). Any Issuing Bank may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by its Affiliates, in which case the term “Issuing Bank” shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate. References herein and in the other Loan Documents to an Issuing Bank shall be deemed to refer to such Issuing Bank in respect of the applicable Letter of Credit or to all Issuing Banks, as the context requires.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means that Joint Operating Agreement dated as of August 2, 2022 among Diversified Production LLC and the Borrower.

“June 30 Reserve Report” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.11(a).

“LC Availability Requirements” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.09(a).

“LC Commitment” means an amount equal to \$40,000,000. For the avoidance of doubt, the LC Commitment is part of, and not in addition to, the aggregate Commitments.

“LC Disbursement” means a payment made by an Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

“LC Exposure” means, at any time, (a) the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time plus (b) the aggregate amount of all LC Disbursements that have not yet been reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrower at such time. The LC Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total LC Exposure at such time.

“Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent” means Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, in its capacity as the lead sustainability structuring agent.

“Lender Parent” means, with respect to any Lender, any Person as to which such Lender is, directly or indirectly, a Subsidiary.

“Lenders” means the Persons listed on Annex I and any Person that shall have become a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or otherwise that is in the Register, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or otherwise and is no longer in the Register. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Swing Line Lender and the Issuing Banks.

“Lending Parties” means the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders.

“Letter of Credit” means any letter of credit issued pursuant to this Agreement.

“Letter of Credit Agreements” means all letter of credit applications and other agreements (including any amendments, modifications or supplements thereto) submitted by the Borrower, or entered into by the Borrower, with an Issuing Bank relating to any Letter of Credit.

“Lien” means any interest in Property securing an obligation owed to, or a claim by, a Person other than the owner of the Property, whether such interest is based on the common law, statute or contract, and whether such obligation or claim is fixed or contingent, and including but not limited to (a) the lien or security interest arising from a mortgage, encumbrance, pledge, security agreement, conditional sale or trust receipt or a lease, consignment or bailment for security purposes or (b) production payments and the like payable out of Oil and Gas Properties. The term “Lien” shall include easements, restrictions, servitudes, permits, conditions, covenants, exceptions or reservations, including if they burden Property to the extent they secure an obligation owed to a Person other than the owner of the Property. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Borrower and the other Group Members shall be deemed to be the owner of any Property which they have acquired or hold subject to a conditional sale agreement, or leases under a financing lease or other arrangement pursuant to which title to the Property has been retained by or vested in some other Person in a transaction intended to create a financing.

“Liquidity” means, on any date, the sum of unrestricted cash (not to exceed \$30,000,000) and Availability on such date.

“Loan Documents” means this Agreement, the Security Instruments, any Notes, any fee letter, any Letter of Credit Agreements and the Letters of Credit.

“Loan Party” means the Borrower and each Guarantor.

“Loans” means the loans made by the Lenders to the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

“Lookback Day” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Term SOFR”.

“Majority Lenders” means (a) at any time while no Loans or LC Exposure are outstanding, Lenders having greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts and (b) at any time while any Loans or LC Exposure are outstanding, Lenders holding greater than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Loans and participation interests in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans at such time (without regard to any sale by a Lender of a participation in any Loan under Section 12.04(c)).

“Management Services Agreement” means that certain Management Services Agreement dated as of August 2, 2022 among Diversified and the Borrower.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse change in, or material adverse effect on (a) the business, operations, Property or financial condition of the Borrower and the other Group Members taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Loan Parties to perform any of their obligations under the Loan Documents, (c) the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document or (d) the rights and remedies of, or benefits available to, the Administrative Agent, any other Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender under any Loan Document.

“Material Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Letters of Credit), of any one or more Group Member in an aggregate principal amount exceeding the greater of (a) \$10,000,000 and (b) 5.0% of the then effective Borrowing Base. For purposes of determining Material Indebtedness, the “principal amount” of the obligations of any Group Member in respect of any Swap Agreement at any time shall be the Swap Termination Value.



“Material Subsidiary” means, at any date of determination, each Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower (a) whose Total Assets (when combined with the assets of such Restricted Subsidiary’s Subsidiaries) at the last day of the most recent Fiscal Quarter of the Borrower for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 8.01 were equal to or greater than five percent (5.0%) of the Consolidated Total Assets of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date or (b) whose revenues (when combined with the revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary’s Subsidiaries) at the last day of the most recent Fiscal Quarter of the Borrower for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 8.01 were equal to or greater than five percent (5.0%) of the consolidated revenues of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries at the last day of the most recent Fiscal Quarter of the Borrower for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 8.01, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that if, at any time and from time to time after the Closing Date, Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Material Subsidiaries have, in the aggregate, (i) Total Assets (when combined with the assets of such Restricted Subsidiary’s Subsidiaries) as of the last day of such Fiscal Quarter that equal, or exceed, seven and a half percent (7.5%) of the Consolidated Total Assets of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date or (ii) revenues (when combined with the revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary’s Subsidiaries) during such period that equal or exceed seven and a half percent (7.5%) of the consolidated revenues of the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, in each case, determined in accordance with GAAP, then the term “Material Subsidiary” shall include each such Restricted Subsidiary (starting with the Restricted Subsidiary that accounts for the most revenues or Consolidated Total Assets and then in descending order) necessary to account for at least 92.5% of the consolidated gross revenues and 92.5% of the Consolidated Total Assets, each as described in the previous sentence, so that the remaining non-Material Subsidiaries no longer satisfy such condition; provided further that, notwithstanding the foregoing, each Restricted Subsidiary that owns Oil and Gas Properties for which Borrowing Base credit is given, or is to be given in an upcoming redetermination, shall be a Material Subsidiary.

“Material Transaction” means if any Loan Party (i) acquires or disposes of any Equity Interests in any other Person (other than any Loan Party) such that such Person becomes a Loan Party or (ii) acquires or disposes of the property or assets of another Person (other than any Loan Party), in each case with a gross purchase price of at least \$10,000,000 (in one or a series of related transactions).

“Maturity Date” means August 2, 2026.

“Maximum Credit Amount” means, as to each Lender, the amount set forth opposite such Lender’s name on Annex I under the caption “Maximum Credit Amounts”, as the same may be (a) reduced or terminated from time to time in connection with a reduction or termination of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts pursuant to Section 2.06, (b) modified from time to time pursuant to any assignment permitted by Section 12.04(b) or (c) or otherwise modified pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. As of the Closing Date, the aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts of the Lenders are \$1,500,000,000.

“Minimum Required Volume” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.15.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto that is a nationally recognized rating agency.

“Mortgage” means each of the mortgages or deeds of trust executed by any one or more Loan Parties for the benefit of the Secured Parties as security for the Secured Obligations, together with any supplements, modifications or amendments thereto and assumptions or assignments of the obligations thereunder by any Loan Party. “Mortgages” shall mean all of such Mortgages collectively.

“Mortgaged Property” means any Property owned by any Loan Party which is subject to the Liens existing and to exist under the terms of the Security Instruments.

“Multiemployer Plan” means a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 3(37) or 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

“Net Proceeds” means the aggregate cash proceeds received by any Group Member in respect of any Disposition of Property (including any cash subsequently received upon the sale or other Disposition or collection of any non-cash consideration received in any sale), any Unwind of Swap Agreements, any incurrence of Indebtedness, or Casualty Event, net of, unless the Loans have been declared or become due and payable as a result of an Event of Default described in Section 10.01(h) or Section 10.01(i) (or after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default described in Section 10.01(h) or Section 10.01(i)), (a) the direct costs relating to such sale of Property, incurrence of Indebtedness or any Casualty Event (including legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions paid to unaffiliated third parties), (b) Taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (after taking into account any tax credits or deductions utilized or reasonably expected to be utilized and any tax sharing arrangements), and (c) Indebtedness (other than the Secured Obligations) which is secured by a Lien upon any of the assets being sold that is senior to any Lien created by the Loan Documents with respect to such assets and which must be repaid as a result of such sale.

“New Borrowing Base Notice” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(d).

“New Debt” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness.

“Non-U.S. Lender” means a Lender, with respect to the Borrower, that is not a U.S. Person.

“Notes” means the promissory notes, if any, of the Borrower described in Section 2.02(d) and being substantially in the form of Exhibit A, together with all amendments, modifications, replacements, extensions and rearrangements thereof.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFC” has the meaning assigned to the term “qualified financial contract” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

“OFC Credit Support” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.20.

“Oil and Gas Properties” means (a) Hydrocarbon Interests; (b) the Properties now or hereafter pooled or unitized with Hydrocarbon Interests; (c) all presently existing or future unitization, pooling agreements and declarations of pooled units and the units created thereby (including all units created under orders, regulations and rules of any Governmental Authority) which may affect all or any portion of the Hydrocarbon Interests; (d) all operating agreements, contracts and other agreements, including production sharing contracts and agreements, which relate to any of the Hydrocarbon Interests or the production, sale, purchase, exchange or processing of Hydrocarbons from or attributable to such Hydrocarbon Interests; (e) all Hydrocarbons in and under and which may be produced and saved or attributable to the Hydrocarbon Interests, including all oil in tanks, and all rents, issues, profits, proceeds, products, revenues and other incomes from or attributable to the Hydrocarbon Interests; (f) all tenements, hereditaments, appurtenances and Properties in any manner appertaining, belonging, affixed or incidental to the Hydrocarbon Interests and (g) all Properties, rights, titles, interests and estates described or referred to above, including any and all Property, real or personal, now owned or hereinafter acquired and situated upon, used, held for use or useful in connection with the operating, working or development of any of such Hydrocarbon Interests or Property (excluding drilling rigs, automotive equipment, rental equipment or other personal Property which may be on such premises for the purpose of drilling a well or for other similar temporary uses) and including any and all oil wells, gas wells, injection wells or other wells, structures, fuel separators, liquid extraction plants, plant compressors, pumps, pumping units, gathering systems, tanks and tank batteries, fixtures, valves, fittings, machinery and parts, engines, boilers, meters, apparatus, equipment, appliances, tools, implements, cables, wires, towers, casing, tubing and rods, surface leases, rights-of-way, easements and servitudes together with all additions, substitutions, replacements, accessions and attachments to any and all of the foregoing.

“Organizational Documents” means (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to such corporation’s jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Lending Party, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Lending Party and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Lending Party having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to, or enforced, any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 5.05).

“Parent” means Diversified Energy Company PLC, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales.

“Parent Pledge Agreement” means that certain pledge agreement dated as of the date hereof executed by Diversified Production LLC pursuant to which it pledged 100% of the Equity Interest of the Borrower to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties to secure the Secured Obligations.

“Participant” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.04(c).

“Participant Register” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.04(c).

“Patriot Act” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.16.

“Payment in Full” means (a) the Commitments have expired or been terminated, (b) the principal of and interest on each Loan and all fees payable hereunder and all other amounts payable under the Loan Documents shall have been indefeasibly paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations), (c) all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated (or are Cash Collateralized or otherwise secured to the satisfaction of the Issuing Bank) and all LC Disbursements shall have been reimbursed and (d) all amounts due under Secured Swap Agreements shall have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash (or such Secured Swap Agreements are Cash Collateralized or otherwise secured to the satisfaction of the Secured Swap Provider) (it is understood that the Administrative Agent shall be (i) permitted to rely on a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower to establish the foregoing in clause (d) and (ii) entitled to deem that the foregoing clause (d) has occurred with respect to any Secured Swap Provider if it does not respond to a written request from the Administrative Agent or the Borrower to confirm that the foregoing clause (d) has occurred within two (2) Business Days of such request).

“Payment Notice” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(b).

“Payment Recipient” has the meaning assigned to it in Section 11.12(a).

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

“PDP Reserves” means oil and gas mineral reserves that, in accordance with Petroleum Industry Standards, are classified as both “Proved Reserves” and “Developed Producing Reserves”.

“Pension Act” means the Pension Protection Act of 2006, as it presently exists or as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor thereto.

“Permitted L/C Party” means (a) the Borrower, (b) any Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower, and (c) Diversified and its wholly owned Subsidiaries (other than any such Subsidiary that has been or becomes a party to an ABS Transaction other than Diversified Production LLC and Diversified Midstream LLC; for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified Production LLC and Diversified Midstream LLC are each a Permitted L/C Party).

“Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness” means Indebtedness (for purposes of this definition, “New Debt”) incurred in exchange for, or proceeds of which are used to refinance, all of any other Indebtedness (the “Refinanced Indebtedness”); provided that:

(a) such New Debt is in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount then outstanding of the Refinanced Indebtedness (or, if the Refinanced Indebtedness is exchanged or acquired for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration thereof, such lesser amount) and (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such exchange or refinancing,

(b) such New Debt has a stated maturity no earlier than the stated maturity of the Refinanced Indebtedness and an average life no shorter than the average life of the Refinanced Indebtedness and does not restrict the prepayment or repayment of the Secured Obligations,

(c) such New Debt contains covenants, events of default, guarantees and other terms which (other than “market” interest rate, fees, funding discounts and redemption or prepayment premiums as determined at the time of issuance or incurrence of any such Indebtedness), are not more restrictive on the Borrower and each Group Member than the terms of this Agreement (as in effect at the time of such issuance or incurrence),

(d) no Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than a Guarantor or a Person who becomes a Guarantor in connection therewith) is an obligor under such New Debt, and

(e) if such Refinanced Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Secured Obligations, such New Debt (and any guarantees thereof) is subordinated in right of payment to the Secured Obligations (or, if applicable, the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement) to at least the same extent as the Refinanced Indebtedness and subordinated on terms satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

“Permitted Unsecured Debt” means unsecured senior, senior subordinated or subordinated Indebtedness issued or incurred by the Borrower and any guarantees thereof by the Guarantors (including any Persons becoming Guarantors simultaneously with the incurrence of such Indebtedness):

(a) that does not restrict the prepayment or repayment of the Secured Obligations,

(b) that has terms which do not provide for the maturity of such Indebtedness to be or any scheduled repayment, mandatory redemption or sinking fund obligation to occur prior to ninety-one (91) days (or one (1) year, if provided by any holder of the Borrower’s Equity Interests) after the Maturity Date (other than customary offers to purchase upon a change of control and customary acceleration rights after an event of default),

(c) where the covenants, events of default, guarantees and other terms which (other than “market” interest rate, fees, funding discounts and redemption or prepayment premiums as determined at the time of issuance or incurrence of any such Indebtedness), are not more restrictive on the Borrower and each Group Member than the terms of this Agreement (as in effect at the time of such issuance or incurrence),

(d) where, if such Indebtedness is subordinated Indebtedness in right of payment, the terms of such Indebtedness provide for customary subordination of such Indebtedness to the Secured Obligations, and

(e) where no Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than a Guarantor or a Person who becomes a Guarantor in connection therewith) is an obligor under such Indebtedness.

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Petroleum Industry Standards” means the Definitions for Oil and Gas Reserves promulgated by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (or any generally recognized successor) as in effect at the time in question.

“Plan” means any “employee pension benefit plan”, as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, other than a Multiemployer Plan, that is subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA and which (a) is currently or hereafter sponsored, maintained or contributed to by a Group Member or an ERISA Affiliate or (b) was at any time during the six calendar years immediately preceding the date hereof, sponsored, maintained or contributed to by a Group Member or an ERISA Affiliate or to which a Group Member or an ERISA Affiliate has any liability.

“Plugged Wells” means in any Fiscal Year, the total number of affidavits received by a state or regulator evidencing the plugging and filling of a well as required by each state law; and which is verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.

“Plugged Wells Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount” means, [\*\*\*].

“Plugged Wells Performance Targets” means the targets set forth on Appendix B to achieve permanent retirement in Diversified’s wells.

“Plugged Wells Reported Amount” means, with respect to any Fiscal Year, Diversified’s reported number of Plugged Wells for such Fiscal Year as verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.

“Prime Rate” means the rate of interest *per annum* publicly announced from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City; each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced as being effective. Such rate is set by the Administrative Agent as a general reference rate of interest, taking into account such factors as the Administrative Agent may deem appropriate; it being understood that many of the Administrative Agent’s commercial or other loans are priced in relation to such rate, that it is not necessarily the lowest or best rate actually charged to any customer and that the Administrative Agent may make various commercial or other loans at rates of interest having no relationship to such rate.

“Prohibited Transaction” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975(c) of the Code.

“Property” means any interest in any kind of property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

“Proposed Borrowing Base” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(c)(i).

“Proposed Borrowing Base Notice” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(c)(ii).

“Proved Reserves” means oil and gas mineral reserves that, in accordance with Petroleum Industry Standards, are classified as both “Proved Reserves” and one of the following: (a) “Developed Producing Reserves”, (b) “Developed Non-Producing Reserves” or (c) “Undeveloped Reserves”.

“Qualified ECP Guarantor” means, in respect of any Swap Obligation, (a) each Loan Party that has total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 at the time the relevant guarantee of obligations under, or grant of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation or (b) such other Person that constitutes an “eligible contract participant” under the Commodity Exchange Act, or any regulation promulgated thereunder, and can cause another Person to qualify as an “eligible contract participant” at such time by entering into a keepwell under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

“Redemption” means with respect to any Indebtedness, the repurchase, redemption, prepayment, repayment, defeasance or any other acquisition or retirement for value (or the segregation of funds with respect to any of the foregoing) of such Indebtedness. “Redeem” has the correlative meaning thereto.

“Redetermination Date” means, with respect to any Scheduled Redetermination or any Interim Redetermination, the date that the redetermined Borrowing Base related thereto becomes effective pursuant to Section 2.07(d).

“Reference Period” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “EBITDAX”.

“Refinanced Indebtedness” has the meaning assigned to such term in the definition of “Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness”.

“Register” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.04(b)(iv).

“Regulation D” means Regulation D of the Board, as the same may be amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any specified Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the respective directors, officers, employees, agents, partners and advisors (including attorneys, accountants and experts) of such Person and such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release” means any depositing, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, placing, emitting, discarding, abandoning, emptying, discharging, migrating, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing.

“Released Entities” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.21.

“Relevant Governmental Body” means the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor thereto.

“Reportable Event” means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder, with respect to a Plan, other than those events as to which the 30-day notice has been waived in regulations issued by the PBGC.

“Required Lenders” means (a) at any time while no Loans or LC Exposure are outstanding, Lenders having at least sixty-six and two thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts and (b) at any time while any Loans or LC Exposure are outstanding, Lenders holding at least sixty-six and two thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the Loans and participation interests in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans at such time (without regard to any sale by a Lender of a participation in any Loan under Section 12.04(c)).

“Reserve Report” means each report, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, setting forth, as of the dates set forth in Section 8.11(a) (or such other date in the event of an Interim Redetermination) the oil and gas reserves attributable to the Borrowing Base Properties of the Borrower and the Guarantors, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, taxes, operating expenses and capital expenditures with respect thereto as of such date, based upon the economic and pricing assumptions consistent with the Administrative Agent’s lending requirements at the time.

“Reserve Report Certificate” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.11(c).

“Resolution Authority” means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

“Responsible Officer” means, as to any Person, the chief executive officer, the chief operating officer, the president, any Financial Officer or general counsel of such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references to a Responsible Officer herein shall mean a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, Diversified or of the Parent, as applicable.

“Restricted Payment” means any dividend or other distribution or return of capital (whether in cash, securities or other Property) with respect to any Equity Interests in any Person, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other Property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of (a) any such Equity Interests or (b) any option, warrant or other right to acquire any such Equity Interests.



“Restricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

“Restructuring Documents” means all documentation necessary to accomplish the Restructuring Transaction, including, certificates of formation and name change, certificates of merger, resolutions of the Loan Parties in connection therewith, assignments of interests, transfers of Equity Interest, and all such other documentation necessary to accomplish the Restructuring Transaction.

“Restructuring Transaction” means the formation of the Borrower and certain Loan Parties, the various mergers of the Loan Parties, the various name changes of the Loan Parties, the various transfers of Property to the Loan Parties, and the transfers of Equity Interest of the Loan Parties which result in the structure of the Borrower and the Loan Parties on the Closing Date.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Lender’s Loans, its LC Exposure and Swing Line Exposure at such time.

“S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global, and any successor thereto that is a nationally recognized rating agency.

“Sanctioned Country” means, at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of any Sanctions (as of the Closing Date, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic, the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic, and the Crimea Region of Ukraine).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by the U.S. government (including by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state, the United Kingdom or other relevant sanctions authority, (b) any Person operating, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person owned or controlled by any such Person or Persons described in the foregoing clauses (a) or (b).

“Sanctions” means all economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. government, including those administered by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. government (including by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European Union member state, the United Kingdom or other relevant sanctions authority.

“Scheduled Redetermination” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.07(b).

“Scheduled Redetermination Date” means the date on which a Borrowing Base that has been redetermined pursuant to a Scheduled Redetermination becomes effective as provided in Section 2.07(d).

“Scope 1 Emissions” means, the absolute direct greenhouse emissions or equivalent CO2 emissions occurring from activities under which Diversified has operational control, which are calculated in accordance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (AR5) reporting guidance, which permits best engineering estimates for certain emissions metrics and which may vary from the prescriptive measures applied under US EPA reporting standards; and for greater certainty will not include carbon offsets.

“Scope 2 Emissions” means, the absolute indirect greenhouse gas emissions or equivalent CO2 emissions occurring from the generation of purchased and imported electricity consumed by Diversified in the operation of their business, which are determined in accordance with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (AR5) reporting guidance, which permits best engineering estimates for certain emissions metrics and which may vary from the prescriptive measures applied under US EPA reporting standards; and for greater certainty will not include carbon offsets.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor Governmental Authority.

“Secured Affiliate Cash Management Obligations” means all obligations of Diversified and its wholly owned Subsidiaries (other than any such Subsidiary that has been or becomes a party to an ABS Transaction other than Diversified Production LLC and Diversified Midstream LLC; for the avoidance of doubt, any Cash Management Agreement between Diversified Production LLC or Diversified Midstream LLC and a Secured Cash Management Lender is a Secured Affiliate Cash Management Agreement) arising from time to time under any Cash Management Agreement with a Secured Cash Management Bank; provided that if such Secured Cash Management Bank ceases to be a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender hereunder, such obligations owed to such Secured Cash Management Bank shall no longer be Secured Affiliate Cash Management Obligations.

“Secured Cash Management Bank” means any Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender that is a counterparty to a Cash Management Agreement with the Borrower or any other Group Member.

“Secured Cash Management Obligations” means (a) all obligations of the Borrower or any other Group Member arising from time to time under any Cash Management Agreement with a Secured Cash Management Bank; provided that if such Secured Cash Management Bank ceases to be a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender hereunder, such obligations owed to such Secured Cash Management Bank shall no longer be Secured Cash Management Obligations and (b) all Secured Affiliate Cash Management Obligations.

“Secured Obligations” means any and all amounts owing or to be owing by any Loan Party (a) to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank, any Lender or any other Person under any Loan Document or (b) to any Secured Swap Provider under a Secured Swap Agreement or Secured Cash Management Bank under Secured Cash Management Obligations and for clauses (a) and (b) all renewals, extensions and/or rearrangements of any of the foregoing, in each case, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising (including interest accruing after the maturity of the Loans and LC Disbursements and interest accruing after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy, or the commencement of any insolvency, reorganization or like proceeding, relating to the Borrower, whether or not a claim for post-filing or post-petition interest is allowed in such proceeding); provided that solely with respect to any Group Member that is not an “eligible contract participant” under the Commodity Exchange Act, Excluded Swap Obligations of such Group Member shall in any event be excluded from “Secured Obligations” owing by such Group Member.

“Secured Parties” means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, each Issuing Bank, the Lenders, each Secured Cash Management Bank, each Secured Swap Provider, and any other Person owed Secured Obligations. “Secured Party” means any of the foregoing individually.

“Secured Swap Agreement” means a Swap Agreement (a) between (i) any Loan Party and (ii) a Secured Swap Provider and (b) between (i) any Loan Party (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) and (ii) a Lender (as defined under the Existing Credit Agreement) or an Affiliate of such Lender at the time such Lender was a party to the Existing Credit Agreement whether such Lender is a Lender under this Agreement and which has a term which ends on or before December 31, 2023.

“Secured Swap Provider” means, with respect to any Swap Agreement, (a) a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender who is the counterparty to any such Swap Agreement with a Loan Party and (b) any Person who was a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender at the time when such Person entered into any such Swap Agreement who is a counterparty to any such Swap Agreement with a Loan Party; provided that any such Secured Swap Provider that ceases to be a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender shall continue to be a “Secured Swap Provider” for purposes of this Agreement to the extent that such Secured Swap Provider entered into a Secured Swap Agreement with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries at the time such Secured Swap Provider was a Lender (or Affiliate of a Lender) hereunder and such Secured Swap Agreement remains in effect and there are remaining obligations under such Secured Swap Agreement (but excluding any transactions, confirms, or trades entered into after such Person ceases to be a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender). For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of this definition and the definition of “Secured Swap Agreement” the term “Lender” includes each Person that was a “Lender” under the Existing Credit Agreement at the relevant time.

“Securities Account” has the meaning assigned to such term in the UCC.

“Security Instruments” means (a) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, (b) the Mortgages, (c) any Control Agreement, (d) the Parent Pledge Agreement, (e) the other agreements, instruments or certificates described or referred to in Exhibit F and (f) any and all other agreements, instruments, consents or certificates now or hereafter executed and delivered by the Borrower, the other Loan Parties or any other Person, in each case in connection with, or as security for the payment or performance of the Secured Obligations, as such agreements may be amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any Swap Agreements.

“Significant Sustainability Event” means a material event impacting environmental, social or governance performance of Diversified or its operations, as determined by the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent and Majority Lenders, each acting reasonably.

“SOFR” means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the Term SOFR Administrator.

“SOFR Administrator’s Website” means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, currently at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

“SOFR Borrowing” means a Term SOFR Borrowing and/or a Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing, as the context may require.

“SOFR Business Day” means any day except for (a) a Saturday, (b) a Sunday or (c) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities.

“SOFR Determination Day” has the assigned to such term in the definition of “Daily Simple SOFR”.

“SOFR Index Adjustment” means for any calculation with respect to a Daily Simple SOFR Loan or a Term SOFR Loan, a percentage per annum as set forth below for the applicable Type of such Loan and (if applicable) Interest Period therefor:

Daily Simple SOFR Loans	0.10%
Term SOFR Interest Period	<u>Percentage</u>
One month	0.10%
Three months	0.15%
Six months	0.25%

“SOFR Loan” means each Loan bearing interest at a rate based upon (a) Adjusted Term SOFR (other than pursuant to clause (c) of the definition of “Alternate Base Rate”) or (b) Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR.

“SOFR Rate Day” has the meaning assigned to such term the definition of “Daily Simple SOFR”.

“Solvency Certificate” means a solvency certificate signed by a Financial Officer in substantially the form of Exhibit E hereto.

“Specified Change of Control” means a “Change of Control” (or any other defined term having a similar purpose or meaning) as defined in any Permitted Unsecured Debt.

“Specified Indebtedness” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.04(b).

“Specified NGLs” means, for any period, the Proved volume of natural gas liquids forecasted to be produced in such period under the Parent’s Reserve Report which are purchased by Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC pursuant to that certain Base Contract for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and Special Provisions dated October 11, 2019 (including the Transaction Confirmation referenced therein) between Diversified Production LLC, as seller, and Diversified Energy Marketing LLC, as buyer.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a “Subsidiary” or to “Subsidiaries” in this Agreement shall refer to a direct or indirect Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

“Supported OFC” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 12.20.

“Sustainability Assurance Provider” means ISOS Group or any other independent third party engaged by Diversified or any of its Subsidiaries who in the ordinary course of business evaluates metrics such as the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets and provides limited assurances with respect thereto; provided that such replacement Sustainability Assurance Provider shall be reasonably acceptable to the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent.

“Sustainability Certificate” means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit J executed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower and attaching (a) a true and correct copy of the Sustainability Report (unless such Sustainability Report is publicly available on the Internet) for the most recently ended Fiscal Year and setting forth the Sustainability Rate Adjustment for the period covered thereby and computations in reasonable detail in respect thereof, (b) a review report of the Sustainability Assurance Provider confirming (i) that the Sustainability Assurance Provider is not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such computations in order for them to be presented in all material respects in conformity with the applicable reporting criteria, including any occurrence set forth in Section 2.13(g) that may have impacted any of the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets and (ii) the calculation of the Sustainability Rate Adjustment.

“Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13(d).

“Sustainability Linked Performance Targets” means the GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Targets, the Plugged Wells Performances Targets and the TRIR Performance Targets.

“Sustainability Pricing Adjustment Date” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.13(a).

“Sustainability Rate Adjustment” means, with respect to any Sustainability Certificate for any Fiscal Year, an amount (whether positive, negative or zero), expressed in basis points, equal to the sum of (a) the GHG Emissions Intensity Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount, plus (b) the Plugged Wells Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount plus (c) the TRIR Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount, in each case for such Fiscal Year; provided that no Sustainability Rate Adjustment shall apply at any time an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

“Sustainability Report” means the annual non-financial disclosure report prepared by Diversified in accordance with the GRI Standard for Sustainability Reporting or other internationally recognized sustainability reporting standard reasonably acceptable to the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent which includes disclosure of the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets, publicly reported by Diversified and published on an Internet or intranet website.

“Swap Adjustment” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.17(a)(i).

“Swap Agreement” means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or derivative transaction or option or similar agreement (including collar transactions), whether exchange traded, “over-the-counter” or otherwise, involving, or settled by reference to, one or more rates, currencies, commodities, equity or debt instruments or securities, or economic, financial or pricing indices or measures of economic, financial or pricing risk or value or any similar transaction or any combination of these transactions; provided that no phantom stock or similar plan providing for payments only on account of services provided by current or former directors, officers, employees or consultants of any Group Member shall be a Swap Agreement.

“Swap Obligation” means, with respect to any person, any obligation to pay or perform under any Swap Agreement.

“Swap Percentage” has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 9.17(a)(ii)(B).

“Swap Termination Value” means, in respect of any one or more Swap Agreements, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Agreements, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Agreements have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s) and any unpaid amounts and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Agreements, as determined by the counterparties to such Swap Agreements.

“Swing Line Commitment” means, at any time, forty million dollars (\$40,000,000). The Swing Line Commitment is part of and not in addition to the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts.

“Swing Line Exposure” means, at any time, the aggregate principal amount of all Swing Line Loans outstanding at such time. The Swing Line Exposure of any Lender at any time shall be the sum of (a) its Applicable Percentage of the total Swing Line Exposure at such time, other than with respect to any Swing Line Loans made by such Lender in its capacity as a Swing Line Lender, and (b) the aggregate principal amount of all Swing Line Loans made by such Lender as a Swing Line Lender outstanding at such time (less the amount of participations funded by the other Lenders in such Swing Line Loans).

“Swing Line Lender” means KeyBank National Association in its capacity as a lender of Swing Line Loans hereunder.

“Swing Line Loan” means a Loan made pursuant to Section 2.11.

“Syndication Agent” means the Syndication Agent identified on the cover page of this Agreement.

“Taxes” means any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Termination Date” means the earlier of the Maturity Date and the date of termination of the Commitments in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

“Term SOFR” means for any calculation with respect to a Term SOFR Loan, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for a tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period on the day (such day, the “Lookback Day”) that is two SOFR Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period (and rounded in accordance with the Administrative Agent’s customary practice), as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. on any Lookback Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding SOFR Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding SOFR Business Day is not more than three SOFR Business Days prior to such Lookback Day, and for any calculation with respect to a ABR Loan, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for a tenor of one month on the day that is two SOFR Business Days prior to the date the Alternate Base Rate is determined, subject to the proviso provided above.

“Term SOFR Administrator” means CME (or a successor administrator of the Term SOFR Reference Rate, as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion).

“Term SOFR Borrowing” means a Borrowing comprised of Term SOFR Loans.

“Term SOFR Loan” means each Loan bearing interest at a rate based upon Adjusted Term SOFR (other than pursuant to clause (c) of the definition of Alternate Base Rate).

“Term SOFR Reference Rate” means the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR.

“Test Period” shall mean, for any determination under this Agreement, the four consecutive Fiscal Quarters of the Borrower then last ended and for which financial statements have been delivered (or are required to be delivered) to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Sections 8.01(a) or (b).

“Total Assets” means, as of any date of determination with respect to any Person, the amount that would, in accordance with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption “total assets” (or any like caption) on a balance sheet of such Person at such date.

“Total Net Debt” means, at any time, (a) all Indebtedness of the Borrower and the Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis described in clauses (a), (c), (d), (j) and (l) of the definition of Indebtedness, excluding the undrawn portion and/or contingent obligations arising under, or in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees and surety or other bonds and similar instruments; provided that net Swap Obligations to the extent such obligations are due and payable and not paid on such date shall constitute Total Net Debt minus (b) the aggregate amount (not to exceed \$30,000,000 at any time) of unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents on the balance sheet of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of such date.

“Transactions” means, with respect to (a) the Borrower, the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of this Agreement, each other Loan Document to which it is a party, the borrowing of Loans, the use of the proceeds thereof and the issuance of Letters of Credit hereunder, the Borrower’s grant of the security interests and provision of collateral under the Security Instruments and Borrower’s grant of Liens on Mortgaged Properties (if applicable) and other Properties pursuant to the Security Instruments, (b) each Loan Party, the execution, delivery and performance by such Loan Party of each Loan Document to which it is a party, the guaranteeing of the Secured Obligations and the other obligations under the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement by such Loan Party and (c) each Loan Party, such Loan Party’s grant of the security interests and provision of collateral under the Security Instruments, and the grant of Liens by such Loan Party on Mortgaged Properties (if applicable) and other Properties pursuant to the Security Instruments.

“Transferee” means any Assignee or Participant.

“TRIR” means in any Fiscal Year, the arithmetic average of the 2 Fiscal Years preceding and current period total recordable injury rate computed as the Total Number of Recordable Cases (as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration) times 200,000 and then divided by total hours worked by all employees during the Fiscal Year covered and which is verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.

“TRIR Applicable Rate Adjustment Amount” means, [\*\*\*].

“TRIR Performance Targets” means the targets set forth on Appendix C to achieve a reduction in work-related injuries.

“TRIR Reported Amount” means, with respect to any Fiscal Year, Diversified’s reported TRIR reports for such Fiscal Year as verified by the Sustainability Assurance Provider on a limited assurance basis.



“Type” means any type of Loan determined with respect to the interest option applicable thereto, which in each case shall be an ABR Loan, a Daily Simple SOFR Loan or a Term SOFR Loan.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of New York or of any other state the laws of which are required to be applied in connection with the perfection of security interests in any Mortgaged Property.

“UK Financial Institution” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“UK Resolution Authority” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“Unrestricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary of the Borrower which the Borrower has designated in writing to the Administrative Agent to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 8.18 and satisfies the requirements to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary as set forth in Section 8.18.

“Unwind” means, with respect to any Swap Agreement, the early termination, unwind, cancellation or other Disposition of any such Swap Agreement. “Unwound” shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing.

“U.S. Person” means a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning assigned such term in Section 5.03(g)(ii)(B)(3).

“Write-Down and Conversion Powers” means, with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

Section 1.03 Types of Loans and Borrowings. For purposes of this Agreement, Loans and Borrowings, respectively, may be classified and referred to by Type (e.g., a “Daily Simple SOFR Loan” or a “Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing”).

Section 1.04 Terms Generally; Rules of Construction. The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”. The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”. Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth in the Loan Documents), (b) any reference herein to any law shall be construed as referring to such law as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, (c) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns (subject to the restrictions contained in the Loan Documents), (d) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder”, and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (e) with respect to the determination of any time period, the word “from” means “from and including” and the word “to” and the word “through” means “to and including” and (f) any reference herein to Articles, Sections, Annexes, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Annexes, Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement. The use of the phrase “subject to” as used in connection with Excepted Liens or otherwise and the permitted existence of any Excepted Liens or any other Liens shall not be interpreted to expressly or impliedly subordinate any Liens granted in favor of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties as there is no intention to subordinate the Liens granted in favor of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties. No provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be interpreted or construed against any Person solely because such Person or its legal representative drafted such provision.

Section 1.05 Accounting Terms and Determinations; GAAP. Unless otherwise specified herein, all accounting terms used herein shall be interpreted, all determinations with respect to accounting matters hereunder shall be made, and all financial statements and certificates and reports as to financial matters required to be furnished to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder shall be prepared, in accordance with GAAP, applied on a basis consistent with the financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 7.04(a), except for Accounting Changes (as defined below) with which the Borrower’s independent certified public accountants concur and which are disclosed to the Administrative Agent on the next date on which financial statements are required to be delivered to the Lenders pursuant to Section 8.01(a); provided that, unless the Borrower and the Majority Lenders shall otherwise agree in writing, no such change shall modify or affect the manner in which compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 9.01 is computed such that all such computations shall be conducted utilizing financial information presented consistently with prior periods; and provided, further, for purposes of such covenant compliance by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, operating and capital leases shall be treated in a manner consistent with their treatment under GAAP as in effect prior to the issuance by the Financial Accounting Standards Board on February 25, 2016 of Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02. In the event that any “Accounting Change” shall occur and such change results in a change in the method of calculation of financial covenants, standards or terms in this Agreement, then the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree to enter into negotiations in order to amend such provisions of this Agreement so as to reflect equitably such Accounting Changes with the desired result that the criteria for evaluating the Borrower’s financial condition shall be the same after such Accounting Changes as if such Accounting Changes had not been made. Until such time as such an amendment shall have been executed and delivered by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Majority Lenders, all financial covenants, standards and terms in this Agreement shall continue to be calculated or construed as if such Accounting Changes had not occurred. “Accounting Changes” refers to changes in accounting principles required by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or, if applicable, the SEC.

Section 1.06 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

Section 1.07 Timing of Payment or Performance. When the payment of any obligation or the performance of any covenant, duty or obligation is stated to be due or performance required on a day which is not a Business Day, the date of such payment (other than as described in the definition of Interest Period) or performance shall extend to the immediately succeeding Business Day.

Section 1.08 Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

Section 1.09 Rates. The interest rate on Loans denominated in Dollars may be determined by reference to a benchmark rate that is, or may in the future become, the subject of regulatory reform or cessation. The Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to (a) the continuation of, administration of, submission of, calculation of or any other matter related to the Alternate Base Rate, Daily Simple SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR, or any component definition thereof or rates referred to in the definition thereof, or any alternative, successor or replacement rate thereto (including any Benchmark Replacement), including whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, or have the same volume or liquidity as, the Alternate Base Rate, Daily Simple SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR or any other Benchmark prior to its discontinuance or unavailability, or (b) the effect, implementation or composition of any Conforming Changes. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of the Alternate Base Rate, Daily Simple SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR, any alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) or any relevant adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to the Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain the Alternate Base Rate, Daily Simple SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR or any other Benchmark, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service. The Administrative Agent will, in keeping with industry practice, continue using its current rounding practices in connection with the Alternate Base Rate, Daily Simple SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR. In connection with the use or administration of Daily Simple SOFR and Term SOFR, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in connection with the use or administration of Daily Simple SOFR and Term SOFR.

**ARTICLE II**  
**THE CREDITS**

Section 2.01 Commitments.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender agrees to make Loans to the Borrower from time to time on any Business Day during the Availability Period in an aggregate principal amount that will not result in (i) such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure exceeding such Lender's Commitment or (ii) the total Revolving Credit Exposures exceeding the total Commitments. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, repay and reborrow the Loans.

(b) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, each Lender that was an Existing Lender holding "Loans" (under and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement, such loans, the "Existing Loans") immediately prior to the Closing Date, severally agrees, on the terms and conditions of this Agreement, to continue, assign, and/or reallocate a portion of its Existing Loans to other Lenders hereunder and/or accept the reallocation from other Existing Lenders a portion of such other Existing Lenders' Existing Loans, in each case such that, after giving effect to all such continuations, assignments, and reallocations, a portion of the Existing Loans held by each Lender shall be in an amount equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate Commitments as of the Closing Date, and such portion of Existing Loans so continued, assigned, and reallocated by the Lenders under this Section 2.01(b) shall automatically be deemed to constitute Loans under this Agreement for all purposes.

Section 2.02 Loans and Borrowings.

(a) Borrowings; Several Obligations. Each Loan shall be made as part of a Borrowing consisting of Loans made by the Lenders ratably in accordance with their respective Commitments. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan required to be made by it shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligations hereunder; provided that the Commitments are several and no Lender shall be responsible for any other Lender's failure to make Loans as required.

(b) Types of Loans. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, each Borrowing shall be comprised entirely of ABR Loans or SOFR Loans as the Borrower may request in accordance herewith. Each Lender at its option may make any SOFR Loan by causing any domestic or foreign branch or Affiliate of such Lender to make such Loan and any exercise of such option shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay such Loan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(c) Minimum Amounts; Limitation on Number of Borrowings. At the commencement of each Interest Period for any Term SOFR Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$500,000. At the time that each ABR Borrowing or Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing is made, such Borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$500,000; provided that an ABR Borrowing may be in an aggregate amount that is equal to the entire unused balance of the total Commitments or that is required to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as contemplated by Section 2.09(e). Each Swing Line Loan shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$500,000 and not less than \$500,000. More than one Borrowing may be incurred by the Borrower on any day; provided, however, that (i) if there are two or more Borrowings on a single day by the Borrower that consist of Term SOFR Loans, each such Borrowing shall have a different initial Interest Period, and (ii) at no time shall there be more than five (5) Borrowings of Term SOFR Loans outstanding hereunder. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Borrower shall not be entitled to request, or to elect to convert or continue, any Borrowing if the Interest Period requested with respect thereto would end after the Maturity Date.

(d) Notes. If a Lender shall make a written request to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower to have its Loans evidenced by a Note, then, for each such Lender, the Borrower shall execute and deliver a single Note of the Borrower dated, in the case of (i) any Lender party hereto as of the date of this Agreement, as of the Closing Date or (ii) any Lender that becomes a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption, as of the effective date of the Assignment and Assumption, payable to such Lender (and, for avoidance of doubt, its registered assigns) in a principal amount equal to its Maximum Credit Amount as in effect on such date, and otherwise duly completed. Upon request from a Lender, in the event that any such Lender's Maximum Credit Amount increases or decreases for any reason (whether pursuant to Section 2.06, Section 12.04(b) or otherwise), the Borrower shall deliver or cause to be delivered on the effective date of such increase or decrease, a new Note payable to such Lender (and, for avoidance of doubt, its registered assigns) in a principal amount equal to its Maximum Credit Amount after giving effect to such increase or decrease, and otherwise duly completed. The date, amount, Type, interest rate and, if applicable, Interest Period of each Loan made by each Lender, and all payments made on account of the principal thereof, may be recorded by such Lender on its books for its Note, and, prior to any transfer, may be recorded by such Lender on a schedule attached to such Note or any continuation thereof or on any separate record maintained by such Lender; provided that the failure to make any such notation or to attach a schedule shall not affect any Lender's or the Borrower's rights or obligations in respect of such Loans or affect the validity of such transfer by any Lender of its Note.

Section 2.03 Requests for Borrowings. To request a Borrowing, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such request by telephone (a) in the case of a Term SOFR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m. three (3) Business Days before the date of the proposed Borrowing or (b) in the case of an ABR Borrowing or Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing, on the date of the proposed Borrowing; provided that no such notice shall be required for any deemed request of an ABR Borrowing to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.09(e). Each such telephonic Borrowing Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or electronic communication to the Administrative Agent of a written Borrowing Request in substantially the form of Exhibit B and signed by the Borrower (or other communication in writing acceptable to the Administrative Agent). Each such telephonic and written Borrowing Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

- (i) the aggregate amount of the requested Borrowing;
- (ii) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day;
- (iii) whether such Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing, a Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing or a Term SOFR Borrowing;
- (iv) in the case of a Term SOFR Borrowing, the initial Interest Period to be applicable thereto, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period"; and
- (v) the location and number of the Borrower's account to which funds are to be disbursed, which shall comply with the requirements of Section 2.05.

Without in any way limiting the obligation of the Borrower to confirm in writing any telephonic notice permitted to be given hereunder, the Administrative Agent may act prior to receipt of written confirmation without liability upon the basis of such telephonic notice believed by the Administrative Agent in good faith to be from an Authorized Officer of the Borrower entitled to give telephonic notices under this Agreement on behalf of the Borrower. In each such case, the Administrative Agent's record of the terms of such telephonic notice shall be conclusive absent manifest error. If no election as to the Type of Borrowing is specified, then the requested Borrowing shall be a Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing. If no election is specified as to whether a SOFR Borrowing is to be a Term SOFR Loan or Daily Simple SOFR Loan, then the requested Borrowing shall be a Daily Simple SOFR Loan. If no Interest Period is specified with respect to any requested Term SOFR Loan, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. Promptly following receipt of a Borrowing Request in accordance with this Section 2.03, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of the amount of such Lender's Loan to be made as part of the requested Borrowing.

Each Borrowing Request shall constitute a representation that the amount of the requested Borrowing shall not cause the total Revolving Credit Exposures to exceed the total Commitments (i.e., the lesser of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts and the then effective Borrowing Base) on the date of such Borrowing.

Section 2.04 Interest Elections.

(a) Conversion and Continuance. Each Borrowing initially shall be of the Type specified in the applicable Borrowing Request unless otherwise precluded by the terms hereof and, if a Term SOFR Borrowing, shall have an initial Interest Period as specified in such Borrowing Request. Thereafter, the Borrower may elect to convert such Borrowing to a different Type or to continue such Borrowing and, in the case of a Term SOFR Borrowing, may elect Interest Periods therefor, all as provided in this Section 2.04. The Borrower may elect different options with respect to different portions of the affected Borrowing, in which case each such portion shall be allocated ratably among the Lenders holding the Loans comprising such Borrowing, and the Loans comprising each such portion shall be considered a separate Borrowing. This Section 2.04 shall not apply to Swing Line Loans which may not be converted or continued.

(b) Interest Election Requests. To make an election pursuant to this Section 2.04, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of such election by telephone by the time that a Borrowing Request would be required under Section 2.03 if the Borrower were requesting a Borrowing of the Type resulting from such election to be made on the effective date of such election. Each such telephonic Interest Election Request shall be irrevocable and shall be confirmed promptly by hand delivery or electronic communication to the Administrative Agent of a written Interest Election Request signed by the Borrower.

(c) Information in Interest Election Requests. Each telephonic and written Interest Election Request shall specify the following information in compliance with Section 2.02:

(i) the Borrowing to which such Interest Election Request applies and, if different options are being elected with respect to different portions thereof, the portions thereof to be allocated to each resulting Borrowing (in which case the information to be specified pursuant to Section 2.04(c)(iii) and Section 2.04(c)(iv) shall be specified for each resulting Borrowing);

(ii) the effective date of the election made pursuant to such Interest Election Request, which shall be a Business Day;

(iii) whether the resulting Borrowing is to be an ABR Borrowing, a Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing or a Term SOFR Borrowing; and

(iv) if the resulting Borrowing is a Term SOFR Borrowing, the Interest Period to be applicable thereto after giving effect to such election, which shall be a period contemplated by the definition of the term "Interest Period".

If any such Interest Election Request requests a Term SOFR Borrowing but does not specify an Interest Period, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration.

(d) Notice to Lenders by the Administrative Agent. Promptly following receipt of an Interest Election Request, the Administrative Agent shall advise each Lender of the details thereof and of such Lender's portion of each resulting Borrowing.

(e) Effect of Failure to Deliver Timely Interest Election Request and Events of Default and Borrowing Base Deficiencies on Interest Election. If the Borrower fails to deliver a timely Interest Election Request with respect to a Term SOFR Borrowing prior to the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto, then, unless such Borrowing is repaid as provided herein, at the end of such Interest Period such Borrowing shall be converted to a Term SOFR Borrowing with a one month Interest Period. Notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof, if (i) a Borrowing Base Deficiency has occurred and is continuing, no outstanding Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a Term SOFR Borrowing with an Interest Period longer than one month (and any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Borrowing to, or continuation of any Borrowing as, a Term SOFR Borrowing shall be deemed to request an Interest Period of one month) and (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no outstanding Borrowing may be converted to or continued as a Term SOFR Borrowing (and any Interest Election Request that requests the conversion of any Borrowing to, or continuation of any Borrowing as, a Term SOFR Borrowing shall be ineffective) and, unless repaid, each Term SOFR Borrowing shall be converted to an ABR Borrowing at the end of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

Section 2.05 Funding of Borrowings.

(a) Funding by Lenders. Each Lender shall make each Loan to be made by it hereunder on the proposed date thereof by wire transfer of immediately available funds by 12:00 noon to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders; provided that Swing Line Loans shall be made as provided in Section 2.11. The Administrative Agent will make such Loans available to the Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to an account of the Borrower maintained with the Administrative Agent and designated by the Borrower in the applicable Borrowing Request; provided that ABR Loans made to finance the reimbursement of an LC Disbursement as provided in Section 2.09(e) shall be remitted by the Administrative Agent to the applicable Issuing Bank. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for its Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for its Loan in any particular place or manner.

(b) Presumption of Funding by the Lenders. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to 10:00 a.m. on the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.05(a) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to ABR Loans. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent, then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing.



Section 2.06 Termination and Reduction of Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts.

(a) Scheduled Termination of Commitments. Unless previously terminated, the Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date. If at any time the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts are terminated or reduced to zero, then the Commitments shall terminate on the effective date of such termination or reduction.

(b) Optional Termination and Reduction of Aggregate Credit Amounts.

(i) The Borrower may at any time terminate, or from time to time reduce, the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts; provided that (A) each reduction of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts shall be in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$1,000,000 and not less than \$5,000,000 and (B) the Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts if, after giving effect to any concurrent prepayment of the Loans in accordance with Section 3.04(b), the total Revolving Credit Exposures would exceed the total Commitments.

(ii) The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of any election to terminate or reduce the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts under Section 2.06(b)(i) at least three (3) Business Days prior to the effective date of such termination or reduction (or such shorter time as the Administrative Agent may agree) in writing, specifying such election and the effective date thereof. Promptly following receipt of any notice, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each notice delivered by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.06(b)(i) shall be irrevocable; provided that a notice of termination of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts delivered by the Borrower may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit or debt facilities or the consummation of a Material Acquisition or Material Disposition or an issuance of Equity Interests, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. Any termination or reduction of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts shall be permanent and may not be reinstated. Each reduction of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts shall be made ratably among the Lenders in accordance with each Lender's Applicable Percentage.

Section 2.07 Borrowing Base.

(a) Borrowing Base. For the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the next Redetermination Date, the Borrowing Base shall be \$300,000,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrowing Base may be subject to further adjustments from time to time pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions.

(b) Scheduled and Interim Redeterminations. The Borrowing Base shall be redetermined semi-annually in accordance with this Section 2.07 (each such redetermination, a "Scheduled Redetermination"), and, subject to Section 2.07(d), such redetermined Borrowing Base shall become effective and applicable to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank(s) and the Lenders on May 1st and November 1st of each year (or as soon as possible thereafter as contemplated by Section 2.07(d)(i)) commencing November 1, 2022. The (i) Borrower may, by notifying the Administrative Agent thereof, (A) one time between each Scheduled Redetermination, or (B) upon the acquisition or disposition of Oil and Gas Properties that have a Fair Market Value (in the instance of an acquisition) or a Borrowing Base value (in the instance of a divestiture) equal to or greater than 5% of the then effective Borrowing Base, elect to cause the Borrowing Base to be redetermined in accordance with this Section 2.07 and (ii) Administrative Agent, at the direction of the Required Lenders shall, by notifying the Borrower thereof, one-time between each Scheduled Redetermination elect to cause the Borrowing Base to be redetermined (each such redetermination, an "Interim Redetermination") in accordance with this Section 2.07.

(c) Scheduled and Interim Redetermination Procedure.

(i) Each Scheduled Redetermination and each Interim Redetermination shall be effectuated as follows: upon receipt by the Administrative Agent of (A) the Reserve Report for such redetermination and the related Reserve Report Certificate (unless waived by the Administrative Agent in the case of an Interim Redetermination) and (B) such other reports, data and supplemental information, including the information provided pursuant to Section 8.11(c), as may, from time to time, be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or a Lender (the Reserve Report, such Reserve Report Certificate and such other reports, data and supplemental information being the "Engineering Reports"), the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion shall evaluate the information contained in the Engineering Reports and shall propose a new Borrowing Base (the "Proposed Borrowing Base") in good faith based upon such information and such other information (including the status of title information with respect to the Oil and Gas Properties as described in the Engineering Reports and the existence of any other Indebtedness) as the Administrative Agent deems appropriate in its sole discretion and consistent with its oil and gas lending criteria as it exists at the particular time. In no event shall the Proposed Borrowing Base exceed the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts.

(ii) The Administrative Agent shall thereafter notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Proposed Borrowing Base (the "Proposed Borrowing Base Notice");

(A) in the case of a Scheduled Redetermination (1) if the Administrative Agent shall have received the Engineering Reports required to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 8.11(a) and Section 8.11(c) in a timely and complete manner, then before or on March 15th or September 15th, as the case may be, of such year following the date of delivery or (2) if the Administrative Agent shall not have received the Engineering Reports required to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 8.11(a) and Section 8.11(c) in a timely and complete manner, then promptly after the Administrative Agent has received complete Engineering Reports from the Borrower and has had a reasonable opportunity to determine the Proposed Borrowing Base in accordance with Section 2.07(c)(1); and

(B) in the case of an Interim Redetermination, promptly, and in any event, in the case of a Borrower requested Interim Redetermination within fifteen (15) days after the Administrative Agent has received the required Engineering Reports (or such later date to which the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree).

(iii) Subject to Section 2.10(b) and Section 12.02(b)(ii) with respect to any Defaulting Lender, any Proposed Borrowing Base that would (A) increase the Borrowing Base then in effect must be approved by all Lenders as provided in this Section 2.07(c)(iii) and (B) decrease or maintain the Borrowing Base then in effect must be approved by the Required Lenders as provided in this Section 2.07(c)(iii). Upon receipt of the Proposed Borrowing Base Notice, each Lender shall have fifteen (15) days (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may permit) to agree with the Proposed Borrowing Base or disagree with the Proposed Borrowing Base by proposing an alternate Borrowing Base. If, at the end of such 15-day period (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may permit), all of the Lenders, in the case of a Proposed Borrowing Base that would increase the Borrowing Base then in effect, or the Required Lenders, in the case of a Proposed Borrowing Base that would decrease or maintain the Borrowing Base then in effect, have approved, as aforesaid, then the Proposed Borrowing Base shall become the new Borrowing Base, effective on the date specified in Section 2.07(d). If, however, at the end of such 15-day period (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may permit), all of the Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable, have not approved the Proposed Borrowing Base, as aforesaid, then the Administrative Agent shall poll the Lenders to ascertain the highest Borrowing Base then acceptable to a number of Lenders sufficient to constitute the Required Lenders and, so long as such amount does not increase the Borrowing Base then in effect, such amount shall become the new Borrowing Base, effective on the date specified in Section 2.07(d) (provided that, if the Administrative Agent shall have polled the Lenders and ascertained that the highest Borrowing Base then acceptable to all of the Lenders increases the Borrowing Base then in effect, such amount shall become the new Borrowing Base, effective on the date specified in Section 2.07(d)).

(d) Effectiveness of a Redetermined Borrowing Base. After a redetermined Borrowing Base is approved by all of the Lenders or the Required Lenders (subject to Section 2.10(b) and Section 12.02(b)(ii) with respect to any Defaulting Lender), as applicable, pursuant to Section 2.07(c)(iii), the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the amount of the redetermined Borrowing Base (such notice, the “New Borrowing Base Notice”) and such amount shall become the new Borrowing Base effective and applicable to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank(s) and the Lenders:

(i) in the case of a Scheduled Redetermination, (A) if the Administrative Agent shall have received the Engineering Reports required to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 8.11(a) and Section 8.11(c) in a timely and complete manner, then on May 1st or November 1st of each year, as applicable, following such notice or as soon as possible thereafter, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 2.07(c)(iii), or (B) if the Administrative Agent shall not have received the Engineering Reports required to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 8.11(a) and Section 8.11(c) in a timely and complete manner, then on the Business Day next succeeding delivery of such New Borrowing Base Notice; and

(ii) in the case of an Interim Redetermination, on the Business Day next succeeding delivery of such New Borrowing Base Notice.

Such amount shall then become the Borrowing Base until the next Scheduled Redetermination Date, the next Interim Redetermination Date or the next adjustment to the Borrowing Base pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions, whichever occurs first. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Scheduled Redetermination or Interim Redetermination shall become effective until the New Borrowing Base Notice related thereto is received by the Borrower.

Section 2.08 Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions.

(a) Reduction of Borrowing Base Upon Asset Dispositions and Termination of Swap Positions. If the Borrower or one of the other Group Members Disposes of Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves (but excluding (1) any Disposition to a Loan Party or from a non-Loan Party to a non-Loan Party or (2) any Dispositions in connection with an ABS Transaction, in each case, subject to prior written notice) or any Equity Interests in any Person owning Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves (but excluding (1) any Disposition to a Loan Party or from a non-Loan Party to a non-Loan Party or (2) any Dispositions in connection with an ABS Transaction, in each case, subject to prior written notice), or Unwinds Swap Agreements and (i) the Borrowing Base Value attributable to such Disposed of Oil and Gas Property (or the Oil and Gas Properties owned by any Group Member whose Equity Interests were sold) plus (ii) the Borrowing Base Value attributable to such Unwound Swap Agreements, since the later of (x) the last Redetermination Date and (y) the last adjustment of the Borrowing Base pursuant to this Section 2.08(a), is in excess of five percent (5%) of the Borrowing Base as then in effect (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent), individually or in the aggregate, then the Borrowing Base will be automatically reduced by an amount equal to the Borrowing Base Value attributable to such Oil and Gas Properties (or such Oil and Gas Properties owned by any Group Member whose Equity Interests were sold) or such Unwound Swap Agreement in the current Borrowing Base; provided that the Administrative Agent shall promptly inform the Borrower of the amount of the adjusted Borrowing Base. For the purposes of this Section 2.08(a), a Disposition of Oil and Gas Properties shall be deemed to include the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary owning Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and the Disposition of Oil and Gas Properties, or Equity Interests in any Person owning Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves, to an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

(b) Reduction of Borrowing Base Related to Title. Pursuant to Section 8.12(c), if the Administrative Agent or Required Lenders have adjusted the Borrowing Base, so that, after giving effect to such reduction, the Borrower will satisfy the requirements of Section 8.12(c), the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower in writing and, upon receipt of such notice, the new Borrowing Base will simultaneously become effective.

(c) Reduction of Borrowing Base Upon Incurrence of Permitted Unsecured Debt. Upon the issuance or incurrence of any Permitted Unsecured Debt or Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount in excess of the Refinanced Indebtedness, the Borrowing Base then in effect shall be automatically reduced by an amount equal to the product of 0.25 multiplied by the stated principal amount of such Permitted Unsecured Debt or, with respect to such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, the extent the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness exceeds the Refinanced Indebtedness, as applicable, without regard to any original issue discount, and the Borrowing Base as so reduced shall become the new Borrowing Base on the Business Day of such issuance or incurrence.

(d) Reduction of Borrowing Base in Connection with an ABS Transaction. Upon the closing of an ABS Transaction, the Borrowing Base will be automatically reduced by an amount equal to the Borrowing Base Value attributable to the Borrowing Base Properties (or such Borrowing Base Properties owned by any Group Member whose Equity Interests were sold) transferred in connection with such ABS Transaction in the current Borrowing Base.

Section 2.09 Letters of Credit.

(a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may request the issuance of dollar denominated Letters of Credit for its own account or for the account of any other Loan Party, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank, at any time and from time to time during the period from the Closing Date until the day which is five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date; provided that, in addition to the conditions set forth in Section 6.02, the Borrower may not request the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of Letters of Credit hereunder if (i) the LC Exposure would exceed the LC Commitment or (ii) the total Revolving Credit Exposures would exceed the aggregate Commitments of the Lenders (i.e., the lesser of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts and the then effective Borrowing Base) (collectively, the "LC Availability Requirements"). In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any Letter of Credit Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the Existing Letters of Credit shall be deemed to have been issued hereunder as "Letters of Credit".

(b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Renewal, Extension; Certain Conditions. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment, renewal or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrower shall hand deliver or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the applicable Issuing Bank to the Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent (not less than three (3) Business Days in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension) a notice:

- (i) requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended, renewed or extended;
- (ii) specifying the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (which shall be a Business Day);
- (iii) specifying the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with Section 2.09(c));
- (iv) specifying the amount of such Letter of Credit;
- (v) specifying the Permitted L/C Party for whom such Letter of Credit is to be issued; and
- (vi) specifying the name and address of the beneficiary thereof and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, renew or extend such Letter of Credit.

Each notice shall constitute a representation that, after giving effect to the requested issuance, amendment, renewal or extension, as applicable, the LC Availability Requirements will be satisfied on the date of such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension.

If requested by the applicable Issuing Bank, the Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application on the Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit.

(c) Expiration Date. Each Letter of Credit shall expire (or be subject to termination by notice from the Issuing Bank to the beneficiary thereof) at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of (A) the date that is one year after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any renewal or extension of a Letter of Credit, one year after such renewal or extension), and (B) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Maturity Date.

(d) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof) and without any further action on the part of the applicable Issuing Bank or the Lenders, such Issuing Bank hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from such Issuing Bank, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of such Issuing Bank, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each LC Disbursement made by such Issuing Bank and not reimbursed by the Borrower on the date due as provided in Section 2.09(e), or of any reimbursement payment required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this Section 2.09(d) in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default, the existence of a Borrowing Base Deficiency or reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever.

(e) Reimbursement. If an Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, the Borrower shall reimburse such LC Disbursement by paying to the Administrative Agent an amount equal to such LC Disbursement not later than 12:00 noon on the date that such LC Disbursement is made, if the Borrower shall have received notice of such LC Disbursement prior to 10:00 a.m. on such date, or, if such notice has not been received by the Borrower prior to such time on such date, then not later than 12:00 noon on the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is not received prior to such time on the day of receipt; provided that, unless the Borrower has notified the relevant Issuing Bank and Administrative Agent that it will, and does, reimburse such LC Disbursement by the required date and time, the Borrower shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to Borrowing set forth in Section 6.02, be deemed to have requested, and the Borrower does hereby request under such circumstances, that such payment be financed with an ABR Borrowing in an equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting ABR Borrowing. If the Borrower fails to make such payment in respect of any LC Disbursement when due, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable LC Disbursement, the payment then due from the Borrower in respect thereof and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. Promptly following receipt of such notice, each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent its Applicable Percentage of the payment then due from the Borrower, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.05 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.05 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the applicable Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by the Administrative Agent of any payment from the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.09(e), the Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the applicable Issuing Bank or, to the extent that Lenders have made payments pursuant to this Section 2.09(e) to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank, then to such Lenders and the Issuing Bank as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this Section 2.09(e) to reimburse the Issuing Bank for any LC Disbursement (other than the funding of ABR Loans as contemplated above) shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such LC Disbursement.

(f) Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligation to reimburse LC Disbursements as provided in Section 2.09(e) shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Letter of Credit, any Letter of Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any term or provision therein, (ii) any draft or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, (iii) payment by the Issuing Bank under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit or any Letter of Credit Agreement, or (iv) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section 2.09(f), constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrower's obligations hereunder. Neither the Administrative Agent, the Lenders nor the Issuing Bank, nor any of their Related Parties shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuing Bank; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the Issuing Bank from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by the Issuing Bank's failure to exercise due care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Issuing Bank (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), the Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have exercised all requisite care in each such determination. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented which appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, the Issuing Bank may, in its sole discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

(g) Disbursement Procedures. An Issuing Bank shall, promptly following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit. An Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower by telephone (confirmed by electronic communication) of such demand for payment and whether the Issuing Bank has made or will make an LC Disbursement thereunder; provided that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank and the Lenders with respect to any such LC Disbursement.

(h) Interim Interest. If an Issuing Bank shall make any LC Disbursement, then, until the Borrower shall have reimbursed such Issuing Bank for such LC Disbursement (either with its own funds or a Borrowing under Section 2.09(e)), the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such LC Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that the Borrower reimburses such LC Disbursement, at the rate *per annum* then applicable to ABR Loans. Interest accrued pursuant to this Section 2.09(h) shall be for the account of such Issuing Bank, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to Section 2.09(e) to reimburse such Issuing Bank shall be for the account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.

(i) Replacement of the Issuing Bank. An Issuing Bank may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the replaced Issuing Bank and the successor Issuing Bank. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of the Issuing Bank. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 3.05(b). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor Issuing Bank shall have all the rights and obligations of the replaced Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term "Issuing Bank" shall also be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Issuing Bank, or to such successor and all previous Issuing Banks, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an Issuing Bank hereunder, the replaced Issuing Bank shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an Issuing Bank under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit. Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Issuing Bank, any Issuing Bank may resign as an Issuing Bank at any time upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the Lenders, in which case, such Issuing Bank shall be replaced in accordance with this Section 2.09(i) above.



(j) Cash Collateralization. If (i) any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing and the Borrower receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Majority Lenders demanding the deposit of Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.09(j), (ii) the LC Exposure exceeds the LC Commitment at any time as a result of a reduction in the Borrowing Base, (iii) the Borrower is required to pay to the Administrative Agent the excess attributable to an LC Exposure in connection with any prepayment pursuant to Section 3.04(c) or (iv) the Borrower is required to Cash Collateralize a Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to Section 2.10, then the Borrower shall deposit, in an account with the Administrative Agent, in the name of the Administrative Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders, an amount in cash equal to 103% of (A) in the case of an Event of Default, the LC Exposure (net of any Cash Collateral already held at the applicable time by the Administrative Agent with respect to such LC Exposure) and (B) in the case of the LC Exposure exceeding the LC Commitment, the amount of such excess, and (C) in the case of a payment required by Section 3.04(c), the amount of such excess as provided in Section 3.04(c), as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; provided that the obligation to deposit such Cash Collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to the Borrower or any other Group Member described in Section 10.01(h) or Section 10.01(i). The Borrower hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Issuing Bank(s) and the Lenders, an exclusive first priority and continuing perfected security interest in and Lien on such account and all cash, checks, drafts, certificates and instruments, if any, from time to time deposited or held in such account, all deposits or wire transfers made thereto, any and all investments purchased with funds deposited in such account, all interest, dividends, cash, instruments, financial assets and other Property from time to time received, receivable or otherwise payable in respect of, or in exchange for, any or all of the foregoing, and all proceeds, products, accessions, rents, profits, income and benefits therefrom, and any substitutions and replacements therefor. The Borrower's obligation to deposit amounts pursuant to this Section 2.09(j) shall be absolute and unconditional, without regard to whether any beneficiary of any such Letter of Credit has attempted to draw down all or a portion of such amount under the terms of a Letter of Credit, and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, shall not be subject to any defense or be affected by a right of set-off, counterclaim or recoupment which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may now or hereafter have against any such beneficiary, the Issuing Bank(s), the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or any other Person for any reason whatsoever. Such deposit shall be held as collateral securing the payment and performance of the Borrower's and the Guarantor's obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of the Administrative Agent and at the Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank(s) for LC Disbursements for which it has not been reimbursed and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrower for the LC Exposure at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, be applied to satisfy other obligations of the Borrower and the Guarantors under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents. If the Borrower is required to provide an amount of Cash Collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, and the Borrower is not otherwise required to pay to the Administrative Agent the excess attributable to an LC Exposure in connection with any prepayment pursuant to Section 3.04(c), then such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to the Borrower within three (3) Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived.

(k) Letters of Credit Issued for Permitted L/C Parties. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder is in support of any obligations of, is for the account of, or the applicant therefor is, a Permitted L/C Party other than the Borrower, the Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank hereunder for any and all drawings under such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account, or upon the application, of Permitted L/C Parties other than the Borrower inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Permitted L/C Parties.

Section 2.10 Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then the following provisions shall apply for so long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender:

(a) Commitment Fees. Commitment fees shall cease to accrue on the unfunded portion of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 3.05(a).

(b) Waivers and Amendments. The Maximum Credit Amount and the principal amount of the Loans and participation interests in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans of the Defaulting Lenders (if any) shall not be included in determining whether the Majority Lenders or Required Lenders, as applicable, have taken or may take any action hereunder (including any consent to any amendment, waiver or other modification pursuant to Section 12.02); provided that, without prejudice to the terms of Section 12.02, this clause (b) shall not apply to the vote of a Defaulting Lender in the case of an amendment, waiver or other modification requiring the consent of such Lender or each Lender adversely affected thereby.

(c) if any Swing Line Exposure or LC Exposure exists at the time such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:

(i) all or any part of the Swing Line Exposure and LC Exposure of such Defaulting Lender (other than the portion of such Swing Line Exposure referred to in clause (b) of the definition of such term) shall be reallocated among the non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentage but only to the extent the sum of all non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposure plus such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure does not exceed the total of all non-Defaulting Lenders' Commitments;

(ii) if the reallocation described in clause (i) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall within one Business Day following notice by the Administrative Agent (A) first prepay such Swing Line Exposure and (B) second Cash Collateralize for the benefit of the Issuing Bank only the Borrower's obligations corresponding to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (i) above) in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.09(j) for so long as such LC Exposure is outstanding;

(iii) if the Borrower Cash Collateralizes any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure pursuant to clause (ii) above, the Borrower shall not be required to pay any fees to such Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 3.05(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure during the period such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is Cash Collateralized;

(iv) if the LC Exposure of the non-Defaulting Lenders is reallocated pursuant to clause (i) above, then the fees payable to the Lenders pursuant to Section 3.05(a) and Section 3.05(b) shall be adjusted in accordance with such non-Defaulting Lenders' Applicable Percentage; and

(v) if all or any portion of such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure is neither reallocated nor Cash Collateralized pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Issuing Bank or any other Lender hereunder, all fees payable under Section 3.05(b) with respect to such Defaulting Lender's LC Exposure shall be payable to the Issuing Bank until and to the extent that such LC Exposure is reallocated and/or Cash Collateralized.

(d) So long as such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swing Line Lender shall not be required to fund any Swing Line Loans and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit, unless it is satisfied that the related exposure and the Defaulting Lender's then outstanding LC Exposure will be 100% covered by the Commitments of the non-Defaulting Lenders and/or Cash Collateral will be provided by the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.10(c), and participating interests in any newly made Swing Line Loans and any newly issued, extended, renewed or increased Letter of Credit shall be allocated among non-Defaulting Lenders in a manner consistent with Section 2.10(c)(i) (and such Defaulting Lender shall not participate therein).

(e) New Swing Line Loans and Letters of Credit. If (i) a Bankruptcy Event or a Bail-In Action with respect to a Lender Parent of any Lender shall occur following the date hereof and for so long as such event shall continue or (ii) the Swing Line Lender or any Issuing Bank has a good faith belief that any Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other agreements in which such Lender commits to extend credit, the Swing Line Lender shall not be required to fund any Swing Line Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit, unless the Swing Line Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, shall have entered into arrangements with the Borrower or such Lender, satisfactory to the Swing Line Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, to defease any risk to it in respect of such Lender hereunder.

(f) Defaulting Lender Cure. In the event that the Administrative Agent, the Borrower, the Swing Line Lender and the Issuing Bank each agrees that a Defaulting Lender has adequately remedied all matters that caused such Lender to be a Defaulting Lender, then the Swing Line Exposure and LC Exposure of the Lenders shall be readjusted to reflect the inclusion of such Lender's Commitment and on such date such Lender shall purchase at par such of the Loans of the other Lenders as the Administrative Agent shall determine may be necessary in order for such Lender to hold such Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.

Section 2.11 Swing Line Loans.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, from time to time during the Availability Period, the Swing Line Lender agrees to make Swing Line Loans to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding that will not result in (i) the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Swing Line Loans exceeding the Swing Line Commitment or (ii) the sum of the Revolving Credit Exposures exceeding the total Commitments; provided that a Swing Line Lender shall not be required to make a Swing Line Loan to refinance an outstanding Swing Line Loan. Within the foregoing limits and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Borrower may borrow, prepay and reborrow Swing Line Loans.

(b) To request a Swing Line Loan, the Borrower shall submit a written notice to the Administrative Agent by telecopy or electronic mail not later than 11:00 a.m., on the day of a proposed Swing Line Loan. Each such notice shall be in a form approved by the Administrative Agent, shall be irrevocable and shall specify (i) the requested date (which shall be a Business Day) and (ii) amount of the requested Swing Line Loan. The Administrative Agent will promptly advise the Swing Line Lender of any such notice received from the Borrower. The Swing Line Lender shall make the requested Swing Line Loan available to the Borrower by means of a credit to an account of the Borrower with the Administrative Agent designated for such purpose by 3:00 p.m., on the requested date of such Swing Line Loan.

(c) The Swing Line Lender may by written notice given to the Administrative Agent require the Lenders to acquire participations in all or a portion of its Swing Line Loans outstanding. Such notice shall specify the aggregate amount of Swing Line Loans in which Lenders will participate. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Administrative Agent will give notice thereof to each Lender, specifying in such notice such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swing Line Loans. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees, promptly upon receipt of such notice from the Administrative Agent (and in any event, if such notice is received by 12:00 noon on a Business Day no later than 5:00 p.m. on such Business Day and if received after 12:00 noon on a Business Day shall mean no later than 10:00 a.m. on the immediately succeeding Business Day), to pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of such Swing Line Lenders, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Swing Line Loans. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Swing Line Loans pursuant to this Section 2.11(c) is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments, and that each such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each Lender shall comply with its obligation under this Section 2.11(c) by wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the same manner as provided in Section 2.05 with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.05 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the Swing Line Lender the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower of any participations in any Swing Line Loan acquired pursuant to this Section 2.11(c), and thereafter payments in respect of such Swing Line Loan shall be made to the Administrative Agent and not to the Swing Line Lender. Any amounts received by the Swing Line Lender from the Borrower (or other party on behalf of the Borrower) in respect of a Swing Line Loan after receipt by the Swing Line Lender of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted to the Administrative Agent; any such amounts received by the Administrative Agent shall be promptly remitted by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this Section 2.11(c) and to the Swing Line Lenders, as its interests may appear; provided that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to the Swing Line Lender or to the Administrative Agent, as applicable, if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Swing Line Loan pursuant to this Section 2.11(c) shall not relieve the Borrower of any default in the payment thereof.

(d) The Swing Line Lender may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender and the successor Swing Line Lender. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of the Swing Line Lender. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid interest accrued for the account of the replaced Swing Line Lender pursuant to Section 3.02(d). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor Swing Line Lender shall have all the rights and obligations of the replaced Swing Line Lender under this Agreement with respect to Swing Line Loans made thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term "Swing Line Lender" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous Swing Line Lender. After the replacement of the Swing Line Lender hereunder, the replaced Swing Line Lender shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of a Swing Line Lender under this Agreement with respect to Swing Line Loans made by it prior to its replacement, but shall not be required to make additional Swing Line Loans.

(e) Subject to the appointment and acceptance of a successor Swing Line Lender, the Swing Line Lender may resign as a Swing Line Lender at any time upon thirty days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower and the Lenders, in which case, the Swing Line Lender shall be replaced in accordance with Section 2.11(d) above.

Section 2.12 Loans and Borrowings Under Existing Credit Agreement. On the Closing Date: (a) the Existing Borrower irrevocably assigns, transfers and conveys all of its rights, duties, liabilities and obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Existing Loan Documents to which it is a party to the Borrower and the Borrower hereby irrevocably accepts such assignment from the Existing Borrower. As of the Closing Date, the Borrower (i) agrees to be bound by all of the terms, conditions, and provisions of, (ii) assumes all of the rights, duties, liabilities and obligations of the Existing Borrower under, and (iii) promises to keep and perform all covenants, terms, provisions and agreements of the Existing Borrower under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Existing Loan Documents, in each case as amended and restated (and to the extent not superseded) in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby;

(b) it is the intention of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and such parties hereby agree, from and after the Closing Date, this Agreement supersedes and replaces the Existing Credit Agreement in its entirety, and that (i) such amendment and restatement shall operate to renew, amend, and modify the rights and obligations of the parties under the Existing Credit Agreement as provided herein, but shall not act as a novation thereof, and (ii) the "Liens" (as defined in the Existing Loan Documents) securing the "Secured Obligations" (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) and the rights, duties, liabilities, and obligations of each Loan Party under the Existing Loan Documents to which it is a party shall not be extinguished but shall be carried forward and shall secure such obligations as renewed, amended, restated, and modified hereby unless such liens and security interests have otherwise been terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.21 hereof. The parties hereto each hereby consent to the amendments to, and amendment and restatement of, the Existing Credit Agreement in the form of this Agreement;

(c) the Existing Credit Agreement was amended and restated in its entirety in the form of this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that (i) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, whether executed and delivered in connection herewith or otherwise, do not constitute a novation, payment or reborrowing, or termination of the "Secured Obligations" (as such term is defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) and (ii) such "Secured Obligations" are in all respects continuing (as amended and restated hereby) as part of the Secured Obligations under this Agreement with only the terms thereof being modified as provided herein. Each reference to the "Credit Agreement" in any Existing Loan Document shall be deemed to be a reference to this Agreement as amended in the form hereof;

(d) each "ABR Loan", "Daily Simple SOFR Loan", or "Term SOFR Loan" outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement (as such terms are defined therein) shall be deemed to be continued as an ABR Loan, Daily Simple SOFR Loan or Term SOFR Loan, as applicable, under this Agreement and not as a novation;

(e) any letters of credit outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement shall be deemed issued under this Agreement; and

(f) the Existing Credit Agreement and the commitments thereunder shall be superseded by this Agreement.

It is the intent of the parties hereto that this Agreement not constitute a novation of the obligations and liabilities existing under the Existing Credit Agreement or evidence repayment of any such obligations and liabilities and that this Agreement amend and restate in its entirety the Existing Credit Agreement and re-evidence the obligations of the Existing Borrower outstanding thereunder as obligations of the Borrower hereunder. Except as otherwise provided in Section 12.21 and to the extent not amended and restated as of the Closing Date, the Existing Loan Documents executed in connection with the Existing Credit Agreement and in effect prior to the Closing Date shall continue in full force and effect, are hereby ratified, reaffirmed and confirmed in all respects, and shall, for the avoidance of doubt, constitute “Loan Documents” under this Agreement. The terms of the Loan Documents that correspond to the Existing Loan Documents that have been amended and restated as of the Closing Date shall govern for any period occurring on or after the Closing Date, and the terms of such Existing Loan Documents prior to their amendment and restatement shall govern for any period beginning before the Closing Date and ending on the day immediately preceding the Closing Date. In furtherance of the foregoing, (i) each reference in any Loan Document to the “Credit Agreement”, any other Loan Document that is being amended and restated as of the Closing Date, “thereunder”, “thereof” or words of like import, is hereby amended, mutatis mutandis, as applicable in the context, to be a reference to, and shall thereafter mean, this Agreement or such other amended and restated Loan Document, as applicable in the context (as each may be amended, modified or supplemented and in effect from time to time) and (ii) the definition of any term defined in any Loan Document by reference to the terms defined in the “Credit Agreement” or any other Loan Document that is being amended and restated as of the Closing Date is hereby amended to be defined by reference to the defined term in this Agreement or such other amended and restated Loan Document, as applicable (as each may be amended, modified or supplemented and in effect from time to time).

Section 2.13 Sustainability Adjustments.

(a) Following the date on which the Borrower provides a Sustainability Certificate in respect of the most recently ended Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points otherwise then applicable in accordance with the pricing grid set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin in Section 1.1 each shall be increased or decreased (or neither increased nor decreased), as applicable, pursuant to the Sustainability Rate Adjustment as set forth in such Sustainability Certificate. For purposes of the foregoing, (A) the Sustainability Rate Adjustment shall be determined as of the fifth (5th) Business Day following receipt by the Administrative Agent of a Sustainability Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 8.01(u) based upon the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets set forth in such Sustainability Certificate and the calculations of the Applicable Margin for SOFR Rate Loans in basis points and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points, as applicable, therein (such day, the “Sustainability Pricing Adjustment Date”) and (B) each change in the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points resulting from a Sustainability Certificate shall be effective during the period commencing on and including the applicable Sustainability Pricing Adjustment Date and ending on the date immediately preceding the next such Sustainability Pricing Adjustment Date (or, in the case of non-delivery of a Sustainability Certificate, the last day such Sustainability Certificate could have been delivered pursuant to the terms of Section 8.01(u)).

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, only one Sustainability Certificate may be delivered in respect of any Fiscal Year. It is further understood and agreed that the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points will never be reduced or increased by more than 5 basis points, during any Fiscal Year. For the avoidance of doubt, any adjustment to the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points by reason of meeting one or several Sustainability Linked Performance Targets in any year shall not be cumulative year-over-year. Each applicable adjustment shall only apply until the date on which the next adjustment is due to take place.

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(d) If (i)(A) the Borrower or the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent becomes aware of any material inaccuracy in the Sustainability Rate Adjustment or the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets as reported in a Sustainability Certificate (any such material inaccuracy, a “Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy”) and, in the case of the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent, such Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent delivers, not later than ten (10) Business Days after obtaining knowledge thereof, a written notice to the Administrative Agent describing such Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy in reasonable detail (which description shall be shared with each Lender and the Borrower), or (B) the Borrower and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent agree that there was a Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy at the time of delivery of a Sustainability Certificate, (ii) a proper calculation of the Sustainability Rate Adjustment or the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets would have resulted in an increase in the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and/or the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points for any period, the Borrower shall be obligated to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Lenders or the applicable Issuing Banks, as the case may be, promptly on demand by the Administrative Agent, but in any event within ten (10) Business Days after the Borrower has received written notice of, or has agreed in writing that there was, a Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy, an amount equal to the excess of (1) the amount of interest that should have been paid for such period over (2) the amount of interest actually paid for such period and (iii) a proper calculation of the Sustainability Rate Adjustment or the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets would have resulted in a decrease in the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans in basis points and/or the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans in basis points for any period, the Borrower shall receive a credit against subsequent interest payable in an amount equal to the excess of (1) the amount of interest actually paid for such period over (2) the amount of interest that should have been paid for such period.

(e) Notwithstanding anything set out in this Agreement to the contrary, none of: (i) the failure of the Borrower to publish or deliver a Sustainability Report or to deliver a Sustainability Certificate, respectively, or any Sustainability Certificate Inaccuracy in any of the foregoing, or (ii) the failure of the Borrower to meet or satisfy any Sustainability Linked Performance Target set out in the “Sustainability Rate Adjustment” definition, shall be, or deemed to be, a Default or an Event of Default.

(f) Each party hereto hereby agrees that the Administrative Agent, the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent and the Co-Sustainability Structuring Agent shall not have any responsibility for (or liability in respect of) reviewing, auditing or otherwise evaluating any calculation by the Borrower of any Sustainability Rate Adjustment (or any of the data or computations that are part of or related to any such calculation) set forth in any Sustainability Certificate (and the Administrative Agent may rely conclusively on any such certificate, without further inquiry).

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if (i) a Significant Sustainability Event, a restatement of Scope 1 Emissions and Scope 2 Emissions factors, or any other extraordinary event beyond the Borrower’s control occurs (each, a “Triggering Event”) then (A) the Borrower or Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent shall provide prompt written notice to the other party and (B) the Borrower and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent (acting on a Majority Lenders consent) will update the applicable Sustainability Linked Performance Targets no later than 1 year following the occurrence of any such Triggering Event. If the Borrower and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent are unable to agree on the updated Sustainability Linked Performance Targets, the Applicable Margin shall apply without any increase or decrease due to the Sustainability Rate Adjustment for the impacted Sustainability Linked Performance Targets or (ii) a Material Transaction occurs and the GHG Emissions Intensity of the Borrower in connection with such Material Transaction would reasonably be expected to increase or decrease by 5% or more at the consummation of such Material Transaction then (A) the Borrower or Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent shall provide prompt written notice to the other party, (B) the Borrower may elect to exclude the impact of such Material Transaction on the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets for a period not exceeding 1 year, and (C) the Borrower and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent (acting on a Majority Lenders consent) will update the applicable Sustainability Linked Performance Targets no later than 1 year following the occurrence of any such Material Transaction. If the Borrower and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent (acting on the request of the Majority Lenders) are unable to agree on the updated Sustainability Linked Performance Targets, the Applicable Margin shall apply without any increase or decrease due to the Sustainability Rate Adjustment for the impacted Sustainability Linked Performance Targets.



**ARTICLE III**  
**PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; PREPAYMENTS; FEES**

Section 3.01 Repayment of Loans. The Borrower hereby unconditionally promises to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of (a) each Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Loan on the Termination Date and (b) the Swing Line Lender the then unpaid principal amount of each Swing Line Loan on the earliest of (i) five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date, (ii) the Termination Date and (iii) the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after such Swing Line Loan is made; provided that on each date that a Borrowing is made, the Borrower shall repay all Swing Line Loans then outstanding and the proceeds of any such Borrowing shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to repay any Swing Line Loans outstanding.

Section 3.02 Interest.

(a) ABR Loans. The Loans comprising each ABR Borrowing shall bear interest at the Alternate Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin, but in no event to exceed the Highest Lawful Rate.

(b) Daily Simple SOFR Loans. The Loans comprising each Daily Simple SOFR Borrowing shall bear interest at Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR plus the Applicable Margin in effect from time to time, but in no event to exceed the Highest Lawful Rate.

(c) Term SOFR Loans. The Loans comprising each Term SOFR Borrowing shall bear interest at Adjusted Term SOFR plus the Applicable Margin in effect from time to time, but in no event to exceed the Highest Lawful Rate.

(d) Swing Line Loans. The Swing Line Loans shall bear interest at the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR Rate plus the Applicable Margin in effect from time to time, but in no event to exceed the Highest Lawful Rate.

(e) Post-Default Rate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any principal of or interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable by the Borrower or any Guarantor hereunder or under any other Loan Document is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, upon acceleration or otherwise, such overdue amount shall bear interest, after as well as before judgment, at a rate per annum equal to two percent (2%) plus the rate applicable to ABR Loans as provided in Section 3.02(a), but in no event to exceed the Highest Lawful Rate.

(f) Interest Payment Dates. Accrued interest on each Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for such Loan and on the Termination Date; provided that (i) interest accrued pursuant to Section 3.02(e) shall be payable on demand, (ii) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Loan (other than an optional prepayment of an ABR Loan or Daily Simple SOFR Loan prior to the Termination Date), accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (iii) in the event of any conversion of any Term SOFR Loan prior to the end of the current Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion.

(g) Interest Rate Computations. All computations of interest on SOFR Loans shall be made on the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days. All computations of interest on ABR Loans shall be made on the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable.

(h) Information as to Interest Rates. The Administrative Agent, upon determining the interest rate for any Borrowing, shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders thereof. Any changes in the Applicable Margin shall be determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the provisions set forth in the definition of "Applicable Margin" and the Administrative Agent will promptly provide notice of such determinations to the Borrower and the Lenders. Any such determination by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error.

Section 3.03 Inability to Determine Rates.

(a) Temporary Inability to Determine Rates. If (i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Adjusted Term SOFR cannot be determined pursuant to the definitions thereof or (ii) the Majority Lenders determine that for any reason in connection with any request for a SOFR Loan or a conversion thereto or a continuation thereof that Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Adjusted Term SOFR for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed SOFR Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Loan, and the Majority Lenders have provided notice of such determination to the Administrative Agent, in each case of (i) and (ii), on or prior to the first day of any Interest Period, the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and each Lender. Upon notice thereof by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, (A) any obligation of the Lenders to make or continue the applicable SOFR Loans or to convert ABR Loans to SOFR Loans shall be suspended (to the extent of the affected Interest Periods) until the Administrative Agent revokes such notice and (B) if such determination affects the calculation of the Alternate Base Rate, the Administrative Agent shall during the period of such suspension compute the Alternate Base Rate without reference to clause (c) of the definition of "Alternate Base Rate" until the Administrative Agent revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, (1) the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of any applicable SOFR Loans (to the extent of the affected SOFR Loans or affected Interest Periods) or, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to ABR Loans in the amount specified therein and (2) any outstanding affected SOFR Loans will be deemed to have been converted into ABR Loans at the end of the applicable Interest Period. Upon any such conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 5.02. If the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that "Adjusted Term SOFR" cannot be determined pursuant to the definition thereof on any given day, the interest rate on ABR Loans shall be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to clause (c) of the definition of "Alternate Base Rate" until the Administrative Agent revokes such determination.

(b) Permanent Inability to Determine Rate; Benchmark Replacement.

(i) Benchmark Replacement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement to replace the then-current Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement. Any such amendment with respect to a Benchmark Transition Event will become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Administrative Agent has posted such proposed amendment to all Lenders and the Borrower so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such amendment from Lenders comprising the Majority Lenders. No replacement of the then-current Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement pursuant to this Section 3.03(b)(i) will occur prior to the applicable Benchmark Transition Start Date. Unless and until a Benchmark Replacement is effective in accordance with this Section 3.03(b)(i), all Loans shall be converted into ABR Loans in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.03(a) above.

(ii) Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes. In connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(iii) Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement and the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes. The Administrative Agent will notify the Borrower and the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or Lenders pursuant to this Section 3.03(b), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party hereto, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 3.03(b).

(iv) Unavailability of Tenor of Benchmark. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if any then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Reference Rate) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the administrator of such Benchmark or the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is not or will not be representative or in compliance with or aligned with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Principles for Financial Benchmarks, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” (or any similar or analogous definition) for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable, non-representative, non-compliant or non-aligned tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (i) above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is not or will not be representative or in compliance with or aligned with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Principles for Financial Benchmarks for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of “Interest Period” (or any similar or analogous definition) for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(v) Benchmark Unavailability Period. Upon the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower may revoke any request for the applicable SOFR Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of SOFR Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a Borrowing of or conversion to ABR Loans. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of Alternate Base Rate based upon Adjusted Term SOFR (or then-current Benchmark) will not be used in any determination of Alternate Base Rate.

Section 3.04 Prepayments.

(a) Optional Prepayments. The Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay, without premium or penalty (except with respect to any amounts due under Section 5.02), any Borrowing in whole or in part, subject to prior notice in accordance with Section 3.04(b).

(b) Notice and Terms of Optional Prepayment. The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent (and in the case of a Swing Line Loan, the Swing Line Lender) by telephone (confirmed by electronic communication) of any prepayment hereunder (i) in the case of prepayment of a SOFR Borrowing, not later than 12:00 noon three (3) Business Days before the date of prepayment, (ii) in the case of prepayment of an ABR Borrowing, not later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of prepayment or (iii) in the case of prepayment of a Swing Line Loan, not later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of prepayment (or, in each case, such shorter time as the Administrative Agent may agree). Each such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the prepayment date and the principal amount of each Borrowing or portion thereof to be prepaid; provided that, if a notice of prepayment is given in connection with a conditional notice of termination of the Commitments as contemplated by Section 2.06(b), then such notice of prepayment may be revoked if such notice of termination is revoked in accordance with Section 2.06(b). Promptly following receipt of any such notice relating to a Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall advise the Lenders of the contents thereof. Each partial prepayment of any Borrowing shall be in an amount that would be permitted in the case of an advance of a Borrowing of the same Type as provided in Section 2.02. Each prepayment of a Borrowing shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowing. Prepayments shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 3.02 and any amounts due under Section 5.02.

(c) Mandatory Prepayments.

(i) Upon Optional Termination and Reduction. If, after giving effect to any termination or reduction of the Aggregate Maximum Credit Amounts pursuant to Section 2.06(b), there is a Borrowing Base Deficiency, then the Borrower shall (A) prepay the Borrowings on the date of such termination or reduction in an aggregate principal amount equal to such Borrowing Base Deficiency, and (B) if any Borrowing Base Deficiency remains after prepaying all of the Borrowings as a result of any LC Exposure, pay to the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders an amount equal to such remaining Borrowing Base Deficiency to be held as Cash Collateral as provided in Section 2.09(j).

(ii) Upon Redeterminations and Title Related Borrowing Base Adjustment. If there is a Borrowing Base Deficiency as a result of (A) any redetermination of the Borrowing Base in accordance with Section 2.07 or (B) a Borrowing Base adjustment pursuant to Section 2.08(b), then upon such Redetermination Date or the occurrence of such Borrowing Base adjustment (such date, the "Deficiency Date"), the Borrower shall, within five (5) Business Days of the Deficiency Date, inform the Administrative Agent that it intends to do one or more of the following:

(A) within thirty (30) days of the Deficiency Date (1) prepay the Borrowings in an aggregate principal amount equal to such Borrowing Base Deficiency and (2) if any Borrowing Base Deficiency remains after prepaying all of the Borrowings as a result of any LC Exposure, Cash Collateralize as provided in Section 2.09(j);

(B) commencing on the 30th day after the Deficiency Date and continuing on the same day of each month for the next five months thereafter (or if any such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day), prepay the Borrowings in an amount equal to one-sixth (1/6th) of such Borrowing Base Deficiency so that the Borrowing Base Deficiency is reduced to zero within 180 days of the Deficiency Date;

(C) within thirty (30) days of the Deficiency Date, submit and pledge as Mortgaged Property additional Oil and Gas Properties not evaluated in the most recently delivered Reserve Report or other collateral reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent owned by the Borrower or any of the other Loan Parties for consideration in connection with the determination of the Borrowing Base which the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders deem satisfactory, in their sole discretion, to eliminate such Borrowing Base Deficiency; or

(D) eliminate such Borrowing Base Deficiency by any combination of prepayment and additional security as provided in the foregoing clauses (A), (B) and (C).

provided that, notwithstanding the options set forth above, in all cases, the Borrowing Base Deficiency must be eliminated on or prior to the Termination Date. If, because of LC Exposure, a Borrowing Base Deficiency remains after prepaying all of the Loans, the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize Letters of Credit in an amount equal to such remaining Borrowing Base Deficiency as provided in Section 2.09(j); provided further, if the Borrower fails to inform the Administrative Agent that it intends to do one of the foregoing within such 5 Business Day period, the Borrower shall be deemed to have elected option (B) above.

(iii) Upon Certain Adjustments. If (A) there is a Borrowing Base Deficiency, as a result of Borrowing Base adjustment pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions (other than Section 2.08(b) and (d)), then upon the receipt of proceeds as a result of the occurrence of such Borrowing Base adjustment, the Borrower shall (I) prepay the Borrowings in an aggregate principal amount equal to such Borrowing Base Deficiency and (II) if any Borrowing Base Deficiency remains after prepaying all of the Borrowings as a result of an LC Exposure, pay to the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders an amount equal to such remaining Borrowing Base Deficiency to be held as Cash Collateral as provided in Section 2.09(j) or (B) there is an ABS Transaction, the Borrower shall prepay the Borrowings (if any) on the date such ABS Transaction closes in an amount equal to 100% of the Net Proceeds of the financing for the securitization of the Oil and Gas Properties the subject of such securitization and if any such Net Proceeds remain after prepayment of the Borrowings, the Borrower shall retain such Net Proceeds.

(iv) During an Event of Default. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, upon any (A) Disposition of Property, (B) Unwind of any Swap Agreement or (C) incurrence or issuance of Indebtedness, an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Proceeds received therefrom shall be applied to repay the Secured Obligations in accordance with the priority set forth in Section 10.02(d).

(v) Excess Cash. If the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries have any Excess Cash at the end of any Fiscal Quarter of the Borrower, then no later than three (3) Business Days after the Borrower delivers the financial statements for such Fiscal Quarter pursuant to Sections 8.01(a) or (b) (provided that if the Borrower fails to deliver such financials when due it shall make such payment as if it had delivered the financials on such date) the Borrower shall (A) prepay the Borrowings in an aggregate principal amount equal to such Excess Cash and (B) if at such time a Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency exists and is continuing and any Excess Cash remains after prepaying all of the Borrowings as a result of an LC Exposure, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders an amount of such remaining Excess Cash necessary to Cash Collateralize such LC Exposure as provided in Section 2.09(j).

(vi) Application of Prepayments to Types of Borrowings. Each prepayment of Borrowings pursuant to this Section 3.04(c) shall be applied, first, ratably to any ABR Borrowings then outstanding, second ratably to any Daily Simple SOFR Borrowings then outstanding, and, third, ratably to any Term SOFR Borrowings then outstanding, and if more than one Term SOFR Borrowing is then outstanding, to each such Term SOFR Borrowing in order of priority beginning with the Term SOFR Borrowing with the least number of days remaining in the Interest Period applicable thereto and ending with the Term SOFR Borrowing with the most number of days remaining in the Interest Period applicable thereto.

(vii) Interest to be Paid with Prepayments. Each prepayment of Borrowings pursuant to this Section 3.04(c) shall be applied ratably to the Loans included in the prepaid Borrowings. Prepayments pursuant to this Section 3.04(c) shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the extent required by Section 3.02.

(d) No Premium or Penalty. Prepayments permitted or required under this Section 3.04 shall be without premium or penalty, except as required under Section 5.02.

#### Section 3.05 Fees.

(a) Commitment Fees. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a commitment fee, which shall accrue at the applicable Commitment Fee Rate on the average daily amount of the unused amount of the Commitment of such Lender (determined taking into account both Loans and LC Exposure) during the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Termination Date. Accrued commitment fees shall be payable in arrears on the last Business Day of March, June, September and December of each year and on the Termination Date, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date hereof. All commitment fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, unless such computation would exceed the Highest Lawful Rate, in which case interest shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year) (or in such other manner as the Administrative Agent shall provide so that such computation shall not exceed the Highest Lawful Rate), and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(b) Letter of Credit Fees. The Borrower agrees to pay (i) to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender a participation fee with respect to its participations in Letters of Credit, which shall accrue at the same Applicable Margin used to determine the interest rate applicable to Term SOFR Loans on the average daily amount of such Lender's LC Exposure (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the later of the date on which such Lender's Commitment terminates and the date on which such Lender ceases to have any LC Exposure, (ii) to each applicable Issuing Bank a fronting fee, which shall accrue at the rate equal to the greater of (A) \$750 and (B) 0.125% *per annum* (or such other rate as may be agreed to with such Issuing Bank) on the average daily amount of the LC Exposure attributable to such Issuing Bank (excluding any portion thereof attributable to unreimbursed LC Disbursements) during the period from and including the date of this Agreement to but excluding the later of the date of termination of the Commitments and the date on which there ceases to be any LC Exposure; provided that in no event shall such fee be less than \$750.00 during any quarter unless no LC Exposure existed at any time during such quarter and (iii) to each Issuing Bank, for its own account, its standard fees with respect to the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or processing of drawings thereunder. Participation fees and fronting fees accrued through and including the last Business Day of March, June, September and December of each year shall be payable on the third Business Day following such last Business Day, commencing on the first such date to occur after the date of this Agreement; provided that all such fees shall be payable on the Termination Date and any such fees accruing after the Termination Date shall be payable on demand. Any other fees payable to any Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section 3.05(b) shall be payable within 10 Business Days after demand. All participation fees and fronting fees shall be computed on the basis of a year of 360 days, unless such computation would exceed the Highest Lawful Rate, in which case interest shall be computed on the basis of a year of 365 days (or 366 days in a leap year), and shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day).

(c) Agent Fees. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, the Co-Sustainability Structuring Agent and the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent, for their own respective accounts, fees payable in the amounts and at the times separately agreed upon in writing between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the Co-Sustainability Structuring Agent or the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent, as applicable.

**ARTICLE IV  
PAYMENTS; PRO RATA TREATMENT; SHARING OF SET-OFFS**

Section 4.01 Payments Generally; Pro Rata Treatment; Sharing of Set-offs.

(a) Payments by the Borrower. The Borrower shall make each payment required to be made by it hereunder (whether of principal, interest, fees or reimbursement of LC Disbursements, or of amounts payable under Section 5.01, Section 5.02, Section 5.03 or otherwise) prior to 12:00 noon on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without defense, deduction, recoupment, set-off or counterclaim. Fees, once paid, shall be fully earned and shall not be refundable under any circumstances, absent manifest error. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent at its offices specified in Section 12.01, except payments to be made directly to the applicable Issuing Bank or the Swing Line Lender as expressly provided herein and except that payments pursuant to Section 5.01, Section 5.02, Section 5.03 and Section 12.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments received by it for the account of any other Person to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment hereunder shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension. All payments hereunder shall be made in dollars.

(b) Application of Insufficient Payments. If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, unreimbursed LC Disbursements, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) first, towards payment of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) second, towards payment of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and unreimbursed LC Disbursements then due to such parties.



(c) Sharing of Payments by Lenders. If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of set-off or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements or Swing Line Loans resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a greater proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swing Line Loans and accrued interest thereon than the proportion received by any other Lender, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swing Line Loans of other Lenders to the extent necessary so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swing Line Loans; provided that (i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest, and (ii) the provisions of this Section 4.01(c) shall not be construed to apply to any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or participations in LC Disbursements and Swing Line Loans to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section 4.01(c) shall apply). The Borrower consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrower rights of set-off and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrower in the amount of such participation.

Section 4.02 Presumption of Payment by the Borrower. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the applicable Issuing Bank that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the applicable Issuing Bank, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

Section 4.03 Certain Deductions by the Administrative Agent. If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to Section 2.05(a), Section 2.09(d), Section 2.09(e) or Section 4.02 then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

Section 4.04 Disposition of Proceeds. The Security Instruments comprised of deeds of trust and mortgages contain an assignment by the Borrower and/or the Guarantors to and in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties of all of the Borrower's or each Guarantor's interest in and to production and all proceeds attributable thereto which may be produced from or allocated to the Mortgaged Property. The Security Instruments further provide in general for the application of such proceeds to the satisfaction of the Secured Obligations and other obligations described therein and secured thereby. Notwithstanding the assignment contained in such Security Instruments, until the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default, (a) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders agree that they will neither notify the purchaser or purchasers of such production nor take any other action to cause such proceeds to be remitted to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, but the Lenders will instead permit such proceeds to be paid to the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries and (b) the Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to take such actions as may be necessary to cause such proceeds to be paid to the Borrower and/or such Restricted Subsidiaries.

**ARTICLE V  
INCREASED COSTS; ILLEGALITY AND TAXES**

Section 5.01 Increased Costs, Illegality, etc.

(a) In the event that (x) in the case of Section 5.01(a)(i) below, the Administrative Agent or (y) in the case of Sections 5.01(a)(ii) and (iii) below, any Lender or Issuing Bank shall have determined on a reasonable basis (which determination shall, absent manifest error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto):

(i) on any date for determining the interest rate applicable to any SOFR Loan for any Interest Period that, by reason of any changes arising after the Closing Date, adequate and fair means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable interest rate on the basis provided for in this Agreement for such SOFR Loan; or

(ii) at any time, that such Lender or Issuing Bank shall incur increased costs or reductions in the amounts received or receivable by it hereunder in an amount that such Lender or Issuing Bank deems material with respect to any SOFR Loans (other than any increased cost or reduction in the amount received or receivable resulting from the imposition of or a change in the rate of any (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) because of (1) any Change in Law since the Closing Date (including, but not limited to, a change in requirements for any reserve, special deposit, liquidity or similar requirements (including any compulsory loan requirement, insurance charge or other assessment) against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by, any Lender or Issuing Bank) or (2) other circumstances adversely affecting the availability of Term SOFR; or

(iii) at any time, that the making or continuance of any SOFR Loan has become unlawful by compliance by such Lender in good faith with any Change in Law since the Closing Date, or would conflict with any thereof not having the force of law but with which such Lender customarily complies, or has become impracticable as a result of a contingency occurring after the Closing Date that materially adversely affects the availability of SOFR;

then, and in each such event, such Lender or Issuing Bank (or the Administrative Agent in the case of Section 5.01(a)(i) above) shall (1) on or promptly following such date or time and (2) within 10 Business Days of the date on which such event no longer exists give notice (by telephone confirmed in writing) to the Borrower and to the Administrative Agent of such determination (which notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly transmit to each of the other Lenders or Issuing Banks). Thereafter (x) in the case of Section 5.01(a)(i) above, the affected Type of SOFR Loans shall no longer be available until such time as the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders or Issuing Banks that the circumstances giving rise to such notice by the Administrative Agent no longer exist, and any Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Continuation or Conversion given by the Borrower with respect to such Type of SOFR Loans that have not yet been incurred, Converted or Continued shall be deemed rescinded by the Borrower or, in the case of a Notice of Borrowing, shall, at the option of the Borrower, be deemed converted into a Notice of Borrowing for ABR Loans to be made on the date of Borrowing contained in such Notice of Borrowing, (y) in the case of Section 5.01(a)(ii) above, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender or Issuing Bank, upon written demand therefor, such additional amounts (in the form of an increased rate of, or a different method of calculating, interest or otherwise as such Lender or Issuing Bank shall determine) as shall be required to compensate such Lender or Issuing Bank for such increased costs or reductions in amounts receivable hereunder (a written notice as to the additional amounts owed to such Lender or Issuing Bank, showing the basis for the calculation thereof, which basis must be reasonable, submitted to the Borrower by such Lender or Issuing Bank shall, absent manifest error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto) and (z) in the case of Section 5.01(a)(iii) above, the Borrower shall take one of the actions specified in Section 5.01(b) as promptly as possible and, in any event, within the time period required by law.

(b) At any time that any SOFR Loan is affected by the circumstances described in Section 5.01(a)(ii) or (iii), the Borrower may (and in the case of a SOFR Loan affected pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(iii) the Borrower shall) either (i) if the affected SOFR Loan is then being made pursuant to a Borrowing, by giving the Administrative Agent telephonic notice (confirmed promptly in writing) thereof on the same date that the Borrower was notified by a Lender or Issuing Bank pursuant to Section 5.01(a)(ii) or (iii), cancel said Borrowing, or, in the case of any Borrowing, convert the related Notice of Borrowing into one requesting a Borrowing of ABR Loans or require the affected Lender or Issuing Bank to make its requested Loan as an ABR Loan, or (ii) if the affected SOFR Loan is then outstanding, upon at least one Business Day's notice to the Administrative Agent, require the affected Lender or Issuing Bank to Convert each such SOFR Loan into an ABR Loan; provided, however, that if more than one Lender or Issuing Bank is affected at any time, then all affected Lenders or Issuing Banks must be treated the same pursuant to this Section 5.01(b).

(c) If any Lender shall have determined that after the Closing Date, any Change in Law regarding capital adequacy or liquidity by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged by law with the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by such Lender or its parent corporation with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy or liquidity (whether or not having the force of law) of any such authority, central bank, or comparable agency, in each case made subsequent to the Closing Date, has or would have the effect of reducing by an amount reasonably deemed by such Lender to be material to the rate of return on such Lender's or its parent corporation's capital or assets as a consequence of such Lender's commitments or obligations hereunder to a level below that which such Lender or its parent corporation could have achieved but for such adoption, effectiveness, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's or its parent corporation's policies with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time, within 15 days after demand by such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or its parent corporation for such reduction. Each Lender, upon determining in good faith that any additional amounts will be payable pursuant to this Section 5.01(c), will give prompt written notice thereof to the Borrower, which notice shall set forth, in reasonable detail, the basis of the calculation of such additional amounts, which basis must be reasonable, although the failure to give any such notice shall not release or diminish any of the Borrower's obligations to pay additional amounts pursuant to this Section 5.01(c) upon the subsequent receipt of such notice.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of Section 3.01(a) shall apply with respect to a Benchmark Transaction Event.

(e) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this Section 5.01 shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or Issuing Bank's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or Issuing Bank pursuant to this Section 5.01 for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than 270 days prior to the date that such Lender or Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or Issuing Bank's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided further that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the 270-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

Section 5.02 Breakage Compensation. The Borrower shall compensate each Lender upon its written request (which request shall set forth the detailed basis for requesting and the method of calculating such compensation), for all reasonable losses, costs, expenses and liabilities (including, without limitation, any loss, cost, expense or liability incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds required by such Lender to fund its SOFR Loans) which such Lender may sustain in connection with any of the following: (a) if for any reason (other than a default by such Lender or the Administrative Agent) a Borrowing of SOFR Loans does not occur on a date specified therefor in a Notice of Borrowing or a Notice of Continuation or Conversion (whether or not withdrawn by the Borrower or deemed withdrawn pursuant to Section 5.01(a)); (b) if any repayment, prepayment, Conversion or Continuation of any SOFR Loan occurs on a date that is not the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto; (c) if any prepayment of any of its SOFR Loans is not made on any date specified in a notice of prepayment given by the Borrower; (d) as a result of an assignment by a Lender of any SOFR Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto pursuant to a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 5.05 or (e) as a consequence of (i) any other default by the Borrower to repay or prepay any SOFR Loans when required by the terms of this Agreement or (ii) an election made pursuant to Section 5.05. The written request of any Lender setting forth any amount or amounts that such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 5.02 shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender the amount shown as due on any such request within 10 Business Days after receipt thereof. The Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this Section 5.02 for any such amounts incurred more than 270 days prior to the date such Lender delivers the written request referenced herein to the Borrower; provided that, if the event giving rise to such losses, costs, expenses and liabilities is retroactive, then the 270-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

Section 5.03 Taxes.

(a) Defined Terms. For purposes of this Section 5.03, Section 5.04 and Section 5.05, the term “Lender” includes any Issuing Bank and the term “applicable law” includes FATCA.

(b) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as applicable) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, then the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that, after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings of Indemnified Taxes applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 5.03), the applicable Lending Party receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(c) Payment of Other Taxes by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for, Other Taxes.

(d) Indemnification by the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall jointly and severally indemnify each Lending Party, within 10 Business days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section 5.03) payable or paid by such Lending Party or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Lending Party and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(e) Indemnification by the Lenders. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 Business Days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Loan Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so) and (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender’s failure to comply with the provisions of Section 12.04(c) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (e).

(f) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by any Loan Party to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 5.03, such Loan Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(g) Status of Lenders.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 5.03(g)(ii)(A), Section 5.03(g)(ii)(B) and Section 5.03(g)(ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Non-U.S. Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Non-U.S. Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States of America is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “interest” article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “business profits” or “other income” article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-1 to the effect that such Non-U.S. Lender is not a “bank” within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a “10 percent shareholder” of the Parent within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a “controlled foreign corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate”) and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN-E or IRS Form W-8BEN; or

(4) to the extent a Non-U.S. Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-2 or Exhibit H-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Non-U.S. Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Non-U.S. Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Non-U.S. Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Non-U.S. Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Non-U.S. Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 5.03 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 5.03), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section 5.03 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes with respect to such refund) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(i) Survival. Each party's obligations under this Section 5.03 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under the Loan Documents.



Section 5.04 Designation of Different Lending Office. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 5.01, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 5.03, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 5.01 or Section 5.03, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

Section 5.05 Replacement of Lenders. If (a) any Lender requests compensation under Section 5.01, (b) the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 5.03, (c) any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, or (d) any Lender fails to consent to an election, consent, approval, amendment, waiver or other modification to this Agreement or any other Loan Document that requires the consent of all Lenders or all directly and adversely affected Lenders, and such election, consent, amendment, waiver or other modification is otherwise consented to by the Required Lenders (excluding the Maximum Credit Amounts of Defaulting Lenders), then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 12.04(b)), all its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that (i) the Borrower shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in LC Disbursements and Swing Line Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under Section 5.02), from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts) and (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 5.01 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 5.03, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments. A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment and delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

#### **ARTICLE VI CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

Section 6.01 Closing Date. The obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Bank to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions is satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 12.02):

(a) Credit Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have received from each party hereto counterparts (in such number as may be requested by the Administrative Agent) of this Agreement signed on behalf of such party.

(b) Loan Documents.

(i) Execution of Security Instruments. The Administrative Agent shall have received from each party thereto counterparts (in such number as may be requested by the Administrative Agent) of the Security Instruments, including the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, described on Exhibit F that have been executed and delivered by a Responsible Officer of each party thereto.

(ii) Filings, Registrations and Recordings. Each Security Instrument and any other document (including any Uniform Commercial Code financing statement) required by any Security Instrument or under law or reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to be filed, registered or recorded in order to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a perfected Lien on the Mortgaged Property described therein, prior and superior in right to any other Person shall be in proper form for filing, registration or recordation.

(iii) Mortgage Coverage. The Administrative Agent shall be reasonably satisfied that, upon recording the Mortgages of Borrowing Base Properties, in each case, in the appropriate filing offices, it shall have a first priority Lien on at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties.

(iv) Pledged Stock; Stock Powers; Pledged Notes. The Administrative Agent shall have received (A) the certificates representing the shares of certificated Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, together with an undated stock power for each such certificate (if any) executed in blank by a duly authorized officer of the pledgor thereof and (B) each promissory note (if any) pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement endorsed (without recourse) in blank (or accompanied by an executed transfer form in blank) by the pledgor thereof.

(c) Secretary's Certificates. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party setting forth (i) resolutions of its board of directors or other appropriate governing body with respect to the authorization of such Loan Party to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which it is a party and to enter into the transactions contemplated in those documents, (ii) the officers of such Loan Party (A) who are authorized to sign the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party and (B) who will, until replaced by another officer or officers duly authorized for that purpose, act as its representative for the purposes of signing documents and giving notices and other communications in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) specimen signatures of such authorized officers and (iv) the applicable Organizational Documents of such Loan Party, certified by a Responsible Officer as being true and complete. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders may conclusively rely on such certificate until the Administrative Agent receives notice in writing from such Loan Party to the contrary.

(d) Corporate Status; Good Standing Certificates. The Administrative Agent shall have received certificates of the appropriate State agencies with respect to the existence, qualification and good standing of each Loan Party in each jurisdiction where any such Loan Party is organized or in each of Kentucky and West Virginia for each Loan Party that owns Borrowing Base Properties in such States.

(e) Restructuring Documents. At least two (2) Business Days prior to the Closing Date the Administrative Agent shall have received copies of the Restructuring Documents in substantially final form and the Administrative Agent shall be reasonably satisfied with such Restructuring Documents.

(f) Responsible Officer's Certificate. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent certifying that (A) the Borrower has received all government and third party approvals required by Section 7.03 and such approvals have been obtained on satisfactory terms; (B) no action, proceeding or litigation is pending or threatened in any court or before any Governmental Authority that involves any Loan Document or that is seeking to enjoin or prevent the consummation of the Transactions contemplated hereby; (C) that neither the Borrower nor any other Group Member has any outstanding Indebtedness for borrowed money or Disqualified Capital Stock other than the Secured Obligations under this Agreement; and (D) the Restructuring Transaction has been completed in accordance with the Restructuring Transaction Documents and (ii) originals, certified copies or other evidence of filing, as appropriate, of the Restructuring Transaction Documents.

(g) Solvency Certificate. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Solvency Certificate, duly executed by a Financial Officer and dated as of the Closing Date.

(h) Patriot Act. The Administrative Agent shall have received, at least five (5) days prior to the Closing Date, all documentation and other information requested at least two (2) Business Days prior to such date and required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act.

(i) Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent shall have received an opinion of Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C., counsel for the Loan Parties.

(j) Fees. The Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Lenders shall have received all fees and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Closing Date and, to the extent invoiced, reimbursement or payment of all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses required to be reimbursed or paid by the Borrower hereunder and the Borrower shall have paid all accrued and unpaid commitment fees, break funding fees under Section 5.02 of the Existing Credit Agreement and all other fees that are outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement for the account of each Existing Lender under the Existing Credit Agreement.

(k) Title. The Administrative Agent shall have received title information as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require, reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, setting forth the status of title to at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties.

(l) Lien Searches. The Administrative Agent shall have received appropriate UCC searches on each Loan Party and Diversified Production LLC reflecting no prior Liens encumbering the Properties of such Loan Party other than those being released on or prior to the Closing Date and those permitted by Section 9.03.

(m) No MAE. Since December 31, 2021, excluding results from (i) general changes in hydrocarbon prices, (ii) general changes in industry or economic conditions, and (iii) general changes in political conditions, including any engagements of hostilities, acts of war or terrorist activities or changes imposed by a governmental authority associated with additional security, there has not been any change, development or event that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(n) Insurance Certificates. The Administrative Agent shall have received certificates of insurance coverage of the Loan Parties in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent evidencing that the Loan Parties are carrying insurance in accordance with Section 8.06.

(o) Environmental. The Borrower shall have provided to the Administrative Agent copies of any material environmental due diligence documents in its possession with respect to the Oil and Gas Properties of the Loan Parties including Phase I Reports, if any.

(p) Beneficial Ownership. To the extent the Borrower qualifies as a “legal entity customer” under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, at least five (5) days prior to the Closing Date, any Lender that has requested, in a written notice to the Borrower at least ten (10) days prior to the Closing Date, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrower shall have received such Beneficial Ownership Certification.

(q) Joint Operating Agreement and Management Services Agreement. The Borrower shall have entered into (i) the Joint Operating Agreement and (ii) the Management Services Agreement, each in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and of the Issuing Bank(s) to issue Letters of Credit hereunder shall not become effective unless each of the foregoing conditions is satisfied (or waived pursuant to Section 12.02) at or prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2022 (and, in the event such conditions are not so satisfied or waived, this Agreement shall terminate at such time).

Section 6.02 Each Credit Event. The obligation of each Lender to make a Loan on the occasion of any Borrowing (including the initial funding), and of the Issuing Bank(s) to issue Letters of Credit or amend any Letter of Credit to increase the amount thereof, is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) At the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Borrowing or any such issuance or amendment of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(b) The representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Guarantors set forth in this Agreement and in the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (unless already qualified by materiality, in which case such representation and warranty (to the extent so qualified) shall continue to be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of any such issuance or amendment of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, except to the extent any such representations and warranties are expressly limited to an earlier date, in which case, on and as of the date of such Borrowing or the date of issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of such Letter of Credit, as applicable, such representations and warranties shall continue to be true and correct in all material respects (unless already qualified by materiality, in which case, such applicable representation and warranty shall be true and correct) as of such specified earlier date.

(c) After giving pro forma effect to the making of each Loan, including the use of proceeds thereof, the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not have any Excess Cash.

(d) The receipt by the Administrative Agent of a Borrowing Request in accordance with Section 2.03 or a request for a Letter of Credit (or any such amendment to increase the amount of a Letter of Credit) in accordance with Section 2.09(b), as applicable.

Each request for any such Borrowing or for the issuance of any Letter of Credit or for any amendment to increase the amount of any Letter of Credit shall be deemed to constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower on the date thereof as to the matters specified in Section 6.02(a) through Section 6.02(c).

## ARTICLE VII REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

Section 7.01 Organization; Powers. Each Group Member is (a)(i) duly organized, validly existing and (ii) in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority, and has all governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals necessary, to own its assets and to carry on its business as now conducted, and is qualified to do business in, and (c) is in good standing in, every material jurisdiction where such qualification is required, except for purposes of Section 7.01(a)(ii), 7.01(b) and 7.01(c) to the extent that a failure to be so qualified could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 7.02 Authority; Enforceability. The Transactions are within each Group Member's corporate or equivalent powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or equivalent and, if required, owner action. Each Loan Document to which a Loan Party is a party has been duly executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, as applicable, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

Section 7.03 Approvals; No Conflicts. The Transactions (a) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority or any other third Person, nor is any such consent, approval, registration, filing or other action necessary for the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document or the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect other than the recording and filing of financing statements and the Security Instruments as required by this Agreement (b) will not violate (i) in any material respect, any applicable law or regulation or any order of any Governmental Authority or (ii) the Organizational Documents of any Loan Party, (c) will not violate or result in a default under any indenture, note, credit agreement or other similar instrument, in each case constituting Material Indebtedness binding upon any Group Member or its Properties or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by any Group Member and (d) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any Property of any Group Member (other than the Liens created by the Loan Documents).

Section 7.04 Financial Condition; No Material Adverse Change.

(a) The Borrower has heretofore furnished to the Lenders the Parent's consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders equity and cash flows as of and for the Fiscal Year ending on December 31, 2021, reported on by Price Waterhouse Coopers, independent public accountants, and (ii) the Parent's consolidated balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders equity and cash flows as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2022 prepared internally by the Borrower. Such financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations and cash flows of the Borrower and its Consolidated Restricted as of such dates and for such periods.

(b) The most recent financial statements furnished pursuant to Section 8.01(a) and Section 8.01(b) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial condition of Borrower and its Consolidated Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, as of the dates and for the periods set forth above in accordance with IFRS or GAAP, as applicable, subject to year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes in the case of the unaudited quarterly financial statements.

(c) Since the later of (i) the date hereof and (ii) date of the financial statements most recently delivered pursuant to Section 8.01(a), and after giving effect to the Transactions, there has been no event, development or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Neither the Borrower nor any other Group Member has on the date of this Agreement any Indebtedness (including Disqualified Capital Stock) or any contingent liabilities, off-balance sheet liabilities or partnerships, or unusual forward or long-term commitments or unrealized or anticipated losses from any unfavorable commitments other than in respect of the Secured Obligations or as otherwise permitted hereunder.

Section 7.05 Litigation.

(a) There are no actions, suits, investigations or proceedings by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority pending against or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened in writing by, against or affecting any Group Member any of their respective properties or revenues that (i) are not fully covered by insurance (except for normal deductibles) as to which there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) involve any Loan Document or the Transactions.

Section 7.06 Environmental Matters. Except for such matters that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:

(a) the Group Members and any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation are in compliance with all, and have not violated any, applicable Environmental Laws;

(b) (i) the Group Members and all relevant Persons for any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation hold and are in compliance with all, and have not violated any, Environmental Permits required for their respective operations and each of their respective properties; (ii) all such Environmental Permits are in full force and effect; and (iii) no Group Member has received any notice or otherwise has knowledge that any such Environmental Permit may be revoked, adversely modified, or not renewed, or that any application for any Environmental Permit may be protested or denied or that the anticipated terms thereof may be adversely modified;

(c) (i) there are no actions, claims, demands, suits, investigations or proceedings under any Environmental Laws or regarding any Hazardous Materials that are pending or, to the Borrower's knowledge, threatened, against any Group Member or regarding any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation, or as a result of any operations of any Group Member or any other Person regarding any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation; and (ii) there are no consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other administrative, arbitral or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Laws or regarding any Hazardous Materials, directed to any Group Member or as to which any Group Member is a party, or regarding any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation;

(d) (i) there has been no Release or, to the Borrower's knowledge, threatened Release, of Hazardous Materials attributable to the operations of any Group Member at, on, under or from any Group Member's current or formerly owned, leased or operated property or at any other location (including, to the Borrower's knowledge, any location to which Hazardous Materials have been sent for re-use, recycling, treatment, storage or disposal) for which any Group Member could be liable, and (ii) Hazardous Materials are not otherwise present at any such properties or other locations, in either (i) or (ii) above, in amounts or concentrations or under conditions which constitute a violation of any applicable Environmental Law, could reasonably be expected to give rise to any liability, or, with respect to any Mortgaged Property, could reasonably be expected to impair its fair saleable value;

(e) no Group Member, nor to the Borrower's knowledge any other Person for any property with respect to which any Group Member has any interest or obligation, has received any written notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability or request for information regarding Environmental Laws or Hazardous Materials, and, to the Borrower's knowledge, there are no conditions or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to result in the receipt of any such notice or request for information;

(f) no Group Member has assumed or retained any liability under applicable Environmental Laws or regarding Hazardous Materials that could reasonably be expected to result in liability to any Group Member; and

(g) to the extent reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, the Group Members have provided to Lenders complete and correct copies of all environmental site assessment reports, investigations, studies, analyses, and correspondence on environmental matters (including matters relating to any alleged non-compliance with or liability under Environmental Laws) that are in any Group Member's possession or control and relating to their respective Properties or operations thereon.

Section 7.07 Compliance with the Laws; No Defaults.

(a) Each Group Member is in compliance with all Governmental Requirements applicable to it or its Property and all agreements and other instruments binding upon it or its Property, and possesses all licenses, permits, franchises, exemptions, approvals and other governmental authorizations necessary for the ownership of its Property and the conduct of its business, except to the extent that any failure of the foregoing could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) No Default has occurred and is continuing.

Section 7.08 Investment Company Act. No Group Member is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company," within the meaning of, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

Section 7.09 Taxes. Each Group Member has timely filed or caused to be filed all U.S. federal income Tax returns and other material Tax returns and reports required to have been filed (taking into account any extension of time to file) and has paid or caused to be paid all material Taxes required to have been paid by it, except Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the applicable Group Member has set aside on its books adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP. To the knowledge of Borrower, no material proposed tax assessment has been asserted with respect to any Group Member.

Section 7.10 ERISA. Except as could not, whether individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect:

(a) each Plan is, and has been, operated, administered and maintained in compliance with, and the Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate have complied with, ERISA, the terms of the applicable Plan and, where applicable, the Code;

(b) no act, omission or transaction has occurred which could result in imposition on the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate (whether directly or indirectly) of (i) either a civil penalty assessed pursuant to subsections (c), (i) or (l) of Section 502 of ERISA or a tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 43 of Subtitle D of the Code or (ii) breach of fiduciary duty liability damages under Section 409 of ERISA;



(c) no liability to the PBGC (other than required premiums payments which are not past due after giving effect to any applicable grace periods) by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate has been or is reasonably expected by any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate to be incurred with respect to any Plan and no ERISA Event with respect to any Plan has occurred;

(d) the actuarial present value of the benefit liabilities under each Plan which is subject to Title IV of ERISA does not (determined as of the end of the most recent plan year) exceed the current value of the assets (computed on a plan termination basis in accordance with Title IV of ERISA) of such Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities. The term "actuarial present value of the benefit liabilities" shall have the meaning specified in Section 4041 of ERISA; and

(e) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has any actual or contingent liability to any Multiemployer Plan.

Section 7.11 Disclosure; No Material Misstatements. None of the reports, financial statements, certificates or other information furnished by or on behalf of the Group Members to the Administrative Agent or any Lender or any of their Affiliates in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contain any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein when taken as a whole, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that, with respect to projected financial information, the Group Members represent only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time and it further being understood that projections concerning volumes attributable to the Oil and Gas Properties and production and cost estimates contained in each Reserve Report are necessarily based upon professional opinions, estimates and projections and the Group Members do not warrant that such opinions, estimates and projections will ultimately prove to have been accurate. All of the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification most recently provided to each Lender, if applicable, is true and correct as of the date thereof.

Section 7.12 Insurance. For the benefit of each Loan Parties, the Borrower has (a) all insurance policies sufficient for the compliance by the Loan Parties with all material Governmental Requirements and all material agreements and (b) insurance coverage, or self-insurance, in at least such amounts and against such risk (including public liability) that are usually insured against by companies similarly situated and engaged in the same or a similar business for the assets and operations of the Loan Parties. Schedule 7.12, as of the date hereof, sets forth a list of all insurance maintained by the Borrower.

Section 7.13 Restriction on Liens. No Group Member is subject to any order, judgment, writ or decree, which either restricts or purports to restrict its ability to grant Liens to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders on or in respect of their Properties to secure the Secured Obligations and the Loan Documents.

Section 7.14 Group Members. There are no Group Members, except as set forth on Schedule 7.14 or as disclosed in writing to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly furnish a copy to the Lenders), which shall be a supplement to Schedule 7.14. Each Group Member's jurisdiction of organization, name as listed in the public records of its jurisdiction of organization, organizational identification number in its jurisdiction of organization, and the location of its principal place of business and chief executive office is stated on Schedule 7.14 (or as set forth in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 8.01(k)). No Group Member is a Foreign Group Member (other than any Foreign Group Member as of the Closing Date).

Section 7.15 Location of Business and Offices. The Borrower's jurisdiction of organization is Delaware; the name of the Borrower as listed in the public records of its jurisdiction of organization is DP RBL CO LLC; and the organizational identification number of the Borrower in its jurisdiction of organization is set forth on Schedule 7.14 (or, in each case, as set forth in a notice delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 8.01(k) in accordance with Section 12.01). The Borrower's principal place of business and chief executive offices are located at the address specified in Section 12.01 (or as set forth in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 8.01(k) and Section 12.01(c)).

Section 7.16 Properties; Title, Etc.

(a) Each Group Member has good and defensible title to the Oil and Gas Properties evaluated in the most recently delivered Reserve Report and good title to all its material personal Properties other than Properties sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of (i) on or prior to the Closing Date or (ii) after the Closing Date, in compliance with Section 9.11 from time to time, in each case, free and clear of all Liens except Liens permitted by Section 9.03. After giving full effect to the Excepted Liens and the dispositions referenced in the prior sentence, the Group Member specified as the owner owns the net interests in production attributable to the Hydrocarbon Interests as reflected in the most recently delivered Reserve Report, and except as otherwise provided by statute, regulation or the standard and customary provisions of any applicable joint operating agreement, the ownership of such Properties shall not in any material respect obligate the Group Member to bear the costs and expenses relating to the maintenance, development and operations of each such Property in an amount in excess of the working interest of each Property set forth in the most recently delivered Reserve Report that is not offset by a corresponding proportionate increase in the Group Member's net revenue interest in such Property.

(b) (i) All leases and agreements necessary for the conduct of the business of the Group Members are valid and subsisting, in full force and effect, and (ii) there exists no default or event or circumstance which with the giving of notice or the passage of time or both would give rise to a default under any such lease or leases, which, in the case of either (i) or (ii), could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) The rights and Properties presently owned, leased or licensed by the Group Members including all easements and rights of way, include all rights and Properties necessary to permit the Group Members to conduct their business in the same manner as its business is conducted on the date hereof except where the failure of the foregoing could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Except for Properties being repaired, all of the Properties of the Group Members which are reasonably necessary for the operation of their businesses are in good working condition and are maintained in accordance with prudent business standards, except where the failure of the foregoing could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Each Group Member owns, or is licensed to use, all trademarks, tradenames, copyrights, patents and other intellectual Property necessary to operate its business, and the use thereof by the Group Member does not infringe upon the rights of any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Group Members either own or have valid licenses or other rights to use all databases, geological data, geophysical data, engineering data, seismic data, maps, interpretations and other technical information used in their businesses as presently conducted, subject to the limitations contained in the agreements governing the use of the same, which limitations are customary for companies engaged in the business of the exploration and production of Hydrocarbons, with such exceptions as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 7.17 Maintenance of Properties. The Oil and Gas Properties (and Properties unitized therewith) of the Group Members have been maintained, operated and developed in a good and workmanlike manner and in conformity with all Governmental Requirements in all material respects and in conformity with the provisions of all leases, subleases or other contracts comprising a part of the Hydrocarbon Interests and other contracts and agreements forming a part of the Oil and Gas Properties of the Group Members in all material respects. All pipelines, wells, gas processing plants, platforms and other material improvements, fixtures and equipment owned in whole or in part by the Group Members that are necessary to conduct normal operations are being maintained in a state adequate to conduct normal operations, and with respect to such of the foregoing which are operated by the Group Members, in a manner consistent with the Group Members' past practices (other than those the failure of which to maintain in accordance with this Section 7.17 could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect).

Section 7.18 Gas Imbalances. Except as set forth on Schedule 7.18 or on the most recent certificate delivered pursuant to Section 8.11(c), on a net basis there are no gas imbalances, take or pay or other prepayments which would require any Group Member to deliver Hydrocarbons produced from their Oil and Gas Properties at some future time without then or thereafter receiving full payment therefor exceeding two percent (2.0%) of the aggregate volumes of Hydrocarbons (on an Mcf equivalent basis) listed in the most recent Reserve Report.

Section 7.19 Marketing of Production. Except for contracts listed and in effect on the date hereof on Schedule 7.19, and thereafter either disclosed in writing to the Administrative Agent or included in the most recently delivered Reserve Report, (a) the Group Members are receiving a price for all production sold thereunder which is computed substantially in accordance with the terms of the relevant contract and are not having deliveries curtailed substantially below the subject Property's delivery capacity and (b) no material agreements of any Group Member exist which are not cancelable on sixty (60) days' notice or less without penalty or detriment for the sale of production from the Group Members' Hydrocarbons (including calls on or other rights to purchase, production, whether or not the same are currently being exercised) that (i) pertain to the sale of production at a fixed price and (ii) have a maturity or expiry date of longer than six (6) months from the date of such agreement.

Section 7.20 Security Documents. The Security Instruments are effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the Mortgaged Property and proceeds thereof. The Secured Obligations are and have been at all times secured by a legal, valid and enforceability first priority perfected Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent, covering and encumbering (a) at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties, (b) the Mortgaged Property granted pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, including the pledged Equity Interests and the Deposit Accounts and Securities Accounts, in each case to the extent perfection has occurred, as the case may be, by the recording of a mortgage, the filing of a UCC financing statement, or, in the case of Deposit Accounts and Securities Accounts, by obtaining of "control" or, with respect to Equity Interests represented by certificates, by possession (in each case, to the extent available in the applicable jurisdiction); provided that, except in the case of pledged Equity Interests, Liens permitted by Section 9.03 may exist.

Section 7.21 Swap Agreements. Schedule 7.21, as of the Closing Date, and after the date hereof, each report required to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 8.01(d), as of the last Business Day of the period covered by such report, sets forth, a true and complete list of all Swap Agreements of the Group Members, the material terms thereof (including the type, term, effective date, termination date and notional amounts or volumes), the net mark to market value thereof, all credit support agreements relating thereto (including any margin required or supplied, but excluding the Security Instruments) and the counterparty to each such agreement. As of the Closing Date, all Secured Swap Agreements (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) entered into during the term of the Existing Credit Agreement remain in place under this Agreement, or have either been terminated or novated to continue under this Agreement.

Section 7.22 Use of Loans and Letters of Credit. The proceeds of the Loans and the Letters of Credit shall be used to (a) pay fees and expenses associated with the Transactions and (b) provide working capital for lease acquisitions, for exploration and production operations, for development (including the drilling and completion of producing wells), for acquisitions of Oil and Gas Properties permitted hereunder and for other general corporate purposes of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the other Permitted L/C Parties. No Group Member or other Permitted L/C Party is engaged principally, or as one of its or their important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose, whether immediate, incidental or ultimate, of buying or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation T, U or X of the Board). No part of the proceeds of any Loan or Letter of Credit will be used for any purpose which violates the provisions of Regulations T, U or X of the Board.

Section 7.23 Solvency. Immediately after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby (including, without limitation, each Borrowing or the issuance, increase or extension of each Letter of Credit hereunder) (a) the sum of the debt (including contingent liabilities) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, does not exceed the present fair saleable value of the present assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, (b) the capital of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, is not unreasonably small in relation to their business, (c) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, have not incurred and do not intend to incur, or believe that they will incur, debts including current obligations, beyond their ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise), and (d) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are "solvent" within the meaning given to that term and similar terms under applicable laws relating to fraudulent transfers and conveyances.

Section 7.24 Anti-Corruption Laws; Sanctions; OFAC.

(a) The Borrower has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

(b) The Borrower, its Subsidiaries, their respective directors and officers, and to the knowledge of the Borrower, its employees, agents and the other Permitted L/C Parties are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions in all material respects and are not knowingly engaged in any activity that would reasonably be expected to result in any Group Member being designated as a Sanctioned Person.

(c) None of (i) the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any of their respective directors, officers or employees, or (ii) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any other Permitted L/C Party or any agent of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facility established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. The Borrower will not directly or, to its knowledge, indirectly use the proceeds from the Loans or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, other Permitted L/C Party, joint venture partner or other Person, for the purpose of financing the activities of any Person currently subject to any applicable Sanctions, or otherwise in violation of any Anti-Corruption Law.

Section 7.25 Senior Debt Status. The Secured Obligations constitute “Senior Indebtedness”, “Designated Senior Indebtedness” or any similar designation under and as defined in any agreement governing any senior subordinated or subordinated Indebtedness and the subordination provisions set forth in each such agreement, if any, are legally valid and enforceable against the parties thereto.

Section 7.26 EEA Financial Institution. No Loan Party is an Affected Financial Institution.

**ARTICLE VIII  
AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS**

Until Payment in Full, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

Section 8.01 Financial Statements; Other Information. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent for delivery to each Lender:

(a) Annual Financial Statements. As soon as available, but in any event in accordance with then applicable law and not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Parent (i) the Parent’s audited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders’ equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year of the Parent, all reported on by an independent public accountant reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (without a “going concern” or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit, other than with respect to, or resulting from the occurrence of an upcoming maturity date of Indebtedness) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and the other Group Members (as applicable), on a consolidated basis, in each case, in accordance with IFRS (or if the Parent’s financial statements are available in accordance with GAAP, GAAP) consistently applied, (ii) the Borrower’s audited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders’ equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous Fiscal Year of the Borrower, which present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and the other Group Members (as applicable), on a consolidated basis, in each case, in accordance with IFRS (or if the Parent’s financial statements are available in accordance with GAAP, GAAP), consistently applied, and for the avoidance of doubt, without accompanying financial statement footnotes, and (iii) for any Fiscal Year in which the Borrower’s and the Parent’s financial statements are not provided in accordance with GAAP, a reconciliation to GAAP of the statements provided in Sections 8.01(a)(i) and (ii) in a format reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

(b) Quarterly Financial Statements. As soon as available, but in any event in accordance with then applicable law and not later than sixty (60) days after the end of each of the first three Fiscal Quarters of each Fiscal Year of the Parent, (i) the Parent's unaudited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such Fiscal Quarter and the then elapsed portion of such Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous Fiscal Year, all certified by one of its Financial Officers as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and the other Group Members (as applicable), on a consolidated basis, in each case, in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes and (ii) the Borrower's unaudited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such Fiscal Quarter and the then elapsed portion of such Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous Fiscal Year, all certified by one of its Financial Officers as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and the other Group Members (as applicable), on a consolidated basis, in each case, in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes.

(c) Certificate of Financial Officer - Compliance. Concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under Section 8.01(a) or Section 8.01(b), a Compliance Certificate (i) certifying as to whether a Default has occurred and is continuing and, if a Default has occurred and is continuing, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, (ii) certifying that (A) the Borrower has been in compliance with the Financial Performance Covenants at such times as required therein as of the last day of such Fiscal Quarter and (B) in connection therewith, setting forth reasonably detailed calculations demonstrating such compliance, (iii) stating whether any change in GAAP or IFRS or in the application thereof has occurred since the date of the most recently delivered financial statements referred to in Section 8.01(a) and Section 8.01(b) and, if any such change has occurred, specifying the effect of such change on the financial statements accompanying such certificate, (iv) stating whether there are any Subsidiaries which are to become Loan Parties in order to comply with Section 8.13 and, if any such Subsidiaries exist, specifying the actions proposed to be taken in connection therewith, and (v) attaching reasonably detailed calculations of Free Cash Flow for the Test Period then ended.

(d) Certificate of Financial Officer – Swap Agreements. Concurrently with any delivery of financial statements pursuant to Section 8.01(a) and Section 8.01(b), a certificate of a Financial Officer, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, setting forth as of the last Business Day of such Fiscal Quarter or Fiscal Year, a true and complete list of all Swap Agreements of the Borrower and each Group Member, the material terms thereof (including the type, term, effective date, termination date and notional amounts or volumes), the net mark-to-market value therefor (as of the last Business Day of such Fiscal Quarter or Fiscal Year), any new credit support agreements relating thereto not listed on Schedule 7.21, any margin required or supplied under any credit support document, and the counterparty to each such agreement.

(e) Production Report and Lease Operating Statements. Within sixty (60) days after the end of each Fiscal Quarter, a report setting forth, for each calendar month during the then current Fiscal Year to date, the volume of total production and sales attributable to production (and the prices at which such sales were made and the revenues derived from such sales) for each such calendar month from the Oil and Gas Properties of the Group Members, and setting forth the related ad valorem, severance and production taxes and lease operating expenses attributable thereto and incurred for each such calendar month.

(f) Certificate of Insurer - Insurance Coverage. Within five (5) Business Days following each material change in the insurance maintained in accordance with Section 8.06, certificates of insurance coverage with respect to the insurance required by Section 8.06, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and, if reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, all copies of the applicable policies.

(g) SEC and Other Filings; Reports to Shareholders. Promptly after the same become publicly available, copies of all periodic and other reports, proxy statements, financial statements, and other materials filed by any Group Member with the SEC or with any national securities exchange.

(h) Notices Under Material Instruments. Concurrently with the furnishing thereof, copies of any financial statement, report or notice (including any notice of default) furnished to or by any Person pursuant to the terms of any preferred stock designation, indenture, loan or credit or other similar agreement evidencing Material Indebtedness (other than this Agreement) that has not been previously furnished to the Lenders pursuant to any other provision of this Section 8.01.

(i) Lists of Purchasers. Concurrently with the delivery of any Reserve Report to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 8.11 (commencing with the Reserve Report as of October 1, 2022), a list of all Persons purchasing Hydrocarbons in excess of \$1,000,000 from any Group Member (or, with respect to Oil and Gas Properties that are not operated by a Group Member, a list of the operators of such properties) during the two Fiscal Quarters ending as the date of such Reserve Report.

(j) Issuances and Incurrences of Debt. Two (2) Business Days prior written notice of the incurrence by any Group Member of any Permitted Unsecured Debt, Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness or, if in excess of \$10,000,000, any other Indebtedness as well as the amount thereof, the anticipated closing date and definitive documentation for the foregoing and any other related information reasonably requested.

(k) Information Regarding Borrower and Guarantors. Prompt written notice of (and in any event within five (5) Business Days prior thereto or such other time as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) any change (i) in a Loan Party's corporate name or in any trade name used to identify such Person in the conduct of its business or in the ownership of its Properties, (ii) in the location of the Loan Party's chief executive office or principal place of business, (iii) in the Loan Party's identity or corporate structure or in the jurisdiction in which such Person is incorporated or formed, (iv) in the Loan Party's jurisdiction of organization, and (v) in the Loan Party's federal taxpayer identification number.

(l) Patriot Act. Promptly upon request, all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act.

(m) Cash Flow and Forecasts. As soon as available, but in any event prior to March 1 and September 1 of each fiscal year, the Borrower's cash flow and capital expenditure forecast prepared on a monthly basis for (i) with respect to the March 1 forecast, the 12 month period comprised of the then current Fiscal Year and (ii) with respect to September 1 forecast, the 12 month period from July 1 of such Fiscal Year through June 30 of the following Fiscal Year, each in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(n) Notices Related to Oil and Gas Properties and Swap Agreements. In the event the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary (i) intends to consummate any sale, transfer, assignment or other disposition involving Proved Reserves with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000,000 in accordance with Section 9.11, reasonable prior written notice (and in any event not less than five (5) Business Days prior notice) of such disposition, the price thereof and the anticipated date of closing and any other details thereof reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, (ii) receives any notice of early termination of any Swap Agreement to which the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary is a party from any of its counterparties, or any Swap Agreement to which the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary is a party is Unwound and results in cash payments to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$5,000,000, or (iii) any combination of (i) and (ii) above that results in cash payments to the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary in excess of \$5,000,000, written notice, promptly thereafter (and in any event, not more than three (3) Business Days thereafter), of such early termination notice or such Unwind.



(o) Notice of Casualty Events. Promptly, but in any event within ten (10) Business Days following the occurrence thereof, written notice of the occurrence of any Casualty Event or the commencement of any action or proceeding that could reasonably be expected to result in a Casualty Event, in each case, of any Property of any Group Member having a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10,000,000.

(p) Notices of Certain Changes. Promptly, but in any event within five (5) Business Days after the execution thereof, copies of any amendment, modification or supplement to the certificate or articles of incorporation, by-laws, any preferred stock designation or any other Organizational Document of the Borrower or any Group Member.

(q) Other Requested Information. Promptly, but in any event within five (5) Business Days following any request therefor, such other information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of the Borrower or any Subsidiary (including any Plan or Multiemployer Plan to which any Group Member or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates contributes or has an obligation to contribute and any reports or other information, in either case with respect thereto, required to be filed under ERISA), or compliance with the terms of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request in writing.

(r) Notices of Acquisitions of Oil and Gas Properties. Promptly, but in any event within five (5) Business Days following the occurrence thereof, written notice of the acquisition of any Oil and Gas Properties by the Group Members in one or a series of related transactions having a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10,000,000 or where the consideration paid exceeds \$10,000,000.

(s) Take or Pay, Ship or Pay or Other Prepayments. Concurrently with the delivery of any Reserve Report to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 8.11 (commencing with the Reserve Report as of October 1, 2022), written notice of the occurrence of any Group Member entering into a take or pay, ship or pay or other prepayments arrangement with respect to the Oil and Gas Properties of any Group Member.

(t) Beneficial Ownership. Promptly upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, provide the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, any information or documentation reasonably requested by it for purposes of complying with the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

(u) Sustainability Certificate. As soon as available and in any event by June 30<sup>th</sup> following the end of each Fiscal Year (commencing with the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022), a Sustainability Certificate for the most recently-ended Fiscal Year; provided, that, for any Fiscal Year the Borrower may elect not to deliver a Sustainability Certificate, and such election shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default (but such failure to so deliver a Sustainability Certificate by June 30<sup>th</sup> shall result in the Sustainability Rate Adjustment being applied as set forth in Section 2.13(c)).

(v) Sustainability Report. As soon as available and in any event within 150 days following the end of each Fiscal Year (commencing with the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022), a Sustainability Report for the most recently-ended Fiscal Year; provided, that, for any Fiscal Year the Borrower may elect not to deliver a Sustainability Report, and such election shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to this Section 8.01 may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which such documents are posted on the Borrower's behalf on IntraLinks/IntraAgency or another relevant website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent); provided that the Borrower shall notify (which may be by facsimile or electronic mail) the Administrative Agent of the posting of any such documents and provide to the Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions of any such documents.

Section 8.02 Notices of Material Events. Within three (3) Business Days, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent written notice of the following:

- (a) Defaults. The occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
- (b) Governmental Matters. The filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting Group Members thereof not previously disclosed in writing to the Lenders or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed to the Lenders) that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
- (c) ERISA Events. The occurrence of any ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower or any Group Member in an aggregate amount exceeding \$10,000,000; and
- (d) Material Adverse Effect and Borrowing Base Adjustment. Any other development that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or an adjustment to the Borrowing Base pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions.
- (e) Beneficial Ownership. To the extent the Borrower qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender that previously received a Beneficial Ownership Certification of any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified therein.

Each notice delivered under this Section 8.02 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto.

Section 8.03 Existence; Conduct of Business. The Borrower will, and will cause each Group Member to, do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and the rights, licenses, permits, privileges and franchises necessary to the conduct of its business and maintain, if necessary, its qualification to do business in each other material jurisdiction in which its Oil and Gas Properties is located or the ownership of its Properties requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified could not reasonably be expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit any merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution permitted under Section 9.10.

Section 8.04 Payment of Obligations. The Borrower will, and will cause each other Group Member to, pay its material obligations (other than Material Indebtedness), including material tax liabilities of the Borrower and all of the other Group Members before the same shall become delinquent or in default, except where (a) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and (b) the Borrower or such other Group Member has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP.

Section 8.05 Operation and Maintenance of Properties. The Borrower, at its own expense, will, and will cause each other Group Member and Affiliate Operator to:

(a) operate its Oil and Gas Properties (i) in accordance with the customary practices of the industry and (ii) in compliance with all applicable contracts and agreements and in compliance with all applicable Governmental Requirements, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii) above, in all material respects, including applicable pro ration requirements and applicable Environmental Laws, and all applicable laws, rules and regulations of every other Governmental Authority from time to time constituted to regulate the development and operation of its Oil and Gas Properties and the production and sale of Hydrocarbons and other minerals therefrom in all material respects;

(b) keep and maintain all Property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, in accordance with the standard of a prudent operator;

(c) promptly pay and discharge, or make reasonable and customary efforts to cause to be paid and discharged, all material delay rentals, royalties, expenses and indebtedness accruing under the leases or other agreements affecting or pertaining to its Oil and Gas Properties and will do all other things necessary, in accordance with industry standards, to keep unimpaired their rights with respect thereto and prevent any forfeiture thereof or default thereunder, in each case, in all material respects;

(d) promptly perform or make reasonable and customary efforts to cause to be performed, in accordance with customary industry standards, the obligations required by each and all of the assignments, deeds, leases, sub-leases, contracts and agreements affecting its interests in its Oil and Gas Properties and other material Properties, in each case, in all material respects; and

(e) to the extent a Group Member or Affiliate Operator is not the operator of any Property, the Borrower shall use reasonable efforts to cause the operator to comply with this Section 8.05, but failure of the operator so to comply will not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

Section 8.06 Insurance. The Borrower will maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance covering all Group Members, in such amounts and against such risks as are customarily maintained by companies engaged in the same or similar businesses operating in the same or similar locations. The loss payable clauses or provisions in the applicable insurance policy or policies insuring the Group Members or their Property shall be endorsed in favor of and made payable to the Administrative Agent as sole "loss payee" or other formulation reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and such liability policies shall name the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as "additional insureds" and provide that the insurer will endeavor to give at least 30 days prior notice of any cancellation to the Administrative Agent.

Section 8.07 Books and Records; Inspection Rights. The Borrower will, and will cause each other Group Member to, keep proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP, prudent accounting practice and all Governmental Requirements shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities. The Borrower will, and will cause each other Group Member to, permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, upon reasonable prior written notice, to visit and inspect its Properties, to examine and make extracts from its books and records, and to discuss its affairs, finances and condition with its officers and independent accountants, all at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as reasonably requested; provided that, unless an Event of Default exists, no more than one visit per year shall be at the Borrower's expense. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary will be required to disclose, permit the inspection, examination or making copies or abstracts of, or discussion of, any document, information or other matter (a) that constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (b) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by any Governmental Requirement or any binding agreement (provided that the Loan Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its agreements to permit disclosure of information that is pertinent to the interests of the Lenders to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders subject to the confidentiality provisions herein) or (c) that is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product.

Section 8.08 Compliance with Laws. The Borrower will, and will cause each Group Member and Affiliate Operator to, comply with all laws, rules, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its Property in all material respects. The Borrower will maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Group Members, the Affiliate Operators and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions.

Section 8.09 Environmental Matters.

(a) The Borrower will, and will cause each Group Member and Affiliate Operator to; (i) comply with all applicable Environmental Laws, and undertake reasonable efforts to ensure that all tenants and subtenants (if any), and all Persons with whom any Group Member or Affiliate Operator has contracted for the exploration, development, production, operation, or other management of an oil or gas well or lease, comply with all applicable Environmental Laws; and (ii) generate, use, treat, store, release, transport, dispose of, and otherwise manage all Hazardous Materials in a manner that could not reasonably be expected to result in any Liability to any Group Member or Affiliate Operator or to adversely affect any real property owned, leased or operated by any of them, and take reasonable efforts to prevent any other Person from generating, using, treating, storing, releasing, transporting, disposing of, or otherwise managing Hazardous Materials in a manner that could reasonably be expected to result in a liability to any Group Member, or with respect to any Mortgaged Property, could reasonably be expected to adversely affect its fair saleable value (for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to activities on properties neighboring such real property, such reasonable efforts shall not include any obligation to monitor such activities or properties); it being understood that this clause (a) shall be deemed not breached by a noncompliance with any of the foregoing (i) or (ii) if, upon learning of such noncompliance or any condition that results from such noncompliance, any affected Group Member promptly develops and diligently implements a response to such noncompliance and any such condition that is consistent with principles of prudent environmental management and all applicable Environmental Laws, and provided that such response and condition, in the aggregate with any other such responses and conditions, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) The Borrower will promptly, but in no event later than five (5) days after learning of any action, investigation, demand or inquiry contemplated by this Section 8.09(b), notify the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in writing of any action, investigation, demand, or inquiry by any Person threatened in writing or commenced against the Borrower or any Group Member, or any of their property or any property with respect to which a Group Member has any interest or obligation, in connection with any applicable Environmental Laws or regarding any Hazardous Materials (excluding routine testing and corrective action), unless the Borrower reasonably determines, based on the information reasonably available to it at the time, that such action, investigation, demand or inquiry is unlikely to result in costs and liabilities in excess of \$5,000,000 (it being understood that the amount will be determined in the aggregate with the costs and liabilities of all related similar actions, investigations, demands or inquiries) or could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (it being understood that the Borrower shall be deemed to have given notice under this Section 8.09(b) regarding the matters set forth on Schedule 8.09(b) to this Agreement to the extent such matters are described thereon).

(c) If an Event of Default has occurred or is reasonably anticipated, or if any event or circumstance has occurred or is reasonably suspected that could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution in the value of any of the Mortgaged Properties, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), at the expense of the Borrower (such expenses to be reasonable in light of the circumstances), conduct such investigation as it reasonably deems appropriate to determine the nature and extent of any noncompliance with applicable Environmental Laws, the nature and extent of the presence of any Hazardous Material and the nature and extent of any other environmental conditions that may exist at or affect any of the Mortgaged Properties, and the Loan Parties and each relevant Group Member shall reasonably cooperate with the Administrative Agent in conducting such investigation and in implementing any response to such noncompliance, Hazardous Material or other environmental condition as the Administrative Agent reasonably deems appropriate. Such investigation and response may include, without limitation, a detailed visual inspection of the Mortgaged Properties, including all storage areas, storage tanks, drains and dry wells and other structures and locations, as well as the taking of soil samples, surface water samples, and ground water samples and such other investigations or analyses as the Administrative Agent deems appropriate, and any containment, cleanup, removal, repair, restoration, remediation or other remedial work. Upon reasonable request and notice, the Administrative Agent and its officers, employees, agents and contractors shall have and are hereby granted the right to enter upon the Mortgaged Properties for the foregoing purposes.

Section 8.10 Further Assurances.

(a) The Borrower at its sole expense will, and will cause each other Group Member to, promptly execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent all such other documents, agreements and instruments reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to (i) further evidence and more fully describe the collateral intended as security for the Secured Obligations, (ii) correct any omissions in this Agreement or the Security Instruments, (iii) state more fully the obligations secured therein, (iv) perfect, protect or preserve any Liens created pursuant to this Agreement or any of the Security Instruments or the priority thereof, or (v) make any recordings, file any notices or obtain any consents, all as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable discretion of the Administrative Agent to ensure that the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, has a perfected security interest in all assets of the Loan Parties. In addition, at the Administrative Agent's request, the Borrower, at its sole expense, shall provide any information requested to identify any Mortgaged Property, a customary "lease to well" reconciliation schedule, list or similar item, exhibits to Mortgages in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (which such exhibits shall be in recordable form for the applicable jurisdiction) or any other information requested in connection with the identification of any Mortgaged Property.

(b) The Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Mortgaged Property without the signature of the Borrower or any other Loan Party where permitted by law, which financing statements may contain a description of collateral that describes such property in any manner as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine is necessary or advisable to ensure the perfection of the security interest in the Mortgaged Property consistent with the terms of the Loan Documents, including describing such property as "all assets" or "all property" or words of similar effect. A carbon, photographic or other reproduction of the Security Instruments or any financing statement covering the Mortgaged Property or any part thereof shall be sufficient as a financing statement where permitted by law.

Section 8.11 Reserve Reports.

(a) On or before April 1st and October 1st of each year beginning October 1, 2022, the Borrower shall furnish to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders a Reserve Report evaluating the Borrowing Base Properties of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the immediately preceding December 31<sup>st</sup> (the "December 31 Reserve Report") and June 30<sup>th</sup> (the "June 30 Reserve Report"), as applicable. Each (A) December 31 Reserve Report delivered on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, shall be prepared by one or more Approved Petroleum Engineers, and (B) June 30 Reserve Report delivered on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year shall be prepared by one or more Approved Petroleum Engineers or internally under the supervision of the chief engineer of the Borrower who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate in all material respects and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding December 31 Reserve Report.

(b) In the event of a request for an Interim Redetermination pursuant to Section 2.07(b), the Borrower shall furnish to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders a Reserve Report prepared by or under the supervision of the chief engineer of the Borrower who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate in all material respects and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding December 31 Reserve Report with an “as of” date as required by the Administrative Agent as soon as commercially reasonable, but in any event no later than thirty (30) days following the receipt of such request; provided that at any time prior to delivery of such Reserve Report the Administrative Agent may, or at the direction of the Required Lenders shall, elect to use the most recently delivered Reserve Report, which such Reserve Report may be rolled forward in a customary manner.

(c) With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders a Reserve Report Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit I from a Responsible Officer certifying that in all material respects: (i) the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, (ii) except as set forth on an exhibit to the certificate, the Borrower or the other Loan Parties own good and defensible title to the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated in such Reserve Report and such Borrowing Base Properties are free of all Liens except for Liens permitted by Section 9.03, (iii) except as set forth on an exhibit to the certificate, (A) on a net basis there are no gas imbalances, take or pay or other prepayments in excess of the volume specified in Section 7.18 with respect to the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated in such Reserve Report which would require the Borrower or any other Group Member to deliver Hydrocarbons either generally or produced from such Borrowing Base Properties at some future time without then or thereafter receiving full payment therefor and (B) there are no take-or-pay or ship-or-pay contracts that have not been disclosed in a previous Reserve Report Certificate, (iv) none of their Borrowing Base Properties have been sold (other than Hydrocarbons sold in the ordinary course of business) since the date of the last Borrowing Base determination except as set forth on an exhibit to the certificate, which exhibit shall list all of its Borrowing Base Properties sold (other than Hydrocarbons sold in the ordinary course of business) and in such detail as reasonably required by the Administrative Agent, (v) attached to the certificate is a list of all marketing agreements entered into by a Group Member subsequent to the later of the date hereof or the most recently delivered Reserve Report which the Borrower could reasonably be expected to have been obligated to list on Schedule 7.19 had such agreement been in effect on the date hereof and (vi) attached thereto is a schedule of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated by such Reserve Report that are Mortgaged Properties and demonstrating the percentage of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties that the value of such Mortgaged Properties represent and that such percentage is in compliance with Section 8.13(a) (the certificate described herein, the “Reserve Report Certificate”). For the avoidance of doubt, the requirement to provide a Reserve Report Certificate shall require the delivery of such Reserve Report Certificate at the time each Reserve Report is delivered.

#### Section 8.12 Title Information.

(a) On or before the delivery to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders of each Reserve Report required by Section 8.11(a), the Borrower shall deliver title information in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent covering enough of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated by such Reserve Report that were not included in the immediately preceding Reserve Report, so that the Administrative Agent shall have received reasonably satisfactory title information on Hydrocarbon Interests constituting at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated by such Reserve Report as determined by the Administrative Agent.

(b) If the Borrower has provided title information for additional Properties under Section 8.12(a), the Borrower shall, within 60 days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree up to a maximum of thirty (30) additional days) after notice from the Administrative Agent that title defects or exceptions exist with respect to such additional Properties (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may approve in its sole discretion), either (i) cure any such title defects or exceptions (including defects or exceptions as to priority) which are not permitted by Section 9.03 raised by such information, (ii) substitute acceptable Mortgaged Properties with no title defects or exceptions except for Liens permitted by Section 9.03 having an equivalent or greater value or (iii) deliver title information in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent so that the Administrative Agent shall have received, together with title information previously delivered to the Administrative Agent, reasonably satisfactory title information on Hydrocarbon Interests constituting at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated by such Reserve Report as determined by the Administrative Agent.

(c) If the Borrower is unable to cure any title defect reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to be cured within the 60-day (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree up to a maximum of thirty (30) additional days) period or the Borrower does not comply with the requirements to provide acceptable title information covering 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated in the most recent Reserve Report as determined by the Administrative Agent, such failure shall not be a Default, but instead the Administrative Agent and/or the Required Lenders shall each have the right to exercise the following remedy in their sole discretion from time to time, and any failure to so exercise this remedy at any time shall not be a waiver as to future exercise of the remedy by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders. To the extent that the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders are not reasonably satisfied with title to any Mortgaged Property after the 60-day (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree up to a maximum of thirty (30) additional days) period has elapsed, such unacceptable Mortgaged Property shall not count towards the 85% requirement, and the Administrative Agent may send a notice to the Borrower and the Lenders that the then outstanding Borrowing Base shall be reduced by an amount as determined by the Required Lenders to cause the Borrower to be in compliance with the requirement to provide acceptable title information covering 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated by such Reserve Report. This new Borrowing Base shall become effective immediately after receipt of such notice.

Section 8.13 Additional Collateral; Additional Guarantors.

(a) In connection with each redetermination of the Borrowing Base (including, for avoidance of doubt, any Interim Redetermination), the Borrower shall review the Reserve Report and the list of current Mortgaged Properties (as described in Section 8.11(c)(vi)) to ascertain whether the Borrowing Base Properties which are Mortgaged Properties represent at least 85% of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties evaluated in the most recently completed Reserve Report after giving effect to exploration and production activities, acquisitions, Dispositions and production. In the event that the Mortgaged Properties do not represent at least 85% of such PV-10 value, then the Borrower shall, and shall cause the other Loan Parties to, grant, within thirty (30) days of delivery of the Reserve Report Certificate required under Section 8.11(c), to the Administrative Agent as security for the Secured Obligations a first-priority Lien interest (provided that Excepted Liens of the type described in clauses (a) to (d) and (f) of the definition thereof may exist, but subject to the provisos at the end of such definition) on additional Oil and Gas Properties not already subject to a Lien of the Security Instruments such that after giving effect thereto, the Mortgaged Properties will represent at least 85% of such PV-10 value. All such Liens will be created and perfected by and in accordance with the provisions of deeds of trust, security agreements and financing statements or other Security Instruments, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and with sufficient executed (and acknowledged where necessary or appropriate) counterparts for recording purposes. In order to comply with the foregoing, if any Subsidiary grants a Lien on its Oil and Gas Properties pursuant to this Section 8.13(a) and such Subsidiary is not a Guarantor, then it shall become a Guarantor and comply with Section 8.13(b). It is understood that the obligation to pledge and provide first priority perfected liens on only 85% (rather than 100%) of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties is a matter of administrative convenience only and it is the intention of the parties that the Administrative Agent benefit from an all assets pledge of the Loan Parties' Properties; accordingly the percentage of the PV-10 of the Borrowing Base Properties pledged to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties may be (but shall not be required to be) up to 100% at any time.



(b) (i) The Borrower shall promptly cause each Domestic Subsidiary Group Member that is a wholly-owned Material Subsidiary and which is not acquired or created for the purpose of an ABS Transaction to guarantee and secure the Secured Obligations pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, including pursuant to a supplement or joinder thereto. In connection with any such guaranty and security interest grant, the Borrower shall, or shall cause (i) such Material Subsidiary to promptly execute and deliver such Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (or a supplement thereto, as applicable), (ii) the owners of the Equity Interests of such Material Subsidiary who are Group Members to pledge all of the Equity Interests of such Material Subsidiary (including delivery of original stock certificates (if any) evidencing the certificated Equity Interests of such Subsidiary, together with an appropriate undated stock powers for each certificate duly executed in blank by the registered owner thereof) and (iii) such Material Subsidiary or other Person, as applicable, to promptly execute and deliver such other additional closing documents, legal opinions and certificates as shall reasonably be requested by the Administrative Agent.

(ii) With respect to any Subsidiary that is acquired or created for the purpose of an ABS Transaction, such Subsidiary shall guarantee and secure the Secured Obligations prior to its acquisition (either by assignment, division, divisive merger or otherwise) of any Mortgaged Property or the Equity Interest of an entity that owns Mortgaged Property by executing a supplement to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement in the form of Annex I thereto and if such ABS Transaction does not close within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent shall agree) after the acquisition of such Mortgaged Property or the Equity Interest of an entity that owns such Mortgaged Property by such Subsidiary, the Borrower shall cause (A) the owners of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary who are Group Members to pledge all of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary (including delivery of original stock certificates (if any) evidencing the certificated Equity Interests of such Subsidiary, together with an appropriate undated stock powers for each certificate duly executed in blank by the registered owner thereof) and (B) such Material Subsidiary to promptly execute and deliver such other additional closing documents (including Mortgages or amendments to Mortgages), legal opinions and certificates as shall reasonably be requested by the Administrative Agent.

(c) In the event that any Loan Party becomes the owner of (i) a first tier Foreign Group Member or (ii) a Domestic Subsidiary Group Member, then the parent Loan Party shall (A) pledge (x) 65% of all Equity Interests of such Foreign Group Member or (y) 100% of all the Equity Interests of such Domestic Subsidiary Group Member, in each case, that are owned by such Loan Party (including, in each case, delivery of original stock certificates, if any, evidencing such certificated Equity Interests, together with appropriate stock powers for each certificate duly executed in blank by the registered owner thereof) and (along with such Foreign Group Member or Subsidiary Group Member, as applicable) execute and deliver such other additional closing documents, legal opinions and certificates as shall reasonably be requested by the Administrative Agent.

(d) The Borrower will at all times cause the other material tangible and intangible personal property assets (other than any "Excluded Asset" as defined in the Security Instruments) of the Borrower and each Group Member to be subject to a Lien of the Security Instruments.

Section 8.14 ERISA Compliance. The Borrower will promptly furnish and will cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower and any ERISA Affiliate to promptly furnish to the Administrative Agent (a) immediately upon becoming aware of the occurrence of any ERISA Event or of any Prohibited Transaction, which could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower or Group Member in an aggregate amount exceeding \$10,000,000, in connection with any Plan or any trust created thereunder, a written notice of the Borrower or such other Group Member or ERISA Affiliate, as the case may be, specifying the nature thereof, what action such Person is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto, and, when known, any action taken or proposed by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor or the PBGC with respect thereto, and (b) immediately upon receipt thereof, copies of any notice of the PBGC's intention to terminate or to have a trustee appointed to administer any Plan. With respect to each Plan, except for matters that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Borrower will, and will cause each Subsidiary and ERISA Affiliate to, (A) satisfy in full and in a timely manner, without incurring any late payment or underpayment charge or penalty and without giving rise to any lien, all of the contribution and funding requirements of Section 412 of the Code and of Section 302 of ERISA, and (B) pay, or cause to be paid, to the PBGC and in a timely manner, without incurring any late payment or underpayment charge or penalty and without giving rise to any lien, after giving effect to any applicable grace period, all premiums required pursuant to Sections 4006 and 4007 of ERISA. Promptly following receipt thereof from the administrator or plan sponsor, but in any event within five (5) Business Days following any request therefor, the Borrower will furnish or will cause any applicable Subsidiary and any applicable ERISA Affiliate to furnish to the Administrative Agent copies of any documents described in Sections 101(k) or 101(l) of ERISA that any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate may request with respect to any Multiemployer Plan to which any Group Member or any ERISA Affiliate contributes or has an obligation to contribute; provided, that if the Group Members or any of their ERISA Affiliates have not requested such documents or notices from the administrator or sponsor of the applicable Multiemployer Plan, then, upon reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Group Members and/or their ERISA Affiliates shall promptly, but in any event within five (5) Business Days following such request, make a request for such documents or notices from such administrator or sponsor and the Borrower shall provide copies of such documents and notices to the Administrative Agent promptly, but in any event within five (5) Business Days following receipt thereof.

Section 8.15 Swap Agreements. Within thirty (30) days (or such longer period as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent) after the Closing Date and thereafter on each April 1st and October 1st, the Loan Parties shall be party to Swap Agreements (including without limitation puts and floors) in respect of commodities the net notional volumes for which (when aggregated with other commodity Swap Agreements then in effect (other than basis differential swaps on volumes already hedged pursuant to other Swap Agreements)) equal at least:

(a) (i) 65% of the reasonably anticipated (A) Hydrocarbon production from the Group Member's total proved developed producing reserves and (B) the Specified NGLs as forecast based upon the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.11 for each month during the 12 month period from such April 1st and October 1st, as applicable, and (ii) 35% of the reasonably anticipated (A) Hydrocarbon production from the Group Member's total proved developed producing reserves and (B) the Specified NGLs as forecast based upon the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.11 for each month during the 12 month period thereafter; and

(b) (i) 50% of the reasonably anticipated (A) Hydrocarbon production from the Group Member's total proved developed producing reserves of natural gas and (B) Specified NGLs as forecast based upon the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.11 for each month during the 12 month period from such April 1st and October 1st, as applicable, and (ii) 25% of the reasonably anticipated (A) Hydrocarbon production from the Group Member's total proved developed producing reserves of natural gas and (B) Specified NGLs as forecast based upon the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.11 for each month during the 12 month period thereafter.

The amounts set forth in Sections 8.15(a) and (b) shall be modified by the same Swap Adjustment used in Section 9.17(a)(i) at the time of determination and being the "Minimum Required Volume".

Section 8.16 Marketing Activities. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of the other Group Members to, engage in marketing activities for any Hydrocarbons or enter into any contracts related thereto other than (i) contracts for the sale of Hydrocarbons scheduled or reasonably estimated to be produced from their proved Oil and Gas Properties during the period of such contract, (ii) contracts for the sale of Hydrocarbons scheduled or reasonably estimated to be produced from proved Oil and Gas Properties of third parties during the period of such contract associated with the Oil and Gas Properties of the Borrower and the other Group Members that the Borrower or one of the other Group Members has the right to market pursuant to joint operating agreements, unitization agreements or other similar contracts that are usual and customary in the oil and gas business and (iii) other contracts for the purchase and/or sale of Hydrocarbons of third parties (A) which have generally offsetting provisions (i.e. corresponding pricing mechanics, delivery dates and points and volumes) such that no "position" is taken and (B) for which appropriate credit support has been taken to alleviate the material credit risks of the counterparty thereto.

Section 8.17 Account Control Agreements; Location of Proceeds of Loans. The Borrower shall, and shall cause each of the other Loan Parties to, maintain each of their Deposits Accounts (other than Excluded Accounts) with a Lender, and shall cause each of such Deposit Account and each of its Securities Accounts to be subject to a Control Agreement reasonably acceptable in form and substance to the Administrative Agent; provided (a) the Borrower and each other Loan Party shall comply with the foregoing requirement within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent shall agree in its sole discretion), (b) no such Control Agreement shall be required for Excluded Accounts, and (c) if any Lender or Affiliate of a Lender is such a depository bank for the Borrower or any Guarantor and such Lender for any reason ceases to be a Lender party to this Agreement, the Borrower or such Guarantor (as applicable) shall be deemed to have satisfied the foregoing requirement so long as the Borrower or such Guarantor transitions its Deposit Accounts to another Lender or Affiliate of a Lender within sixty (60) days (or such longer period of time as may be acceptable to the Administrative Agent) following such cessation.

Section 8.18 Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

(a) The Borrower may designate any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and, subject to Section 8.18(c), any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary upon delivery to the Administrative Agent of written notice from the Borrower; provided that immediately before and after such designation, (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) immediately after giving effect to such designation, the Borrower shall be in *pro forma* compliance with the Financial Performance Covenants (iii) no Borrowing Base Deficiency not otherwise cured shall be existing or result therefrom and (iv) the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Guarantors set forth in this Agreement and in the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (unless already qualified by materiality in which case such applicable representation and warranty shall be true and correct) on and as of the date of such designation, except to the extent any such representations and warranties are expressly limited to an earlier date, in which case, on and as of the date of such designation, such representations and warranties shall continue to be true and correct in all material respects (unless already qualified by materiality in which case such applicable representation and warranty shall be true and correct) as of such specified earlier date.

(b) The designation of any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary and any Disposition of Property to an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall constitute (i) an Investment under Section 9.05 as of the date of designation or Disposition, as applicable, in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of the Borrower's investment therein and (ii) a Disposition as of the date of designation or Disposition, including (A) for purposes of the provisions of Section 2.08 and (B) for purposes of EBITDAX where such Disposition shall be deemed to be a Material Disposition.

(c) The Borrower may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary once upon delivery of written notice to the Administrative Agent; provided that such designation (i) shall constitute the incurrence at the time of designation of any Indebtedness and Liens of such Subsidiary existing at such time, (ii) shall constitute a reduction in any Investment under Section 9.05 to the extent that such Investment was attributable to such Restricted Subsidiary being an Unrestricted Subsidiary at the date of designation in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of the Borrower's investment therein, it being understood that any incurrence of Indebtedness and Liens in connection herewith shall require compliance with Section 9.02 and Section 9.03, as applicable and (iii) shall require the Borrower to be in compliance with the Financial Performance Covenants immediately before such designation and in *pro forma* compliance immediately after such designation.

(d) Any designation of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, any designation of a Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary and any Disposition to an Unrestricted Subsidiary will require the Borrower to provide the Administrative Agent a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions in Section 8.18(b) or Section 8.18(c), as applicable.

Section 8.19 Commodity Exchange Act Keepwell Provisions. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor hereby jointly and severally, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support as may be needed from time to time by each other Loan Party to honor all of its obligations under the Loan Documents in respect of Swap Obligations (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering such Qualified ECP Guarantor's obligations and undertakings under any guarantee voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section 8.19 shall remain in full force and effect until the Secured Obligations have been indefeasibly paid and performed in full and the Commitments are terminated. Each Loan Party intends this Section 8.19 to constitute, and this Section 8.19 shall be deemed to constitute, a guarantee of the obligations of, and a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of, each other Loan Party for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

## ARTICLE IX NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Until Payment in Full, the Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

Section 9.01 Financial Covenants.

(a) Ratio of Total Net Debt to EBITDAX. Beginning with the Fiscal Quarter ending September 30, 2022, the Borrower will not, as of the last day of any Fiscal Quarter, permit its ratio of Total Net Debt as of such last day to EBITDAX for the period of four Fiscal Quarters then ending on such day to exceed 3.25 to 1.00.

(b) Current Ratio. Beginning with the Fiscal Quarter ending September 30, 2022, the Borrower will not, as of the last day of any Fiscal Quarter, permit its Current Ratio as of such day to be less than 1.00 to 1.00.

Section 9.02 Indebtedness. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, incur, create, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:

- (a) the Loans or other Secured Obligations;
- (b) Indebtedness of the Group Members existing on the date hereof set forth on Schedule 9.02 as well as any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof;
- (c) purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations not to exceed \$30,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time outstanding;
- (d) unsecured Indebtedness associated with worker's compensation claims, bonds or surety obligations required by Governmental Requirements or by third parties in the ordinary course of business in connection with the operation of, or provision for the abandonment and remediation of, the Oil and Gas Properties;
- (e) (i) Indebtedness among the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which are Loan Parties, (ii) Indebtedness between the Subsidiaries of the Borrower which are not Loan Parties and (iii) Indebtedness extended to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which are Loan Parties by any Group Members; provided that (A) such Indebtedness is not held, assigned, transferred, negotiated or pledged to any Person other than a Loan Party and (B) any such Indebtedness owed by either the Borrower or a Guarantor shall be subordinated to the Secured Obligations on terms satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;
- (f) endorsements of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) any guarantee of any other Indebtedness permitted to be incurred hereunder;
- (h) unsecured Indebtedness in respect of Swap Agreements entered into in compliance with Section 9.17;
- (i) Indebtedness of the Borrower in respect of Permitted Unsecured Debt and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness of such Indebtedness provided, that (i) such Indebtedness does not exceed \$500,000,000 of principal in the aggregate outstanding at any time and (ii) giving pro forma effect to such Indebtedness and the repayment of any other Indebtedness with the proceeds thereof, (A) no Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency exists at such time, (B) the ratio of Total Net Debt to EBITDAX for the most recent four Fiscal Quarters for which financial statements are available is in compliance with Section 9.01(a) and (B) the Availability is equal to or greater than 15%; and
- (j) other Indebtedness not to exceed \$15,000,000 in the aggregate at any one time outstanding.

Section 9.03 Liens. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Group Member to, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any of its Properties (now owned or hereafter acquired), except:

- (a) Liens securing the payment of any Secured Obligations;
- (b) Liens existing on the Closing Date and disclosed on Schedule 9.03 and Excepted Liens;
- (c) Liens securing purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Leases Obligations permitted by Section 9.02(c) but only on the Property that is the subject of any such Indebtedness or lease, accessions and improvements thereto, insurance thereon, and the proceeds of the foregoing;
- (d) Liens securing any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness; provided that any such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is not secured by any additional or different Property not securing the Refinanced Indebtedness; and
- (e) Liens on Property not constituting Mortgaged Property that secure Indebtedness and that are not otherwise permitted by the foregoing clauses of this Section 9.03; provided that the aggregate or principal or face amount of all debt secured by such Liens pursuant to this Section 9.03(f), and the Fair Market Value of the Properties subject to such Liens (determined as of the date such Liens are incurred), shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding.

Section 9.04 Restricted Payments; Redemptions and Restrictions on Amendments of Permitted Unsecured Debt.

(a) Restricted Payments. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of the other Group Members to, declare or make, or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, except:

(i) the Borrower may declare and pay Restricted Payments with respect to its Equity Interests payable solely in additional shares of its Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Capital Stock),

(ii) Subsidiaries may make Restricted Payments ratably to the holders of their Equity Interests,

(iii) the Borrower may make Restricted Payments pursuant to and in accordance with stock option plans, other equity compensation plans or other benefit plans for management, employees or other individual service providers of the Borrower and the other Group Members which plans have been approved by the Borrower's board of directors, to the extent such Restricted Payments are made in the ordinary course of business,

(iv) the Borrower may pay cash dividends on its Equity Interests if giving pro forma effect thereto (including any Borrowing incurred in connection therewith) (A) Available Free Cash Flow (less for the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate amount of any Restricted Payments made that have occurred during the period commencing with the first day of the most recently ended Test Period through and including the time of calculation) is greater than \$0.00, (B) the ratio of Total Net Debt to EBITDAX for the most recent four Fiscal Quarters for which financial statements are available does not exceed 2.5 to 1.0 and (C) the Borrower's Liquidity is equal to or greater than 20% of the then effective Borrowing Base, so long as no Default, Event or Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a result; provided that if the Borrower's ratio of Total Net Debt to EBITDAX for the most recent four Fiscal Quarters for which financial statements are available is less than 2.0 to 1.0 the Borrower's Liquidity may be equal to or greater than 15% of the then effective Borrowing Base,

(v) the Borrower may make Restricted Payments if after giving effect thereto the Borrower's ratio of Total Net Debt as of such date to EBITDAX for the four fiscal quarters most recently ended is less than 1.50 to 1.00 and the Borrower's Liquidity is greater than 25% of the then effective Borrowing Base, and

(vi) notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made pursuant to this Section 9.04(a) prior to receipt of the financials for the Fiscal Quarter ending September 30, 2022 shall not exceed \$100.0 million.

For the avoidance of doubt, transactions with Affiliates pursuant to those agreements listed on Schedule 9.14 do not constitute Restricted Payments.

(b) Redemptions. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to prior to the Maturity Date, call, make or offer to make any optional or voluntary Redemption of or otherwise optionally or voluntarily Redeem (whether in whole or in part), (i) any Permitted Unsecured Debt, (ii) any other Indebtedness of the type set forth in clause (h) of the definition of Indebtedness, (iii) any Indebtedness permitted by Section 9.02(i) if at the time of such Redemption a Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency exists and is continuing, or (iv) any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) (such Indebtedness in clauses (i) through (iv), collectively, the "Specified Indebtedness"); provided that the Borrower may prepay such Specified Indebtedness with the proceeds of any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof or with the net cash proceeds of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Capital Stock) of the Borrower so long as no Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a result of such Redemption.

(c) Amendments. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to any Specified Indebtedness if doing so would (i) with respect to Permitted Unsecured Debt cause such Specified Indebtedness to not meet the requirements set forth in the definition of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness or Permitted Unsecured Debt, as applicable (tested as if such Specified Indebtedness were being issued or incurred at such time) and (ii) with respect to any other Specified Indebtedness, shorten the average maturity or average life of such Specified Indebtedness.

Section 9.05 Investments, Loans and Advances. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, make or permit to remain outstanding any Investments in or to any Person, except that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to:

- (a) Investments which are disclosed to the Lenders in Schedule 9.05;
- (b) accounts receivable arising in the ordinary course of business;



(c) Investments in Cash Equivalents;

(d) Investments (i) made among the Borrower and the other Subsidiaries which are Loan Parties, (ii) made between the Subsidiaries of the Borrower which are not Loan Parties or (iii) made by any Group Member in or to the Borrower or to its Subsidiaries which are Loan Parties;

(e) subject to the limits in Section 9.06, Investments in direct ownership interests in additional Oil and Gas Properties or investments with respect to and relating to the production of oil, gas and other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons from Oil and Gas Properties which are usual and customary in the oil and gas exploration and production business located, in each case, within the geographic boundaries of the United States of America;

(f) loans or advances to employees, officers or directors in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower or any of the other Loan Parties, in each case only as permitted by applicable law, including Section 402 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, but in any event not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate at any time;

(g) Investments in stock, obligations or securities received in settlement of debts arising from Investments permitted under this Section 9.05 owing to the Borrower or any other Group Member as a result of a bankruptcy or other insolvency proceeding of the obligor in respect of such debts or upon the enforcement of any Lien in favor of the Borrower or any of the other Group Members; provided that the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent prompt written notice in the event that the aggregate amount of all Investments held at any one time under this Section 9.05(g) exceeds \$1,000,000;

(h) Investments pursuant to Swap Agreements otherwise permitted under this Agreement;

(i) other Investments not to exceed \$15,000,000 in the aggregate at any time;

(j) loans, advances or extensions of credit to suppliers or contractors under applicable contracts or agreements in the ordinary course of business in connection with oil and gas development activities of such Borrower or such Subsidiary; and

(k) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries, provided that the aggregate amount of all such Investments at any one time shall not exceed \$10,000,000 (without giving effect to any appreciation in the value of such Investment after date such Investment is made).

Section 9.06 Nature of Business; No International Operations. The Borrower and the other Group Members, taken as a whole, will not allow any material change to be made in the character of its business as an independent oil and gas exploration and production company. The Group Members will not acquire or make any other expenditures (whether such expenditure is capital, operating or otherwise) in or related to, any Oil and Gas Properties not located within the geographical boundaries of the United States of America or in the offshore federal waters of the United States of America.

Section 9.07 Proceeds of Loans. The Borrower will not permit the proceeds of the Borrowings to be used for any purpose other than those permitted by Section 7.22. No Loan Party, any other Permitted L/C Party, nor any Person acting on behalf of the Borrower has taken or will take any action which may cause any of the Loan Documents to violate Regulations T, U or X or any other regulation of the Board or to violate Section 7 of the Exchange Act or any rule or regulation thereunder, in each case as now in effect or as the same may hereinafter be in effect. If requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender a statement to the foregoing effect in conformity with the requirements of FR Form U-1 or such other form referred to in Regulation U, Regulation T or Regulation X of the Board, as the case may be. The Borrower will not request any Borrowing or Letter of Credit, and the Borrower shall not directly or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, indirectly use, and shall procure that its Subsidiaries, the other Permitted L/C Parties and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not directly or, to the knowledge of such Person, indirectly use, the proceeds of any Borrowing or Letter of Credit (a) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (b) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country to the extent such activities, businesses or transaction would be prohibited by Sanctions if conducted by a corporation incorporated in the United States or (c) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

Section 9.08 ERISA Compliance. Except as would not, whether individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Borrower will not, and will not permit any ERISA Affiliate to, at any time:

(a) engage in any transaction in connection with which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate, could be subject to either a civil penalty assessed pursuant to subsections (c), (i), (l) or (m) of Section 502 of ERISA or a tax imposed by Chapter 43 of Subtitle D of the Code;

(b) terminate, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to terminate, any Plan in a manner, or take any other action with respect to any Plan, which could result in any liability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary or any ERISA Affiliate to the PBGC;

(c) fail to make, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to fail to make, after giving effect to any applicable grace period, full payment when due of all amounts which, under the provisions of any Plan, agreement relating thereto or applicable law, the Borrower, a Subsidiary or any ERISA Affiliate is required to pay as contributions thereto;

(d) fail to satisfy, or allow any ERISA Affiliate to fail to satisfy, the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA), in any case whether or not waived, with respect to any Plan; and

(e) acquire, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to acquire, an interest in any Person that causes such Person to become an ERISA Affiliate with respect to any Group Member or ERISA Affiliate if such Person sponsors, maintains or contributes to, or at any time in the six-year period immediately preceding such acquisition has sponsored, maintained, or contributed to, (1) any Multiemployer Plan, or (2) any other Plan that is subject to Title IV of ERISA under which the actuarial present value of the benefit liabilities under such Plan exceeds the current value of the assets (computed on a plan termination basis in accordance with Title IV of ERISA and determined as of the end of the most recent plan year) of such Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities.

Section 9.09 Sale or Discount of Receivables. Except for receivables obtained by the Group Members out of the ordinary course of business or the settlement of joint interest billing accounts in the ordinary course of business or discounts granted to settle collection of accounts receivable or the sale of defaulted accounts arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the compromise or collection thereof and not in connection with any financing transaction, the Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, discount or sell (with or without recourse) any of its notes receivable or accounts receivable.

Section 9.10 Mergers, Etc.. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to merge into or with or consolidate with any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it, or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its Property to any other Person, (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) or liquidate or dissolve (any such transaction, a “consolidation”), except that (a) any Loan Party may consolidate with or into the Borrower (provided the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity), (b) any Group Member (other than the Borrower) may consolidate with any Subsidiary of the Borrower which is a Loan Party (provided such Subsidiary which is a Loan Party shall be the continuing or surviving entity) and (c) any Subsidiary which is not a Loan Party may consolidate with any other Subsidiary which is not a Loan Party, in each case, so long as no Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a result of such consolidation and notice of such consolidation is provided to the Administrative Agent five (5) Business Days prior to such consolidation.

Section 9.11 Sale of Properties and Termination of Hedging Transactions. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Group Member to, sell, assign, farm-out, convey or otherwise transfer any Property except for:

- (a) the sale of Hydrocarbons in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) the sale or other Disposition (including any farmout or similar agreement) of Oil and Gas Properties not included in the calculation of the Borrowing Base (which, for avoidance of doubt, includes Oil and Gas Properties not constituting Proved Reserves) or 100% of the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary owning such Oil and Gas Properties;
- (c) the sale or transfer of equipment (including, for the avoidance of doubt, midstream pipelines, gathering systems, processing plants and other related equipment) that (i) is no longer necessary for the business of the Borrower or such other Group Member or (ii) is replaced by equipment of at least comparable value and use;
- (d) other than as permitted under Section 9.11(g) hereof, the sale or other Disposition (including Casualty Events or in connection with any condemnation proceeding) of any Borrowing Base Properties or any interest therein, 100% of the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary owning Borrowing Base Properties or the Unwind of Swap Agreements; provided that:

(i) not less than 80% of the consideration received in respect of such sale or other Disposition shall be cash (provided that Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves received as consideration in connection with an asset swap may be deemed to be cash in an amount equal to the Fair Market Value of the Oil and Gas Properties constituting Proved Reserves received so long as the aggregate amount of such deemed cash consideration does not exceed five percent (5%) of the Borrowing Base then in effect at the time of such sale or other Disposition),

(ii) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing nor would a Default, Event of Default or Borrowing Base Deficiency (after giving effect to any prepayment of the Loans made with the proceeds of such sale or other Disposition) result therefrom, and

(iii) (other than in respect of Casualty Events) the consideration received in respect of a sale or other Disposition of any Oil and Gas Property constituting Proved Reserves, Equity Interest or interest therein shall be equal to or greater than the Fair Market Value of the Oil and Gas Property constituting Proved Reserves, Equity Interest or interest therein subject of such sale or other Disposition (as reasonably determined by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower and if requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall deliver a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying to the foregoing);

(e) other than as permitted by Section 9.11(b), sales and other Dispositions for cash of Properties not included in the Borrowing Base having a Fair Market Value in aggregate not to exceed \$15,000,000 in the aggregate;

(f) (i) transfers of Properties between the Borrower and its Subsidiaries which are Loan Parties, (ii) transfers of Properties between the Subsidiaries of the Borrower which are not Group Members and (iii) transfers of Property from Subsidiaries which are not Loan Parties to Loan Parties;

(g) Dispositions of Borrowing Base Properties or all of the Equity Interests of a Loan Party which owns Borrowing Base Properties or any ABS Party with respect to an ABS Transaction; provided that:

(i) the Borrower receives cash consideration for such Disposition equal to or greater than the Borrowing Base Value of such Borrowing Base Properties as determined in the most recently delivered Reserve Report;

(ii) the Borrowing Base shall automatically, without any further actions by the Lenders or the Administrative Agent, be reduced by the Borrowing Base Value of such Borrowing Base Properties upon the closing of such ABS Transaction in accordance with Section 2.08(d);

(iii) the Borrower shall prepay the Loans in accordance with Section 3.04(c)(iii); and

(iv) with respect to any Dispositions of Borrowing Base Properties by a Loan Party or by any of its Subsidiaries (including Subsidiaries formed by division or divisive merger) in connection with an ABS Transaction (an “ABS Party”), the Borrower shall have the option to transfer the Equity Interests of such ABS Party to Diversified or a Subsidiary of Diversified; provided that such ABS Party, after the relevant ABS Transaction, (A) is a non-Material Subsidiary and (B) does not own any Borrowing Base Properties; and

(h) any transaction permitted by Section 9.05.

Section 9.12 Sales and Leasebacks. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to enter into any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by any Group Member of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by such Group Member to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of such Group Member.

Section 9.13 Environmental Matters. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member or Affiliate Operator, to undertake (or allow to be undertaken at any property subject to its control) anything which will subject any such property to any obligation to conduct any investigation or remediation under any applicable Environmental Laws or regarding any Hazardous Material that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, it being understood that the foregoing will not be deemed to limit (i) any obligation under applicable Environmental Law to disclose any relevant facts, conditions or circumstances to the appropriate Governmental Authority as and to the extent required by any such Environmental Law, (ii) any investigation or remediation required to be conducted under applicable Environmental Law, (iii) any investigation reasonably requested by a prospective purchaser of any property, provided that such investigation is subject to conditions and limitations (including indemnification and insurance obligations regarding the conduct of such investigation) that are reasonably protective of the Borrower and any Group Member, or (iv) any investigation or remediation required pursuant to any lease agreements with the owners of any Properties.

Section 9.14 Transactions with Affiliates. Except for (a) payment of Restricted Payments permitted by Section 9.04, (b) Dispositions permitted by Section 9.11(g), (c) the Joint Operating Agreement, (d) the Management Services Agreement, and (e) the transactions and payment of funds under those agreements listed on Schedule 9.14 including those agreements with respect to similar such transactions and payments to an Affiliate or Affiliates entered into in the ordinary course of business for the payment of Hydrocarbons or services in connection with an ABS Transaction and disclosed in writing to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly furnish a copy to the Lenders) which shall be a supplement to Schedule 9.14, the Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, enter into any transaction, including any purchase, sale, lease or exchange of Property or the rendering of any service, with any Affiliate (other than among the Loan Parties) unless such transactions are otherwise not prohibited under this Agreement and are upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to it than it would obtain in a comparable arm’s length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 9.15 Subsidiaries. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Group Member to, sell, assign or otherwise Dispose of any Equity Interests in any Group Members except in compliance with Section 9.11. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Group Member to, have any foreign Subsidiaries (other than those in existence on the Closing Date).

Section 9.16 Negative Pledge Agreements; Dividend Restrictions. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any contract, agreement or understanding which in any way prohibits or restricts (a) the granting, conveying, creation or imposition of any Lien on any of its Property to secure the Secured Obligations or which (i) requires the consent of other Persons in connection therewith or (ii) provides that any such occurrence shall constitute a default or breach of such agreement or (b) the Borrower or any other Group Member from (i) paying dividends or making distributions to any Loan Party, (ii) paying any Indebtedness owed to any Loan Party (other than any restrictions imposed on any Loan Party making any such payment pursuant to the Loan Documents during an Event of Default), (iii) making loans or advances to, or other Investments in, any Loan Party (other than any restrictions imposed on any Loan Party making such loan or advance pursuant to the Loan Documents during an Event of Default) or (iv) prepaying or repaying Secured Obligations; provided that (A) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions and conditions under the Loan Documents and (B) clause (a) of the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed by any agreement for purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations permitted by this Agreement if such restrictions or conditions apply only to the Property securing such purchase money Indebtedness or Capital Lease Obligations.

Section 9.17 Swap Agreements.

(a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Group Member to, enter into any Swap Agreements with any Person other than:

(i) Swap Agreements with an Approved Counterparty in respect of commodities entered into not for speculative purposes the notional volumes for which (when aggregated with other commodity Swap Agreements then in effect other than basis differential swaps on volumes already hedged pursuant to other Swap Agreements) do not exceed, as of the date such Swap Agreement is entered into (A) ninety percent (90%) of the reasonably anticipated projected production (as such production is projected in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement) from (I) Proved Reserves from the Borrower's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' Oil and Gas Properties and (II) the Specified NGLs for each month during the period which such Swap Agreement is in effect for each of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately, for the period of thirty six (36) months following the date such Swap Agreement is entered into and (B) seventy five percent (75%) of the reasonably anticipated projected production (as such production is projected in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement) from (I) Proved Reserves from the Borrower's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' Oil and Gas Properties and (II) the Specified NGLs for each month during the period which such Swap Agreement is in effect for each of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately for the period of thirty seven (37) to seventy two (72) months following the date such Swap Agreement is entered into; provided that (x) the Borrower may update the projections by providing the Administrative Agent additional information reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (and shall include new reasonably anticipated Hydrocarbon production from new wells or other production improvements and any dispositions, well shut-ins and other reductions of, or decreases to, production) (this clause x, the "Swap Adjustment") and (y) any Swap Agreements shall not, in any case, have a tenor of greater than six (6) years (provided that a Swap Agreement that may be or is extended by the exercise of an option to extend such a Swap Agreement for an additional term of up to sixty (60) months at the end of the initial term of such Swap Agreement is permitted); provided further that the foregoing limitations shall not apply to purchased put options or floors for Hydrocarbons that are not related to corresponding calls, collars or swaps and with respect to which any Group Member has no payment obligation other than premiums and charges the total amount of which are fixed and known at the time such transaction is entered into;

(ii) in connection with a proposed acquisition by the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries of Oil and Gas Properties pursuant to a binding and enforceable purchase and sale agreement and in addition to the Swap Agreements permitted to be entered into pursuant to Section 9.17(a)(i)(A), Swap Agreements with Approved Counterparties in respect of commodities entered into not for speculative purposes; provided that:

(A) the notional volumes for which (exclusive of puts, floors and basis differential swaps on volumes already hedged pursuant to other Swap Agreements for which the total amount of obligations thereunder are known and fixed at the time such transaction is entered into) do not exceed, as of the date such Swap Agreement is entered into (as such production is projected in a Reserve Report covering the Oil and Gas Properties to be acquired) eighty-five percent (85%) of the reasonably anticipated production from the PDP Reserves of the Oil and Gas Properties to be acquired for each month during the period which such Swap Agreement is in effect for each of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately for the period of thirty six (36) months following the date such Swap Agreement is entered into;

(B) such Swap Agreements are entered into on or after the date on which the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries signs such a binding and enforceable purchase and sale agreement in connection with such proposed acquisition of Oil and Gas Properties;

(C) such Swap Agreements shall not, in any case, have a tenor of greater than three (3) years;

(D) (I) the notional volumes for such Swap Agreements when aggregated with the notional volumes of the Swap Agreements entered into pursuant to Section 9.17(a)(i) above do not exceed 130% of the reasonably anticipated projected production (as such production is projected in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement) from (1) Proved Reserves from the Borrower's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' existing Oil and Gas Properties and (2) the Specified NGLs for each month during the period which such Swap Agreements are in effect for each of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately (the actual percentage so determined, the "Swap Percentage") and (II) the Availability is equal to or greater than the number, expressed as a percentage, of the then effective Borrowing Base, that is the difference between (x) the Swap Percentage and (y) 100%; and

(E) The Borrower shall unwind such Swap Agreements to the extent necessary to be in compliance with the limitations set forth in Section 9.17(a)(i) on the earliest of (1) the date of consummation of such proposed acquisition of Oil and Gas Properties, (2) the date that is 90 days after the execution of the purchase and sale agreement relating to such acquisition to the extent that such acquisition has not been consummated by such date, and (3) any Loan Party knows with reasonable certainty that such acquisition will not be consummated or such purchase and sale agreement is terminated; and

(iii) Swap Agreements in respect of interest rates with an Approved Counterparty, which effectively convert interest rates from floating to fixed, the notional amounts of which (when aggregated with all other Swap Agreements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries then in effect effectively converting interest rates from floating to fixed) do not exceed 80% of the then outstanding principal amount of all the Borrower's Indebtedness for borrowed money which bears interest at a floating rate;

(b) in no event shall any Swap Agreement contain any requirement, agreement or covenant for any Group Member to post collateral or margin to secure their obligations under such Swap Agreement or to cover market exposures (other than under the Security Instruments);

(c) Swap Agreements shall only be entered into in the ordinary course of business (and not for speculative purposes);

(d) no Swap Agreement in respect of commodities shall be terminated, unwound, cancelled or otherwise disposed of except to the extent permitted by Section 9.11; and

(e) if after the end of any Fiscal Quarter, the aggregate volume of all Swap Agreements in respect of commodities for which settlement payments were calculated in such Fiscal Quarter and the preceding Fiscal Quarter (other than basis differential swaps on volumes hedged by other Swap Agreements) exceeded, or will exceed, the sum of 100% of (i) the actual production of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately and (ii) the actual Specified NGLs, in such Fiscal Quarter, then the Borrower shall terminate, create off-setting positions, allocate volumes to other production the Borrower or any Subsidiary is marketing, or otherwise Unwind existing Swap Agreements such that, at such time, future hedging volumes will not exceed 100% of the sum of (A) the reasonably anticipated projected production from proved, developed producing Oil and Gas Properties for each of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, calculated separately and (B) the Specified NGLs, for the then-current and any succeeding Fiscal Quarters.

Section 9.18 Amendments to Organizational Documents; Joint Operating Agreement and Management Services Agreement and Other Agreements Listed on Schedule 9.14. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Group Member to, amend, supplement or otherwise modify (or permit to be amended, supplemented or modified) its Organizational Documents, the Joint Operating Agreement, the Management Services Agreement or any other agreement listed on Schedule 9.14 in any material respect that could reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the interests of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders without the consent of the Administrative Agent.



Section 9.19 Changes in Fiscal Periods. The Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any other Group Member to have its Fiscal Year end on a date other than December 31 or change the method of determining Fiscal Quarters.

**ARTICLE X  
EVENTS OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES**

Section 10.01 Events of Default. One or more of the following events shall constitute an “Event of Default”:

(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any LC Disbursement when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof, by acceleration or otherwise;

(b) the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in Section 10.01(a)) payable under any Loan Document, when and as the same shall become due and payable, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of five (5) days;

(c) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any other Group Member in or in connection with any Loan Document or any amendment or modification of any Loan Document or waiver under such Loan Document, or in any report, notice, certificate, financial statement or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder, shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made;

(d) the Borrower or any other Group Member shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in Section 8.01(k), Section 8.02, Section 8.03 (only with respect to the Borrower’s existence), Section 8.17, Section 8.18 or in Article IX;

(e) the Borrower or any other Group Member shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement (other than those specified in Section 10.01(a), Section 10.01(b), Section 10.01(c) or Section 10.01(d)) or any other Loan Document, and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after the earlier to occur of (A) notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower (which notice will be given at the request of any Lender) or (B) a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or such other Group Member otherwise becoming aware of such default;

(f) the Borrower or any other Group Member shall fail to make any payment (whether of principal or interest and regardless of amount) in respect of any Material Indebtedness, when and as the same shall become due and payable and such failure continues after the applicable grace or notice period, if any, specified in the relevant document for such Material Indebtedness;

(g) any other event or condition occurs that results in any Material Indebtedness of any Group Member becoming due prior to its scheduled maturity or that enables or permits (after giving effect to any applicable notice periods, if any, and any applicable grace periods) the holder or holders of any such Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its or their behalf to cause any such Material Indebtedness to become due, or to require the Redemption thereof or any offer to Redeem to be made in respect thereof, prior to its scheduled maturity or require the Borrower or any other Group Member to make an offer in respect thereof;

(h) an involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of any Group Member, or its or their debts, or of a substantial part of its or their assets, under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect or (ii) the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Borrower or any other Group Member or for a substantial part of its or their assets, and, in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall continue undismissed for sixty (60) days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered;

(i) the Borrower or any other Group Member shall (i) voluntarily commence any proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any Federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in Section 10.01(h), (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for the Borrower or any other Group Member or for a substantial part of its or their assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it or them in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (vi) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing; or any partner, or stockholder of the Borrower shall make any request or take any action for the purpose of calling a meeting of the partners or stockholders, as applicable, of the Borrower to consider a resolution to dissolve and wind up the Borrower's affairs or (vii) become unable, admit in writing its inability or fail generally to pay its debts as they become due;

(j) (i) one or more judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10,000,000 (to the extent not covered by independent third party insurance as to which the insurer does not dispute coverage and is not subject to an insolvency proceeding) or (ii) any one or more non-monetary judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect, shall be rendered against any Group Member or any combination thereof and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed;

(k) the Loan Documents after delivery thereof shall for any reason, except to the extent permitted by the terms thereof, cease to be in full force and effect and valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with their terms against the Borrower or a Loan Party thereto or shall be repudiated by any of them, or cease to create a valid and perfected Lien of the priority required thereby on any Mortgaged Property purported to be covered thereby, except to the extent permitted by the terms of this Agreement, or the Borrower or any other Loan Party or any of their Affiliates shall so state or assert in writing; or

(l) a Change in Control shall occur.

Section 10.02 Remedies.

(a) In the case of an Event of Default other than one described in Section 10.01(g), Section 10.01(h) or Section 10.01(i), at any time thereafter during the continuance of such Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Majority Lenders, shall, by notice to the Borrower, take either or both of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate the Commitments and/or the LC Commitments, and thereupon the Commitments and/or the LC Commitments shall terminate immediately, and (ii) declare the Notes and the Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part, in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Borrower and the Guarantors accrued hereunder and under the Notes and the other Loan Documents (including the payment of cash collateral to secure the LC Exposure as provided in Section 2.09(j)), shall become due and payable immediately, without presentment, demand, protest, notice of intent to accelerate, notice of acceleration or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower and each Guarantor; and in case of an Event of Default described in Section 10.01(g), Section 10.01(h) or Section 10.01(i), the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Notes and the principal of the Loans then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and the other obligations of the Borrower and the Guarantors accrued hereunder and under the Notes and the other Loan Documents (including the payment of cash collateral to secure the LC Exposure as provided in Section 2.09(j)), shall automatically become due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower and each Guarantor.

(b) In the case of the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders will have all other rights and remedies available at law and equity.

(c) In the case of the occurrence of an Event of Default which results in the Commitments terminating then the Borrowing Base shall automatically and concurrently be reduced to \$0.

(d) All proceeds realized from the liquidation or other Disposition of collateral and to any other amounts received after maturity of the Loans, whether from the Borrower, another Loan Party, by acceleration or otherwise, shall be applied:

(i) first, to payment or reimbursement of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting fees, expenses and indemnities payable to the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such;

(ii) second, pro rata to payment or reimbursement of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting fees, expenses and indemnities payable to the Lenders;

(iii) third, pro rata to payment of accrued interest on the Loans and regularly scheduled payments in respect of Secured Swap Agreement (but not any close-out or termination amounts);

(iv) fourth, pro rata to payment of principal outstanding on the Loans, the Secured Obligations then owing under Secured Swap Agreements (to the extent not paid pursuant to clause Third), and Secured Cash Management Obligations (other than Secured Affiliate Cash Management Obligations);

- (v) fifth, *pro rata* to Secured Affiliate Cash Management Obligations and any other Secured Obligations;
- (vi) sixth, to serve as cash collateral to be held by the Administrative Agent to secure the LC Exposure; and
- (vii) seventh, any excess, after all of the Secured Obligations shall have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, shall be paid to the Borrower or as otherwise required by any Governmental Requirement.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENTS**

Section 11.01 Appointment; Powers. Each Lender and Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as its agent and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof and the other Loan Documents, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Each Lender (and each Person that becomes a Lender hereunder pursuant to Section 12.04) hereby authorizes and directs the Administrative Agent to enter into the Security Instruments on behalf of such Lender, in each case, as needed to effectuate the transactions permitted by this Agreement and agrees that the Administrative Agent may take such actions on its behalf as is contemplated by the terms of such applicable Security Instrument. Without limiting the provisions of Sections 11.02 and 12.03, each Lender hereby consents to the Administrative Agent and any successor serving in such capacity and agrees not to assert any claim (including as a result of any conflict of interest) against the Administrative Agent, or any such successor, arising from the role of the Administrative Agent or such successor under the Loan Documents so long as it is either acting in accordance with the terms of such documents and otherwise has not engaged in gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 11.02 Duties and Obligations of Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth in the Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (a) the Administrative Agent shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (the use of the term “agent” herein and in the other Loan Documents with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law; rather, such term is used merely as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between independent contracting parties), (b) the Administrative Agent shall have no duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except as provided in Section 11.03, and (c) except as expressly set forth herein, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any Group Member that is communicated to or obtained by the bank serving as Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice thereof is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower or a Lender, and shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or in any other Loan Document, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article VI or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent or as to those conditions precedent expressly required to be to the Administrative Agent’s satisfaction, (vi) the existence, value, perfection or priority of any collateral security or the financial or other condition of the Borrower and the other Group Members or any other obligor or guarantor, or (vii) any failure by the Borrower or any other Person (other than itself) to perform any of its obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document or the performance or observance of any covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein. For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Article VI, each Lender shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received written notice from such Lender prior to the proposed closing date specifying its objection thereto. No Person identified as Arranger, Syndication Agent or Documentation Agent, in each case, in its capacity as such, shall have any responsibilities or duties, or incur any liability, under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents.

Section 11.03 Action by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall have no duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise in writing as directed by the Majority Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 12.02) and in all cases the Administrative Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to act hereunder or under any other Loan Documents unless it shall (a) receive written instructions from the Majority Lenders or the Lenders, as applicable, (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 12.02) specifying the action to be taken and (b) be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expenses which may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The instructions as aforesaid and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto by the Administrative Agent shall be binding on all of the Lenders. If a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, then the Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be directed by the requisite Lenders in the written instructions (with indemnities) described in this Section 11.03, provided that, unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders. In no event, however, shall the Administrative Agent be required to take any action which exposes the Administrative Agent to personal liability or which is contrary to this Agreement, the Loan Documents or applicable law. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it with the consent or at the request of the Majority Lenders or the Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary under the circumstances as provided in Section 12.02), and otherwise the Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it hereunder or under any other Loan Document or under any other document or instrument referred to or provided for herein or therein or in connection herewith or therewith INCLUDING ITS OWN ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE, except for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Section 11.04 Reliance by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to be made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon and each of the Borrower, the Lenders and the Issuing Bank(s) hereby waives the right to dispute the Administrative Agent's record of such statement, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Section 11.05 Subagents. The Administrative Agent may perform any and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all its duties and exercise its rights and powers through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of the preceding Sections of this Article XI shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent.

Section 11.06 Resignation of Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent may resign at any time by notifying the Lenders, the Issuing Bank(s) and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Majority Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, to appoint from among the Lenders a successor. If no successor shall have been so appointed by the Majority Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Bank(s), appoint a qualified financial institution as successor Administrative Agent. Upon the acceptance of its appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder. The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder, the provisions of this Article XI and Section 12.03 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while it was acting as Administrative Agent.

Section 11.07 Administrative Agent as a Lender. The bank serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent, and such bank and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not the Administrative Agent hereunder.

Section 11.08 No Reliance. Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any arranger of this Agreement or any amendment thereto or any other Lender and their respective Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement and each other Loan Document to which it is a party. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, any arranger of this Agreement or any amendment thereto or any other Lender and their respective Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document, any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder. The Agents shall not be required to keep themselves informed as to the performance or observance by, the Borrower or any of the other Group Members of this Agreement, the Loan Documents or any other document referred to or provided for herein or to inspect the Properties or books of any such Person. Except for notices, reports and other documents and information expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, no Agent or the Arrangers shall have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the affairs, financial condition or business of the Borrower or any Group Member (or any of their Affiliates) which may come into the possession of such Agent, the Arrangers or any of their Affiliates. In this regard, each Lender acknowledges that Baker Botts L.L.P. is acting in this transaction as special counsel to the Administrative Agent only, except to the extent otherwise expressly stated in any legal opinion or any Loan Document. Each other party hereto will consult with its own legal counsel to the extent that it deems necessary in connection with the Loan Documents and the matters contemplated therein.

Section 11.09 Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim. In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Borrower or any of the other Loan Parties, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or LC Disbursement shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, LC Disbursements and all other Secured Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders and the Administrative Agent under Section 12.03) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

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

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequesteror or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, in the event that the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Administrative Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Administrative Agent under Section 3.05 and Section 12.03.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Secured Obligations or the rights of any Lender or to authorize the Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender in any such proceeding.

Section 11.10 Authority of Administrative Agent to Release Collateral and Liens. The Lenders, each Issuing Bank and each other Secured Party:

(a) irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to comply with the provisions of Section 12.18 (without requirement of notice to or consent of any Person except as expressly required by Section 12.02(b)); and

(b) authorize the Administrative Agent to execute and deliver to the Loan Parties, any and all releases of Liens, termination statements, assignments or other documents as reasonably requested by such Loan Party in connection with any sale or other Disposition of Property to the extent such sale or other Disposition is permitted by the terms of Section 9.11 or is otherwise authorized by the terms of the Loan Documents.

Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Majority Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement pursuant to this Section 11.10 or Section 12.18.

Section 11.11 Duties of the Arranger. The Arranger shall not have any duties, responsibilities or liabilities under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents other than duties, responsibilities and liabilities in its capacity as Lenders hereunder.

Section 11.12 Erroneous Payments.

(a) If the Administrative Agent notifies a Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party or any Person who has received funds on behalf of a Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party (any such Lender, Issuing Bank, Secured Party or other recipient, a "Payment Recipient") that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion (whether or not after receipt of any notice under immediately succeeding Section 11.12(b)) that any funds received by such Payment Recipient from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates were erroneously transmitted to, or otherwise erroneously or mistakenly received by, such Payment Recipient (whether or not known to such Lender, Issuing Bank, Secured Party or other Payment Recipient on its behalf) (any such funds, whether received as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees, distribution or otherwise, individually and collectively, an "Erroneous Payment") and demands the return of such Erroneous Payment (or a portion thereof), such Erroneous Payment shall at all times remain the property of the Administrative Agent, and such Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party shall (or, with respect to any Payment Recipient who received such funds on its behalf, shall cause such Payment Recipient to) promptly, but in no event later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made, in same day funds (in the currency so received), together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Payment Recipient to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative Agent in same day funds at the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect. A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Payment Recipient under this Section 11.12(a) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.



(b) Without limiting immediately preceding Section 11.12(a), each Payment Recipient hereby further agrees that if it receives a payment, prepayment or repayment (whether received as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees, distribution or otherwise) from the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) (i) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment, prepayment or repayment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such payment, prepayment or repayment (a "Payment Notice"), (ii) that was not preceded or accompanied by a Payment Notice, or (iii) that such Payment Recipient otherwise becomes aware was transmitted, or received, in error or by mistake (in whole or in part) in each case:

(A) an error may have been made (in the case of immediately preceding Sections 11.12(a)(i) or (ii)) or an error has been made (in the case of immediately preceding Section 11.12(a)(iii)) with respect to such payment, prepayment or repayment; and

(B) such Payment Recipient shall promptly (and, in all events, within one Business Day of its knowledge of such error) notify the Administrative Agent of its receipt of such payment, prepayment or repayment, the details thereof and that it is so notifying the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 11.12(b).

(c) Each Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off, net and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party under any Loan Document, or otherwise payable or distributable by the Administrative Agent to such Lender, Issuing Bank or Secured Party from any source, against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under immediately preceding Section 11.12(a) or under the indemnification provisions of this Agreement.

(d) In the event an Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered by the Administrative Agent for any reason, after demand therefor by the Administrative Agent in accordance with immediately preceding Section 11.12(a), from any Lender or Issuing Bank that has received such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) (or from any Payment Recipient who received such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) on its respective behalf) (such unrecovered amount, an "Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency"), upon the Administrative Agent's request to such Lender or Issuing Lender at any time, (i) such Lender or Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have assigned its Loans (but not its Commitments) with respect to which such Erroneous Payment was made (the "Erroneous Payment Impacted Loan") in an amount equal to the Erroneous Payment Return Deficiency (such assignment of the Loans (but not Commitments) of the Erroneous Payment Impacted Loan, the "Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment") at par plus any accrued and unpaid interest (with the assignment fee to be waived by the Administrative Agent in such instance), and is hereby (together with the Borrower) deemed to execute and deliver an Assignment and Assumption with respect to such Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment, and such Lender or Issuing Bank shall deliver any Notes evidencing such Loans to the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, (ii) the Administrative Agent as the assignee Lender shall be deemed to acquire the Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment and (iii) upon such deemed acquisition, the Administrative Agent as the assignee Lender shall become a Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, hereunder with respect to such Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment and the assigning Lender or assigning Issuing Bank shall cease to be a Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, hereunder with respect to such Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment, excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, its obligations under the indemnification provisions of this Agreement and its applicable Commitments which shall survive as to such assigning Lender or assigning Issuing Bank. For the avoidance of doubt, no Erroneous Payment Deficiency Assignment will reduce the Commitments of any Lender or Issuing Bank and such Commitments shall remain available in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(e) The parties hereto agree that an Erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Secured Obligations owed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party, except, in each case, to the extent such Erroneous Payment is, and solely with respect to the amount of such Erroneous Payment that is, comprised of funds received by the Administrative Agent from the Borrower or any other Loan Party for the purpose of making such Erroneous Payment.

(f) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no Payment Recipient shall assert any right or claim to an Erroneous Payment, and hereby waives, and is deemed to waive, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Erroneous Payment received, including without limitation waiver of any defense based on “discharge for value” or any similar doctrine.

(g) Each party’s obligations, agreements and waivers under this Section 11.12 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent, any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender or Issuing Bank, the termination of the Commitments and/or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Secured Obligations (or any portion thereof) under any Loan Document.

**ARTICLE XII  
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 12.01 Notices.

(a) Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone and subject to Section 12.01(b), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by fax or by electronic mail (with read-receipt or similar feature enabled), as follows:

(i) if to the Borrower, to it at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, AL 35242, Attention of: Eric Williams (Telephone No.(205) 379-8321 and email ewilliams@dgoc.com) with a copy to 414 Summers Street, Charleston, WV 25301, attention of: Benjamin Sullivan (Telephone No.(304) 561-4260 and email bsullivan@dgoc.com);

(ii) if to the Administrative Agent, to it at 600 Travis Street, Suite 3100, Houston, TX 77002, Attention of: George McKean (Fax No. (216) 370-5779, Telephone No. (713) 221-6187 and email George.mckean@key.com);

(iii) if to the Issuing Bank, to KeyBank National Association, to it at 600 Travis Street, Suite 3100, Houston, TX 77002, Attention of: George McKean (Fax No. (216) 370-5779, Telephone No. (713) 221-6187 and email George.mckean@key.com);

(iv) if to the Swing Line Lender, to KeyBank National Association, to it at 600 Travis Street, Suite 3100, Houston, TX 77002, Attention of: George McKean (Fax No. (216) 370-5779, Telephone No. (713) 221-6187 and email George.mckean@key.com); and

(v) if to any other Lender or Issuing Bank, to it at its address (or fax number) set forth in its Administrative Questionnaire.

(b) Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices pursuant to Article II, Article III, Article IV and Article V unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

(c) Any party hereto may change its address or fax number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. All notices and other communications given to any party hereto in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt.

Section 12.02 Waivers; Amendments.

(a) No failure on the part of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender to exercise and no delay in exercising, and no course of dealing with respect to, any right, power or privilege, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such right, power or privilege, under any of the Loan Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege under any of the Loan Documents preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank and the Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by Section 12.02(b), and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the making of a Loan or issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default or Event of Default, regardless of whether the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Issuing Bank may have had notice or knowledge of such Default or Event of Default at the time.

(b) Neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof nor any Loan Document nor any provision thereof may be waived, amended or modified except pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into (x) by the Borrower and/or the other applicable Loan Parties and the Majority Lenders or (y) by the Borrower and/or the other applicable Loan Parties and the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Majority Lenders; provided that no such agreement shall:

(i) increase the Maximum Credit Amount of any Lender without the written consent of such Lender,

(ii) increase the Borrowing Base without the written consent of each Lender (other than any Defaulting Lender), or decrease or maintain the Borrowing Base (other than a decrease pursuant to Sections 2.08(a) or (d)) without the consent of the Required Lenders; provided that (A) a Scheduled Redetermination and the delivery of a Reserve Report may be postponed by the Majority Lenders and (B) it is understood that any waiver (or amendment or modification that would have the effect of a waiver) of the right of the Required Lenders to adjust (through a reduction of) the Borrowing Base or the amount of such adjustment in the form of a reduction to the Borrowing Base pursuant to the Borrowing Base Adjustment Provisions (other than Sections 2.08(a) and (d)) in connection with the occurrence of a relevant event giving rise to such right shall require the consent of the Required Lenders,

(iii) reduce the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement or reduce the stated rate of interest thereon, or reduce any fees payable hereunder, or reduce any other Secured Obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby (except (A) in connection with any amendment or waiver of the applicability of any post-default increase in interest rates or of any amendment to the Sustainability Rate Adjustment which does not have the effect of reducing the Applicable Margin for SOFR Loans or Applicable Margin for ABR Loans to a level not otherwise permitted herein, both of which shall be effective with the consent of Majority Lenders or (B) [\*\*\*]

(iv) postpone the scheduled date of (A) payment or prepayment of the principal amount of any Loan or LC Disbursement, (B) any interest thereon, or (C) any fees payable hereunder, or any other Secured Obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the Termination Date without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby,

(v) change Section 4.01(b) or Section 4.01(c) or any other term or condition hereof in a manner that would alter the *pro rata* sharing of payments required thereby, without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby,

(vi) waive or amend Section 10.02(d) without the written consent of each directly and adversely affected Lender; provided that any waiver or amendment to Section 10.02(d) or to this proviso in this Section 12.02(b)(vi), or any amendment or modification to any Security Instrument that results in the Secured Swap Agreement secured by such Security Instrument no longer being secured thereby on an equal and ratable basis with the principal of the Loans, or any amendment or other change to the definition of the terms “Secured Swap Agreement,” or “Secured Swap Provider,” which would result in an equivalent effect shall also require the written consent of each Secured Swap Provider adversely affected thereby,

(vii) release any Guarantor (other than as a result of a transaction permitted hereby), release all or substantially all of the collateral (other than as provided in Section 11.10), or subordinate the Liens securing the Secured Obligations to any other Indebtedness without the written consent of each directly and adversely affected Lender (other than any Defaulting Lender), or

(viii) change any of the provisions of this Section 12.02(b) or the definitions of “Majority Lenders” or “Required Lenders” or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to waive, amend or modify any rights hereunder or under any other Loan Documents or grant any consent hereunder or any other Loan Documents, without the written consent of each directly and adversely affected Lender; provided further that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, any Issuing Bank or the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, any Issuing Bank or the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any supplement to any Schedule shall be effective simply by delivering to the Administrative Agent a supplemental schedule clearly marked as such and, upon receipt, the Administrative Agent will promptly deliver a copy thereof to the Lenders.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Loan Documents, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, may amend, modify or supplement any Loan Document without the consent of any Lender in order to (i) correct, amend, cure or resolve any ambiguity, omission, defect, typographical error, inconsistency or other manifest error therein, (ii) add a guarantor or collateral or otherwise enhance the rights and benefits of the Lenders, (iii) make administrative or operational changes not adverse to any Lender or (iv) adhere to any local Governmental Requirement or advice of local counsel.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Documents, the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender may not be increased without its consent (it being understood, for avoidance of doubt, that no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any increase, decrease or reaffirmation of the Borrowing Base) and the Administrative Agent may with the consent of the Borrower amend, modify or supplement the Loan Documents to effectuate an increase to the Borrowing Base where such Defaulting Lender does not consent to an increase to its Commitment, including not increasing the Borrowing Base by the portion thereof applicable to the Defaulting Lender.

Section 12.03 Expenses, Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (without duplication), including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel and other outside consultants for the Administrative Agent (provided that counsel shall be limited to (x) one (1) counsel to such Persons, taken as a whole, one (1) local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction and one (1) regulatory counsel to all such Persons with respect to a relevant regulatory matter, taken as a whole, (y), solely in the event of a conflict of interest, one (1) additional counsel (and, if necessary, one (1) regulatory counsel and one (1) local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction or for each matter) to each group of similarly situated affected indemnified persons and (z) other counsel consented to by the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned)), the reasonable travel, photocopy, mailing, courier, telephone and other similar expenses, and the cost of environmental invasive and non-invasive assessments and audits and surveys and appraisals, in connection with the syndication of this Agreement, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration (both before and after the execution hereof and including advice of counsel to the Administrative Agent as to the rights and duties of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect thereto) of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any amendments, modifications or waivers of or consents related to the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all documented costs, expenses, and Other Taxes, assessments and other charges incurred by the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with any filing, registration, recording or perfection of any security interest contemplated by this Agreement or any Security Instrument or any other document referred to therein or conducting of title reviews, mortgage matches and collateral reviews, (iii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder, (iv) all documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, the Issuing Bank or any Lender, in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, including its rights under this Section 12.03, or in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) The Borrower shall and shall cause each Loan Party to indemnify the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, the Swing Line Lender, the Issuing Bank and each Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing persons (each such person being called an “**Indemnitee**”) against, and defend and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, penalties, liabilities and related expenses, including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee (**provided** that counsel shall be limited to (x) one (1) counsel to such Indemnitees, taken as a whole, one (1) local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction and one (1) regulatory counsel to all such Indemnitees with respect to a relevant regulatory matter, taken as a whole, (y), solely in the event of a conflict of interest, one (1) additional counsel (and, if necessary, one (1) regulatory counsel and one (1) local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction or for each matter) to each group of similarly situated affected Indemnitees and (z) other counsel consented to by the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned)), incurred by or asserted against any Indemnitee arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of, and any enforcement against the Borrower or any other Group Member of any rights under this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any Agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) the performance by the parties hereto or the parties to any other Loan Document of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or by any other Loan Document, (iii) the failure of the Borrower or any other Group Member to comply with the terms of any Loan Document, including this Agreement, or with any Governmental Requirement, (iv) any inaccuracy of any representation or any breach of any warranty or covenant of the Borrower or any other Group Members set forth in any of the Loan Documents or any instruments, documents or certifications delivered in connection therewith, (v) any loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds therefrom, including (A) any refusal by an Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit, or (B) the payment of a drawing under any Letter of Credit notwithstanding the non-compliance, non-delivery or other improper presentation of the documents presented in connection therewith, (vi) any other aspect of the Loan Documents, (vii) the operations of the business of the Borrower or any other Group Member by such persons, (viii) any assertion that the Lenders were not entitled to receive the proceeds received pursuant to the Security Instruments, (ix) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials or any liability under Environmental Law related to the Borrower or any other Group Member, (x) the past ownership by the Borrower or any other Group Member of any of their Properties or past activity on any of their Properties which, though lawful and fully permissible at the time, could result in present liability or (xi) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by any Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, and such indemnity shall extend to each Indemnitee **notwithstanding the sole or concurrent negligence of every kind or character whatsoever, whether active or passive, whether an affirmative act or an omission, including all types of negligent conduct identified in the restatement (second) of torts of one or more of the Indemnitees or by reason of strict liability imposed without fault on any one or more of the Indemnitees including ordinary negligence**; **provided** that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have directly resulted from (A) the gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of such Indemnitee, (B) a material breach by such Indemnitee of its obligations under this Agreement at a time when the Borrower has not breached its obligations hereunder in any material respect or (C) a dispute solely among Indemnitees (other than a proceeding against any Indemnitee in its capacity or in fulfilling its role as Arranger, Administrative Agent, Lender or any other similar role in connection with this Agreement) not arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Borrower or its affiliates. Without limiting the foregoing, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower shall not, and shall cause each Group Member not to, assert and hereby waives and agrees to cause each Group Member to waive, all rights for contribution or any other rights of recovery with respect to all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, under or related to Environmental Laws, that any of them may have by statute or otherwise against any Indemnitee. No Indemnitee shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by others of any information or other materials obtained through IntraLinks or other similar information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof whether occurring on, prior to or after the Closing Date. This Section 12.03(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) To the extent that the Borrower fails to pay any amount required to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, the Swing Line Lender or the Issuing Bank under Section 12.03(a) or Section 12.03(b), each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent, the Arranger or the Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount; provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent, the Arranger or the Issuing Bank in its capacity as such.

(d) To the extent permitted by applicable law, no party hereto shall, and the Borrower shall cause each Group Member not to, assert, and hereby waives, and the Borrower agrees to cause each Group Member to waive, any claim against any other party hereto and any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the Transactions, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof whether occurring on, prior to or after the Closing Date; provided that, nothing in this Section 12.03(d) shall relieve (i) the Borrower of any obligation it may have to indemnify an Indemnitee against special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages asserted against such Indemnitee by a third party or (ii) any Lender of its obligations under Section 12.03(c).

(e) All amounts due under this Section 12.03 shall be payable not later than 10 Business Days after written demand therefor.

Section 12.04 Successors and Assigns.

(a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that (i) the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this Section 12.04. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), Participants (to the extent provided in Section 12.04(c)) and, to the extent expressly contemplated herein, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank, the Lenders and the other Secured Parties) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.



(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in Section 12.04(b)(ii), any Lender may assign to one or more assignees (each, an “Assignee”) all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) of:

(A) the Borrower; provided that no consent of the Borrower shall be required for an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender, an Approved Fund, or, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to any Assignee, and provided further, the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such Assignee if it has not objected to such Assignee within ten (10) Business Days after receiving notice of such assignment; and

(B) the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender and each Issuing Bank; provided that no consent of the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender or any Issuing Bank shall be required for an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender’s Commitment or Loans, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than \$5,000,000 (and shall be in increments of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof) unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consent, provided that no such consent of the Borrower shall be required if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender’s rights and obligations under this Agreement;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 and the assignor shall have paid (or another Person shall have paid on its behalf) in full any amounts owing by it to the Administrative Agent and any Issuing Bank;

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire; and

(E) the assignee must not be a natural person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person), a Defaulting Lender, an Affiliate or a Subsidiary of the Borrower or any other Loan Party.

(iii) Subject to Section 12.04(b)(iv) and the acceptance and recording thereof, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Section 5.01, Section 5.02, Section 5.03 and Section 12.03). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section 12.04 shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 12.04(c).

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Maximum Credit Amount of, and principal amount of (and stated interest on) the Loans and LC Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank(s) and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, any Issuing Bank and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice. In connection with any changes to the Register, if necessary, the Administrative Agent will reflect the revisions on Annex I and, at its election, forward a copy of such revised Annex I to the Borrower, each Issuing Bank and each Lender.

(v) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Assumption executed by an assigning Lender and an Assignee, the Assignee's completed Administrative Questionnaire and, as required by Section 5.03(g), applicable tax forms or certifications (taking into account whether the Assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder and shall have provided the required tax forms and certifications), the processing and recordation fee referred to in this Section 12.04(b) and any written consent to such assignment required by this Section 12.04(b), the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Assumption and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this Section 12.04(b).

(c) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, the Issuing Bank, the Lead Sustainability Structuring Agent or the Co-Sustainability Structuring Agent, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (other than the Borrower, any Affiliate of the Borrower, any natural person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person)) (a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and (iv) such Lender shall continue to give prompt attention to and process (including, if required, through discussions with Participants) requests for waivers or amendments hereunder. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Participant may have consent rights with respect to any amendment, modification or waiver described in clauses (i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) of the proviso to Section 12.02(b) that affects such Participant and for which such Lender would have consent rights. In addition such agreement must provide that the Participant be bound by the provisions of Section 12.03. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 5.01, Section 5.02 and Section 5.03 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 5.03(g) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 5.03(g) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section 12.04; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Section 5.02 and Section 5.03 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section 12.04 and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 5.02 or Section 5.03, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from an adoption of or any change in any law or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Lender with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 12.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 4.01(c) as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts of (and stated interest on) each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans, Letters of Credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan, Letter of Credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations, proposed Section 1.163-5 of the United States Treasury Regulations and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(d) Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank or any central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender, and this Section 12.04(d) shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or Assignee for such Lender as a party hereto. The Borrower, upon receipt of written notice from the relevant Lender, agrees to issues Notes to any Lender requiring Notes to facilitate transactions described in this Section 12.04(d) in accordance with Section 2.02(d) or as the Borrower may otherwise consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 12.04, no transfer or assignment of the interests or obligations of any Lender or any grant of participations therein shall be permitted if such transfer, assignment or grant would require the Borrower and the other Loan Parties to file a registration statement with the SEC or to qualify the Loans under the “Blue Sky” laws of any state.

Section 12.05 Survival; Revival; Reinstatement.

(a) All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties herein and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect until Payment in Full. The provisions of Section 5.01, Section 5.02, Section 5.03 and Section 12.03 and Article XI shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any provision hereof or thereof.

(b) To the extent that any payments on the Secured Obligations or proceeds of any collateral are subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required to be repaid to a trustee, debtor in possession, receiver or other Person under any bankruptcy law, common law or equitable cause, then to such extent, the Secured Obligations shall be revived and continue as if such payment or proceeds had not been received and the Administrative Agent’s and the Lenders’ Liens, security interests, rights, powers and remedies under this Agreement and each Loan Document shall continue in full force and effect. In such event, each Loan Document shall be automatically reinstated and the Borrower shall, and shall cause each other Loan Party to, take any action as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to effect such reinstatement.

Section 12.06 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.

(a) This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by email or facsimile transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

(b) This Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof and thereof. **THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES HERETO AND THERETO AND MAYNOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.**

(c) Except as provided in Section 6.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof which, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by electronic communication shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

Section 12.07 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof or thereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 12.08 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other obligations (of whatsoever kind, including obligations under Swap Agreements) at any time owing by such Lender or Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower or any other Group Member against any of and all the obligations of the Borrower or any other Group Member owed to such Lender now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, irrespective of whether or not such Lender shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations may be unmatured; provided that to the extent prohibited by applicable law as described in the definition of "Excluded Swap Obligation," no amounts received from, or set off with respect to, any Guarantor shall be applied to any Excluded Swap Obligations of such Guarantor. The rights of each Lender under this Section 12.08 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) which such Lender or its Affiliates may have; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.02(c) and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, Issuing Bank(s) and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Secured Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, Issuing Bank(s) and their respective Affiliates under this Section 12.08 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, Issuing Bank(s) or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and Issuing Bank agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT, THE NOTES AND THE LOAN DOCUMENTS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(b) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS (AND THE BORROWER SHALL CAUSE EACH GROUP MEMBER TO SUBMIT) FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT; PROVIDED, THAT NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT WILL PREVENT ANY PARTY FROM BRINGING ANY ACTION TO ENFORCE ANY AWARD OR JUDGMENT OR EXERCISE ANY RIGHT UNDER THE LOAN DOCUMENTS IN ANY OTHER FORUM IN WHICH JURISDICTION CAN BE ESTABLISHED. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION, INCLUDING ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OR BASED ON THE GROUNDS OF FORUM *NON CONVENIENS*, WHICH IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE BRINGING OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN SUCH RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS.

(c) EACH PARTY HEREBY (i) IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN; (ii) IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO CLAIM OR RECOVER IN ANY SUCH LITIGATION ANY SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, OR DAMAGES OTHER THAN, OR IN ADDITION TO, ACTUAL DAMAGES; (iii) CERTIFIES THAT NO PARTY HERETO NOR ANY REPRESENTATIVE OR AGENT OF COUNSEL FOR ANY PARTY HERETO HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, OR IMPLIED THAT SUCH PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVERS, AND (iv) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THE LOAN DOCUMENTS AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION 12.09.

(d) EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT (I) SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE EFFECTED BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL (OR ANY SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORM OF MAIL), POSTAGE PREPAID, TO THE BORROWER AT ITS ADDRESS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12.01 OR AT SUCH OTHER ADDRESS OF WHICH THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT SHALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED PURSUANT THERETO AND (II) AGREES THAT NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT TO EFFECT SERVICE OF PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.10 Headings. Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

Section 12.11 Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent and each Lender agrees to keep confidential all non-public information provided to it by any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent or any Lender pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement that is designated by the provider thereof as confidential; provided that nothing herein shall prevent the Administrative Agent or any Lender from disclosing any such information

- (a) to the Administrative Agent, any other Lender or any affiliate thereof,
- (b) subject to an agreement to comply with the provisions of this Section 12.11, to any actual or prospective Transferee or any direct or indirect counterparty to any Swap Agreement (or any professional advisor to such counterparty),
- (c) to its employees, directors, agents, attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors or those of any of its affiliates,
- (d) upon the request or demand of any Governmental Authority,
- (e) in response to any order of any court or other Governmental Authority or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any Governmental Requirement,
- (f) if requested or required to do so in connection with any litigation or similar proceeding,
- (g) that has been publicly disclosed,
- (h) to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any similar organization or any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about a Lender's investment portfolio in connection with ratings issued with respect to such Lender and if requested, to any Lender's insurance or credit risk support provider,
- (i) in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder or under any other Loan Document,
- (j) to the extent such Information
  - (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 12.11 or
  - (ii) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Lender on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or
- (k) if agreed by the Borrower in its sole discretion by any other Person.

“Information” means all written information received from the Borrower relating to the Borrower, any Subsidiary or their business, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower and other than information pertaining to this Agreement routinely provided by arrangers to data service providers, including league table providers, that serve the lending industry; provided that in the case of information received from the Borrower after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section 12.11 shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

Each Lender acknowledges that information furnished to it pursuant to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents may include material non-public information concerning the Borrower and its Affiliates and their related parties or their respective securities, and confirms that it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and that it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with those procedures and applicable law, including Federal and state securities laws.

All information, including requests for waivers and amendments, furnished by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent pursuant to, or in the course of administering, this Agreement or the other Loan Documents will be syndicate-level information, which may contain material non-public information about the Borrower and its Affiliates and their related parties or their respective securities. Accordingly, each Lender represents to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent that it has identified in its Administrative Questionnaire a credit contact who may receive information that may contain material non-public information in accordance with its compliance procedures and applicable law, including Federal and state securities laws.

Section 12.12 Interest Rate Limitation. It is the intention of the parties hereto that each Lender shall conform strictly to usury laws applicable to it. Accordingly, if the transactions contemplated hereby would be usurious as to any Lender under laws applicable to it (including the laws of the United States of America and the State of Texas or any other jurisdiction whose laws may be mandatorily applicable to such Lender notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement), then, in that event, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any of the Loan Documents or any agreement entered into in connection with or as security for the Notes and other Secured Obligations arising under the Loan Documents, it is agreed as follows:

(a) the aggregate of all consideration which constitutes interest under law applicable to any Lender that is contracted for, taken, reserved, charged or received by such Lender under any of the Loan Documents or agreements or otherwise in connection with the Loans or Notes shall under no circumstances exceed the maximum amount allowed by such applicable law, and any excess shall be canceled automatically and if theretofore paid shall be credited by such Lender on the principal amount of the Secured Obligations (or, to the extent that the principal amount of the Secured Obligations shall have been or would thereby be paid in full, refunded by such Lender to the Borrower); and



(b) in the event that the maturity of the Loans or Notes is accelerated by reason of an election of the holder thereof resulting from any Event of Default under this Agreement or otherwise, or in the event of any required or permitted prepayment, then such consideration that constitutes interest under law applicable to any Lender may never include more than the maximum amount allowed by such applicable law, and excess interest, if any, provided for in this Agreement or otherwise shall be canceled automatically by such Lender as of the date of such acceleration or prepayment and, if theretofore paid, shall be credited by such Lender on the principal amount of the Secured Obligations (or, to the extent that the principal amount of the Secured Obligations shall have been or would thereby be paid in full, refunded by such Lender to the Borrower). All sums paid or agreed to be paid to any Lender for the use, forbearance or detention of sums due hereunder shall, to the extent permitted by law applicable to such Lender, be amortized, prorated, allocated and spread throughout the stated term of the Loans until payment in full so that the rate or amount of interest on account of any Loans hereunder does not exceed the maximum amount allowed by such applicable law. If at any time and from time to time:

(i) the amount of interest payable to any Lender on any date shall be computed at the Highest Lawful Rate applicable to such Lender pursuant to this Section 12.12 and

(ii) in respect of any subsequent interest computation period the amount of interest otherwise payable to such Lender would be less than the amount of interest payable to such Lender computed at the Highest Lawful Rate applicable to such Lender, then the amount of interest payable to such Lender in respect of such subsequent interest computation period shall continue to be computed at the Highest Lawful Rate applicable to such Lender until the total amount of interest payable to such Lender shall equal the total amount of interest which would have been payable to such Lender if the total amount of interest had been computed without giving effect to this Section 12.12. To the extent that Chapter 303 of the Texas Finance Code is relevant for the purpose of determining the Highest Lawful Rate applicable to a Lender, such Lender elects to determine the applicable rate ceiling under such Chapter by the weekly ceiling from time to time in effect. Chapter 346 of the Texas Finance Code does not apply to the Borrower's obligations hereunder.

Section 12.13 Collateral Matters; Swap Agreements. The benefit of the Security Instruments and of the provisions of this Agreement relating to any collateral securing the Secured Obligations shall also extend to and be available to the Secured Swap Providers in respect of the Secured Swap Agreements as set forth herein. Except as set forth in Section 12.02(b)(vi), no Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender shall have any voting rights under any Loan Document as a result of the existence of obligations owed to it under any such Swap Agreements.

Section 12.14 No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and the agreement of the Lenders to make Loans and any Issuing Bank to issue, amend, renew or extend Letters of Credit hereunder are solely for the benefit of the Borrower, and no other Person (including any other Loan Party of the Borrower, any obligor, contractor, subcontractor, supplier or materialsman) shall have any rights, claims, remedies or privileges hereunder or under any other Loan Document against the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or any Lender for any reason whatsoever. There are no third party beneficiaries.

Section 12.15 EXCULPATION PROVISIONS. Each of the parties hereto hereby acknowledges and agrees that:

(a) no fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship between the Loan Parties and the Lending Parties is intended to be or has been created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, irrespective of whether the Lending Parties have advised or are advising the Loan Parties on other matters, and the relationship between the Lending Parties, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith and therewith is solely that of creditor and debtor,

(b) (b) the Lending Parties, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, have an arm's length business relationship that does not directly or indirectly give rise to, nor do the Loan Parties rely on, any fiduciary duty to the Loan Parties or their affiliates on the part of the Lending Parties,

(c) the Loan Parties are capable of evaluating and understanding, and the Loan Parties understand and accept, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents,

(d) the Loan Parties have been advised that the Lending Parties are engaged in a broad range of transactions that may involve interests that differ from the Loan Parties' interests and that the Lending Parties have no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Loan Parties,

(e) the Loan Parties have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent the Loan Parties have deemed appropriate in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents,

(f) each Lending Party has been, is, and will be acting solely as a principal and, except as otherwise expressly agreed in writing by it and the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Loan Parties, any of their affiliates or any other Person,

(g) none of the Lending Parties has any obligation to the Loan Parties or their affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents except those obligations expressly set forth herein or therein or in any other express writing executed and delivered by such Lending Party and the Loan Parties or any such affiliate and

(h) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lending Parties or among the Loan Parties and the Lending Parties. EACH PARTY HERETO AGREES AND COVENANTS THAT IT WILL NOT CONTEST THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY EXCULPATORY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS THAT THE PARTY HAD NO NOTICE OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH PROVISION OR THAT THE PROVISION IS NOT "CONSPICUOUS."

Section 12.16 Patriot Act Notice. Each Lender hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Patriot Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower and other Loan Parties, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other Loan Parties and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower and other Loan Parties in accordance with the Patriot Act.

Section 12.17 Flood Insurance Provisions. In no event is any Building (as defined in the applicable Flood Insurance Regulation) or Manufactured (Mobile) Home (as defined in the applicable Flood Insurance Regulation) included in the definition of "Mortgaged Property" and no Building or Manufactured (Mobile) Home is hereby encumbered by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

Section 12.18 Releases.

(a) Release Upon Payment in Full. Upon Payment in Full, the Administrative Agent, at the written request and expense of the Borrower, will promptly release, reassign and transfer the Mortgaged Property to the Loan Parties.

(b) Further Assurances. If any of the Mortgaged Property shall be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by any Group Member in a transaction permitted by the Loan Documents and such Mortgaged Property shall no longer constitute or be required to be Mortgaged Property under the Loan Documents, then the Administrative Agent, at the request and sole expense of the Borrower and the applicable Group Member, shall promptly execute and deliver to such Group Member all releases or other documents reasonably necessary or desirable for the release of the Liens created by the applicable Security Instrument on such Mortgaged Property; provided that the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the date of the proposed release (or such other time period as the Administrative Agent may agree), a written request for release identifying the relevant Group Member, together with a certification by the Borrower stating (x) that such transaction is in compliance with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (y) the Borrower has complied with its obligations under Section 8.01(n)(i), if applicable and (z) no Mortgaged Property other than the Mortgaged Property required to be released is being released. At the request and sole expense of the Borrower, a Group Member shall be released from its obligations under the Loan Documents in the event that all the capital stock or other Equity Interests of such Group Member shall be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of in a transaction permitted by the Loan Documents and such Equity Interests shall no longer constitute or be required to be Mortgaged Property under the Loan Documents; provided that the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the date of the proposed release (or such other time period as the Administrative Agent may agree), a written request for release identifying the relevant Group Member, together with a certification by the Borrower stating (x) that such transaction is in compliance with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the Borrower has complied with its obligations under Section 8.01(n)(i), if applicable, and (y) no Mortgaged Property other than the Mortgaged Property required to be released is being released.

Section 12.19 Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Financing Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Financing Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and

(b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:

(i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;

(ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Financing Document; or

(iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

Section 12.20 Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Swap Agreements or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, “QFC Credit Support” and each such QFC a “Supported QFC”), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “U.S. Special Resolution Regimes”) in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

(a) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a “Covered Party”) becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

Section 12.21 Release of Certain Loan Parties and Liens Under the Existing Credit Agreement. The Administrative Agent and Existing Lenders release the entities set forth on Schedule 12.21 (the “Released Entities”) from all of their respective obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Existing Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders agree that any interest of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in any security interests or other Liens that the Released Entities may have granted to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as collateral for any and all obligations of the Released Entities under the Existing Credit Agreement or in the property subject thereto (the “Existing Liens”) shall be released and terminated. The Administrative Agent, on the Closing Date, will authorize the filing of any UCC-3s and other termination statements to release the Liens and will also, upon the written request and expense of the Released Entities, deliver additional termination statements under the Uniform Commercial Code with respect to any filings naming the Released Entities as debtor and the Administrative Agent as secured party, releases and satisfactions of deeds to secure debt, deeds of trust or mortgages with respect to any mortgages from the Released Entities in favor of the Administrative Agent, and any other releases, terminations, reconveyances or other documents that may be required to terminate, reconvey, satisfy or otherwise remove of record any lien of the Administrative Agent on the properties and assets of the Released Entities.

[SIGNATURES BEGIN NEXT PAGE]

The parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

**BORROWER:**

**DP RBL CO LLC**

By: /s/Eric Williams

Name: Eric Williams

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXISTING BORROWER:**

**DIVERSIFIED GAS & OIL CORPORATION**

By: /s/Eric Williams

Name: Eric Williams

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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**KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as Administrative Agent, Issuing Bank  
and a Lender

By: /s/George McKean

Name: George McKean

Title: SVP & Team Lead, PLM, Energy

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**KEYBANK CAPITAL MARKETS**, as Coordinating Lead Arranger and Sole  
Bookrunner

By: /s/Brian S. Hunnicutt  
Name: Brian S. Hunnicutt  
Title: Managing Director

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**TRUIST BANK**, as Co-Syndication Agent, and a Lender

By: /s/James Giordano

Name: James Giordano

Title: Managing Director

**TRUIST SECURITIES, INC.**, as Joint Lead Arranger

By: /s/James Giordano

Name: James Giordano

Title: Managing Director

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**CITIZENS BANK, N.A.**, as Joint Lead Arranger, Co-Syndication Agent and a Lender

By: /s/ Scott Donaldson

Name: Scott Donaldson

Title: Senior Vice President

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**CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE, NEW YORK BRANCH**, as a  
Joint Lead Arranger, Co-Syndication Agent, a Lender and as Lead Sustainability  
Structuring Agent

By: /s/ Jacob W. Lewis

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Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Donovan C. Broussard

Name: Donovan C. Broussard

Title: Authorized Signatory

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Title: Senior Vice President

By: /s/ Scott Joyce  
Name: Scott Joyce  
Title: Senior Vice President

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By: /s/ Daniel Hochstadt  
Name: Daniel Hochstadt  
Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Emilio Fabbrizzi  
Name: Emilio Fabbrizzi  
Title: Managing Director

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Title: Senior Vice President

By: /s/ Scott Joyce  
Name: Scott Joyce  
Title: Senior Vice President

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By: /s/ Edward Sacks

Name: Edward Sacks

Title: Authorized Signatory

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**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, as a Joint Lead Arranger, a Co-Document Agent and a Lender

By: /s/ Matthew A. Turner

Name: Matthew A. Turner

Title: Senior Vice President

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**FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY (successor by merger to CIT BANK, N.A.), as a Lender**

By: /s/ Christopher Solley  
Name: Christopher Solley  
Title: Vice President

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**FIRST HORIZON BANK**

By: /s/ W. David McCarver IV

Name: W. David McCarver IV

Title: Senior Vice President

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**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, as a Lender

By: /s/ Salman Samar

Name: Salman Samar

Title: Director

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**CITIBANK, N.A.**, as a Lender

By: /s/ Cliff Vaz

Name: Cliff Vaz

Title: Vice President

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**SYNOVUS BANK**, as a Lender

By: /s/ Curtis Troctor

Name: Curtis Troctor

Title: Corporate Banker

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**GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as a Lender**

By: /s/ Dan Starr

Name: Dan Starr

Title: Authorized Signatory

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**MERCURIA INVESTMENTS U.S., INC.**, as a Lender

By: /s/ Marty Bredehoft

Name: Marty Bredehoft

Title: Treasurer

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**ANNEX I**

**LIST OF MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNTS**

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**[FORM OF] NOTE**

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**[FORM OF] BORROWING REQUEST**

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**EXHIBIT C**

**[FORM OF] INTEREST ELECTION REQUEST**

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**EXHIBIT D**  
**[FORM OF]**  
**COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

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**Exhibit A**

**Financial Statements**

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**EXHIBIT H-1**

**[FORM OF] U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
(NON-U.S. LENDERS; NON-PARTNERSHIPS)**

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**EXHIBIT H-2**

**[FORM OF] U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
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**EXHIBIT H-3**

**[FORM OF] U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
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**EXHIBIT H-4**

**[FORM OF] U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE  
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**EXHIBIT I**

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**Liens on Oil and Gas Properties**

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**Exhibit 2**

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**Exhibit 3**

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**Exhibit 4**

**Marketing Agreements**

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Exhibit 5

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**FORM OF SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATE**

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Sustainability Report and Review Report

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**Existing Letters of Credit**

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**Schedule 7.12**

**Insurance**

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**Schedule 7.14**

**Group Members**

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**Schedule 7.18**

**Gas Imbalances**

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Schedule 7.19

**Marketing Contracts**

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Schedule 8.09(b)

**Environmental Matters**

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**Schedule 9.02**

**Existing Indebtedness**

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**Schedule 9.03**

**Existing Liens**

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**Schedule 9.05**

**Investments**

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**Schedule 9.14**

**Affiliate Agreements**

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**Schedule 12.21**

**Released Entities**

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**APPENDIX A**

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**APPENDIX B**

**PLUGGED WELLS PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

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**APPENDIX C**

**TRIR PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

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INDENTURE

between

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC,  
as Issuer

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of November 13, 2019

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of November 13, 2019 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this "Indenture") is between Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (the "Issuer"), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the "Indenture Trustee") and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Issuer's 5.00% Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer hereby Grants to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, all of the Issuer's right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and all funds on deposit in, and "financial assets" (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (d) the Management Services Agreement; (e) the Hedge Agreements; (f) each Joint Operating Agreement; (g) the Back-up Management Agreement; (h) the Separation Agreement; (i) the Plan of Division; (j) the Statement of Division; (k) the Holdings Pledge Agreement, (l) each other Basic Document to which it is a party and (m) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Collateral").

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments due to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

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## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

(c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture.

#### Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$200,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 [Reserved].

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof) or in practices relating to the resale or transfer of restricted securities generally as determined by the Issuer. Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or by Diversified to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.

(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to Section 21 of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the “Note Registrar”) to keep a register (the “Note Register”) in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in “registered form” under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Holder of the Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Holder of the Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.4 not involving any transfer.

The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note. Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder of such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate, in any lawful manner. The Issuer may pay such defaulted interest to the persons who are Noteholders on a subsequent special record date, which date shall be at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Payment Date. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and Payment Date, and, at least fifteen (15) days before any such special record date, the Issuer shall mail to each Noteholder a notice that states the special record date, the Payment Date and the amount of defaulted interest to be paid.



Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Indenture Trustee, be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. To the extent any Rating Agency rates the Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(L), Section 8.6(ii)(F) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from the Hedge Counterparty.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain “CUSIP” numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such “CUSIP” numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer and all instruments executed and delivered by the Issuer at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture by the Issuer nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against the Issuer or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer's Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Parties, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of the Issuer's interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) Neither the Issuer nor its Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer's Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. The Issuer has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by the Issuer from Diversified pursuant to the Separation Agreement, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests will vest in the Issuer, and the Issuer will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the Separation, Diversified had valid legal and beneficial title to the Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Wellbore Interests, other than any in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer is in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. The Issuer does not have any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Section 3.7 hereto, neither the Issuer nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Separation Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Issuer in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) The Issuer has no outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of the Issuer other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, the Issuer has not agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, the Issuer is not a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Issuer, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Issuer.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to Issuer's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Issuer's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Issuer or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws;  
or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Issuer and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that the Issuer and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. The Issuer is not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. The Issuer (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. The Issuer is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. The Issuer does not intend to incur, or believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. The Issuer does not believe that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. The Issuer does not intend to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of the Issuer in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority.

## ARTICLE IV

### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and, to the extent that any Rating Agency rates the Notes, each such Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. The Issuer will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by the Issuer or the Manager for the benefit of the Issuer with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly deposited into the Collections Account.



Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the Issuer shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. The Issuer will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer; provided, that Issuer need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, the Issuer will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer and all rights and franchises of the Issuer.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. The Issuer will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer. The Issuer will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that the Issuer's books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, the Issuer will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) The Issuer will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel and overhead expenses) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) The Issuer will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. The Issuer's assets will not be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement and the Agency Agreement, the Issuer will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) The Issuer (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of the Issuer (except for income tax purposes). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) The Issuer will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) The Issuer will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) Subject to Section 4.15, the Issuer will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) The Issuer will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) The Issuer will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) The Issuer will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) The Issuer will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) The Issuer will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) The Issuer will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

(r) The Issuer will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);

(s) The Issuer will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and

(t) The Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Issuer than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. The Issuer will not consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person unless:

(a) the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent entity organized and existing under the Laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Issuer is not such entity, (i) such entity shall have executed and delivered to each holder of any Notes, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty a supplemental indenture or other agreement evidencing its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents and (ii) such entity shall have caused to be delivered to the Indenture Trustee an opinion of nationally recognized independent counsel, or other independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee, the Majority Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption and the supplemental indenture or other agreement are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof, that all conditions in this Indenture with respect to such merger, consolidation, conveyance, transfer, or lease have been satisfied and that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease of assets shall not have a material adverse effect on the Notes;

(b) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or each transaction in any such series of transactions, (1) no Default, Event of Default or Material Manager Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (2) the Indenture Trustee shall have, for its own benefit and the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders and the Hedge Counterparties, a legal, valid and enforceable first priority Lien on all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens), and (3) the Issuer shall not be in breach of Section 4.14; and

(c) to the extent that the Notes are rated by a Rating Agency, the Issuer shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, an update to each Private Letter Rating from each applicable Rating Agency evidencing that there has been, and will be, no downgrade in the rating then assigned to the Notes as a result of such transaction.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit, limit or restrict the foreclosure of the Liens of this Indenture in connection with the exercise of remedies in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. The Issuer will not at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any affiliate of such Holder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. The Issuer will not sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Hedge Counterparty, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of the Hedge Counterparty to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. The Issuer will not create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness"):

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses;
- (c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any one time; and
- (d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. The Issuer will not, and will not permit any party to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, that the Issuer may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. The Issuer will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. The Issuer will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat the Issuer as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager or Indenture Trustee. In the event that the Manager or the Indenture Trustee shall be terminated or shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager or indenture trustee satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation or termination.

Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements. The Issuer shall enter into Hedge Agreements that have the effect of fixing the price of 85% of the applicable natural gas output from the Issuer’s Assets described in the Reserve Report (“Hedge Percentage”) at a price level that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, within one (1) Business Day of the Closing Date (the “Initial Hedge Strategy”); provided, however, that the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment. The Issuer shall at all times thereafter maintain Hedge Agreements in an amount equal to the Hedge Percentage and based on the Initial Hedge Strategy, based on the relevant Reserve Report, from time to time, until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*]. Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into any amendment to the Hedge Agreements without obtaining the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, providing written notice to each such Rating Agency. Nothing herein shall restrict Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or (ii) from novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, provided that the Initial Hedge Strategy and Hedge Percentage is satisfied at all times during the relevant Hedge Period.



## ARTICLE V

### REMEDIES

#### Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;

(ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any material covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c), below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer's affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by the Issuer of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by the Issuer to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer shall become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of a non-appealable decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer in excess of \$500,000 and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) the Issuer or the Collateral is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act; or

(xiii) to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the failure of the Notes to be rated by at least one Rating Agency or a replacement rating agency approved by the Majority Noteholders for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days, such period to be extended to ninety (90) days so long as the Issuer is making commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a rating from a replacement rating agency.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder and (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) to the extent that any Rating Agency rates the Notes, each such Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii) above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote on behalf of the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes and any Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder a party to any such Proceedings.

Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes. In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral and the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Counterparties (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.



Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;
- (ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;
- (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and
- (v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Noteholders to Receive Principal and Interest. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Holder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);

(iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Holders of Notes representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;

(iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and

(v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. To the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of a Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified of its obligations under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement and the Separation Agreement to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against Diversified under the Separation Agreement and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement and by Diversified of its obligations under the Separation Agreement.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, or against Diversified under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Separation Agreement, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement or the Separation Agreement, as the case may be, and any right of the Issuer to take such action shall be suspended.

## ARTICLE VI

### THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE

#### Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders, any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby:

(i) the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

except that: (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct,

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law or the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Holders of Notes representing at least 25% of the Notes; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer systems and services; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form or action.



(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise may be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.02(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Holder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Holder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Sections 7.1 and 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee. No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Indenture Trustee, acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, and shall notify Diversified and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency of such appointment.

A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least BBB (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

- (a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;
- (b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;
- (c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;
- (d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and
- (e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

- (a) Annual Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) Quarterly Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2020, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website:

(i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) Notice of Material Events — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect or (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder, an Officer’s Certificate (with a copy, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, to each such Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer’s expense (in accordance with Section 8.6), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) Notices from Governmental Body — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to the Issuer from any Governmental Body (with a copy, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, to each such Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.



(e) Notices under Material Agreement — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by the Issuer, copies of all notices of termination, Default or Event of Default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, to each such Rating Agency).

(f) Payment Date Compliance Certificates — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(c), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from Diversified Energy Marketing LLC) be made to the Collection Account; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparty.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparty.

(d) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Hedge Collateral Accounts"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. Amounts posted as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement. The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to establish the Hedge Collateral Accounts and to make withdrawals and returns from the Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Issuer to carry out its respective duties under the applicable Hedge Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that the Hedge Counterparty's right to the return of any excess collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests of the Indenture Trustee in such Hedge Collateral Account for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

(e) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account and (iii) Liquidity Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments selected by the Manager. In absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee’s common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(e), except in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(f), shall be the “Securities Intermediary.” On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are securities accounts and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a "financial asset" within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary's jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(f)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency thereof.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "Baa1" or better by Moody's, "BBB+" or better by S&P, and "BBB" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and the Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement and, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV shall be equal to or less than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the net proceeds of such disposition ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be less than 1.30 to 1.00 or the LTV shall be greater than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit (i) an amount, up to the total net proceeds of such disposition, into the Collection Account equal to the amount necessary, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the sale, to cause the DSCR to be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV to be equal to or less than 85%; and (ii) following such deposit into the Collection Account, any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (ii) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) Amounts on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account may be used to purchase Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes) and (iv) to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the "Asset Purchase Period"), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period.



Section 8.5 Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year, and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Agreement, the Separation Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, each such Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses, expenses and indemnities owed to the Indenture Trustee; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(1) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full);

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause (B) exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments and any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement), to MRTL as Hedge Counterparty under the MRTL Hedge Agreement, any MRTL Liquidity Charge Payment Amount (provided the Issuer has received written notice from MRTL of its calculation of such amount) due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, and to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (B) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy) (but only if such bankruptcy is as a result of a failure to pay debts), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party of the related Hedge Agreement;

(F) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;

(G) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with Clause (E) above;

(H) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(I) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(J) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(K) to Diversified, any indemnity amount due and payable under the Separation Agreement; and

(L) to the Issuer, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account or the Liquidity Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which an Optional Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments and any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement) (other than any termination amounts), and to MRTL as Hedge Counterparty under the MRTL Hedge Agreement, any MRTL Liquidity Charge Payment Amount (provided the Issuer has received written notice from MRTL of its calculation of such amount), due and payable by the Issuer, and (B) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, the Note Interest;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements;

(D) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Collection Account and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

#### Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Transaction Documents;
- (c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the hedging agreements;
- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of any payment (including termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period;

- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (i) the Note Interest with respect to such Payment Date;
- (j) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) the amount of the DSCR, the IO DSCR, the LTV, the Floor Value, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period
- (l) the amounts on deposit in each Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (m) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (n) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets);
- (o) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (p) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (q) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer;
- (r) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;
- (s) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;
- (t) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;

(u) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000; and

(v) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.9 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified Holdings (or its majority-owned affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.10 *[Reserved]*.

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## ARTICLE IX

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

#### Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, written confirmation from such Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term "Outstanding";

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms "Available Funds," "Equity Contribution Cure," "Excess Allocation Percentage," "Excess Amortization Amount," "Excess Funds," "Floor Value," "Liquidity Reserve Target Amount," "Majority Noteholders," "Permitted Dispositions," "Principal Distribution Amount," "Production Tracking Rate," "Rapid Amortization Event," "Redemption Price," "Reserve Report," "Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount," "Securitized Net Cash Flow," "Warm Trigger Event," "DSCR," "IO DSCR" or "LTV";



(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.1 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Note of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) It shall not be necessary for any Act of Noteholders under this Section 9.1 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Holders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, such Rating Agencies a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.2 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause the Issuer to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. To the extent any Rating Agency rates the Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall notify each such Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-Up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-Up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-Up Manager.

Section 9.3 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties and the Holders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.4 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE X

### REDEMPTION OF NOTES

#### Section 10.1 Optional Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part (except in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.1(a)), at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part (except in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.1(a)), at the discretion of the Issuer on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile mailed or transmitted not later than ten (10) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Holder's address or facsimile number appearing in the Note Register. To the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each such Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Note shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable.

## ARTICLE XI

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

- (A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer,

and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

## ARTICLE XII

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

(i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act of the Noteholders" signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

sufficient. (b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Notes shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf, facsimile or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546-5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.



(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546-5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546-5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

#### Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties; Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Agreement, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Holder of a Note providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Holder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein.

Section 12.11 Legal Holidays. In any case where the date on which any payment is due shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture) payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON-APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. To the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, in addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact.

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information.

(a) To the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, the Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act ("Rule 17g-5"), if any, by its or its agent's posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the "17g-5 Website"), no later than the time such information is provided to such Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to each such Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the "17g-5 Information"); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer's behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to such Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to such Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

By: /s/ Robert R. Hutson, Jr.  
Name: Robert R. Hutson, Jr.  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Mark Heer

Name: Mark Heer

Title: Senior Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Mark Heer

Name: Mark Heer

Title: Senior Vice President

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## APPENDIX A

## PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS LLC, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (similar to the Assets) purchased and acquired by the Issuer from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified substantially the same as those in the Separation Agreement; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of fees and out-of-pocket expenses payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent that the Notes are rated by a Rating Agency, any such Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Observer and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Agency Agreement” means the Gas Sales, Asset Management and Marketing Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between the Issuer and Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of February.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through November 13, 2024 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Assumed Payments” means the aggregate amount of interest payments as would be due on each Payment Date on the Notes from the date immediately prior to the Exchange Date through November 13, 2024 (but excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Exchange Date) if the Issuer were to pay interest on unpaid principal amounts (determined on the date immediately prior to the Exchange Date) of the Notes at an interest rate equal to (i) 5.00% per annum minus (ii) the interest rate per annum of the Future Notes (for the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate amount of Assumed Payments cannot be less than zero).

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means each of the Separation Agreement, the Plan of Division and the Statement of Division.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (d) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (e) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (f) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure.

“Average Variation Margin” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the quotient of (x) the aggregate sum of the daily variation margin posted by MRTL (or that would have been required to have been posted by MRTL without taking into consideration any net or offsetting positions for contracts other than Futures Hedges) in connection with any and all futures contracts that MRTL enters into in order to hedge or transfer some, or all, of the risk associated with the Hedge Agreements entered into with the Issuer under the MRTL Hedge Agreement (the “Futures Hedges”), divided by (y) the actual number of days in such Collection Period. For the avoidance of doubt, the daily variation margin is the change of the market value of the then outstanding short Futures Hedges, between the close of the market on the prior business day and the close of the market on the business day for which the variation margin is being determined.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Joint Operating Agreement, the Separation Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Holdings Pledge Agreement, the Plan of Division, the Statement of Division, the Hedge Agreements, the Agency Agreement, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Intercreditor Acknowledgement, each Mortgage and other documents and certificates delivered in connection therewith.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non-participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through November 13, 2024 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to November 13, 2024, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after November 13, 2024, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean November 13, 2019.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement).

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the execution or delivery of the Separation Agreement or the consummation of the Separation.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement, including: (a) the formation of the Issuer pursuant to the Separation Agreement and the transfer of the Wellbore Interests to Issuer by operation of law; (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Separation Agreement; (c) the performance by the Issuer and Diversified of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (d) the Issuer’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer is a party.

“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 the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 140 Broadway, Suite 4624, New York, New York 10005, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on November 11, 2019.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Definitive Notes” means the definitive, fully registered Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production, LLC.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean Diversified ABS Holdings LLC.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Holdings and the Issuer. “Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Date” in the Separation Agreement.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2020, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid Note Interest on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means either (a) a segregated account with an Eligible Institution or (b) a segregated trust account with the corporate trust department of a depository institution organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), having corporate trust powers and acting as trustee for funds deposited in such account, so long as any of the securities of such depository institution shall have a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of Fitch or, to the extent Fitch does not rate the Notes, another NRSRO.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof, or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, Diversified’s contribution of equity to the Issuer made by depositing cash into the Collection Account, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes in aggregate and no more frequently than twice (in aggregate) per calendar year.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer under section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means (a) with respect to any Payment Date prior to March 1, 2030, (i) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00, then 50%, and (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80%, or the LTV is greater than 85%, then 100%, and (b) with respect to any Payment Date on or after March 1, 2030, 100%.



“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (K) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Exchange Rate” means an aggregate principal amount of Future Notes per \$1,000 of Notes to be exchanged equal to the quotient of (1) (i) \$1,000 plus (ii) an additional amount equal to the present value at the Exchange Date of all Assumed Payments computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such Exchange Date plus 50 basis points discounted to the Exchange Date on a monthly basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months); divided by (2) an amount equal to the lesser of (i) 1.00 and (ii) the initial purchase price offered to purchasers of the Future Notes per \$1,000 in principal amount of such Future Notes divided by \$1,000. For the avoidance of doubt the Exchange Rate cannot be less than \$1,000.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated person.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of January, 2037.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Floor Value” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the sum of (a) the discounted present value (using six percent (6.0%) discount rate) of the projected net cash flows from the hedged portion of the Oil and Gas Portfolio through the Final Scheduled Payment Date using the hedged commodity prices with respect thereto, and (b) the discounted present value (using six percent (6.0%) discount rate) of the projected net cash flows from the unhedged portion of the Oil and Gas Portfolio through the Final Scheduled Payment Date using floor prices of \$35.00 per barrel for oil, \$2.00 per mcf for gas, and \$12.25 per barrel for natural gas liquids, in each case calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Governmental Rule” means with respect to any Person, any Law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, code, treaty, judgment, decree, directive, guideline, policy or similar form of decision of any Governmental Body binding on such Person.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date) with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement, in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” means (i) with respect to a Noteholder (or an Affiliate of a Noteholder), as defined in the relevant Hedge Agreement; and (ii) with respect to any other Hedge Counterparty, an entity that either (A) maintains a long-term issuer default rating by at least two of the following: A- by Fitch, A- by S&P, and A3 from Moody’s or (B) provides an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee from a guarantor that meets the requirements in subclause (A) of this definition as principal debtor rather than as surety and directly enforceable by Issuer and that is governed by New York law.

“Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Note Register.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Holdings Pledge Agreement” means the Holdings Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between Diversified Holdings, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Noteholders, as amended from time to time.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

(a) its liabilities for borrowed money;

(b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);

(c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;

(d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);

(e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);

(f) all its liabilities (including delivery and payment obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and

(g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions.

“Initial Hedge Strategy” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Intercreditor Acknowledgement” means that certain Acknowledgment Agreement, dated November 13, 2019, by and between the Indenture Trustee and KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent for the lenders party to the KeyBank Facility, and acknowledged and agreed to by the Diversified Parties.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the initial Payment Date, the Closing Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 5.00%.

“Interpolated Rate” means, at any time, for any Collection Period, the rate *per annum* (rounded to the same number of decimal places as the LIBO Screen Rate) determined, jointly, by Munich Re and the Manager, (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) to be equal to the rate that results from interpolating on a linear basis between: (a) the LIBO Screen Rate for the longest period (for which the LIBO Screen Rate is available) that is shorter than the Impacted Collection Period and (b) the LIBO Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which the LIBO Screen Rate is available) that exceeds the Impacted Collection Period, in each case, at such time.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, Indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2020, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the aggregate Note Interest with respect to the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means, as applicable, the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and between the Operator, and the Issuer, and any other Joint Operating Agreement between the Operator and the Issuer.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Party, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, state, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof (including, without limitation, any Governmental Rule).

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit C to the Separation Agreement.

“LIBO Screen Rate” means, for any day and time, with respect to any applicable Collection Period, the one-year London interbank offered rate (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100 of 1%) as administered by ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate for dollars) for a period equal in length to such Collection Period as displayed on such day and time on the Bloomberg Screen (US0001M Index Page, US0002M Index Page, US0003M Index Page or US0006M Index Page, as applicable) as the London interbank offered rate for United States dollar deposits or, in the event such rate does not appear on such screen, on any successor or substitute screen that displays such rate, or on the appropriate page or screen of such other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as shall be selected, jointly, by Munich Re and the Manager, in their reasonable discretion; provided that, if the LIBO Screen Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.

“LIBOR” means for any applicable Collection Period, the LIBO Screen Rate on the specified date two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of such Collection Period; provided that LIBOR shall never be less than 0.0% and; provided further, if the LIBO Screen Rate shall not be available at such time for such Collection Period (an “Impacted Collection Period”) then LIBOR shall be the greater of 0.0% and the Interpolated Rate.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means cash or Permitted Investments having a value equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the seven (7) Payment Dates following the Closing Date plus fifty percent (50%) of the expected Note Interest for the eighth Payment Date following the Closing Date, as determined by the Manager.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance” means an amount equal to 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the seven (7) Payment Dates following such Payment Date plus fifty percent (50%) of the expected Note Interest for the eighth Payment Date following such Payment Date, as determined by the Manager; but in no event less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance.

“LTV” means, as of any Annual Determination Date, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the Floor Value as of such date of determination.

“Majority Noteholders” means Noteholders (other than any Diversified Party and each of their Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Manager and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Manager” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator to perform any material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such person is a party in any material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Morningstar” means Morningstar Credit Ratings, LLC, or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.



“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, on real property of the Issuer, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“MRTL” means Munich Re Trading LLC.

“MRTL Hedge Agreement” means that certain 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, by and between MRTL and the Issuer, dated November 13, 2019, including any related schedule and credit support annex, and as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

“MRTL Liquidity Charge” means an amount, determined in arrears, for each Collection Period equal to the product of (x) the absolute value of the Average Variation Margin for such Collection Period, *multiplied by* (y) the sum of LIBOR (for such Collection Period) *plus* 50 basis points, *multiplied by* (z) 30/360.

“MRTL Liquidity Charge Payment Amount” means the MRTL Liquidity Charge for the relevant Payment Date net of any payments due by MRTL under the MRTL Hedge Agreement.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“Munich Re” means Munich Re Reserve Risk Financing, Inc.

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance *plus* (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Issuer, Diversified, Diversified Holdings and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Note Registrar” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register.

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the 5.00% Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission.

“Observer” means any party engaged by or on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Back-up Management Agreement.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement) with respect to Issuer’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as operator under the Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture and shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Optional Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under state Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the state Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and

(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee’s right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

“Outstanding Amount” means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

“Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, the Initial Principal Balance of the Notes less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 15th day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be February 15, 2020.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 25% of the initial purchase price of the Assets;
- (b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;
- (c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders;

(d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes, as applicable;

(e) to the extent that any Rating Agency rates the Notes, the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; and

(f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.

“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, banker’s acceptances, municipal bonds, and floating rate and variable rate securities and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, or Fitch equal to “AAmmf”, or “AAA/V-1+”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the Separation Agreement.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agent” means Guggenheim Securities, LLC, as placement agent.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Plan of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 8.6(1) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

(b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;

(c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and

(d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders’ regulatory and self-regulatory bodies (including the SVO of the NAIC) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in July 2020, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event or (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement.

“Rating Agency” means (i) each of Fitch and Morningstar and (ii) if none of Fitch or Morningstar issues a senior unsecured long-term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean in the case of Morningstar, [absmonitoring@morningstar.com](mailto:absmonitoring@morningstar.com), and in the case of Fitch, [latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com](mailto:latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com).

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, the Payment Date specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (i) prior to November 13, 2024, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after November 13, 2024, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Separation Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Separation Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions, and prepared by Wright & Company, Inc. or another nationally recognized independent petroleum engineering firm reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit B to the Separation Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.



“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate of the Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of any Hedging Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between Diversified and the Issuer.

“Separation Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain evaluation of oil and gas reserves prepared for Diversified Gas & Oil Plc by Wright & Company, Inc. effective May 1, 2019 (Job 19.2056), with respect to the Assets.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Party or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Party that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to November 13, 2024; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to November 13, 2024, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

(a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or

(e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

(A) Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

(B) "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

(C) Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

(D) Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

(E) Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

(F) Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

(G) UCC References. References to sections or provisions of Article 9 of the UCC in any of the Basic Documents shall be deemed to be automatically updated to reflect the successor, replacement or functionally equivalent sections or provisions of Revised Article 9, Secured Transactions (2000) at any time in any jurisdiction which has made such revised article effective.

**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.7**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

REGISTERED

No.: \_\_\_\_

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PPN: 25512# AA2

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

5.00% NOTES

Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [Purchaser], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$[ ] payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 (the “Indenture”), between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”); *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of January 15, 2037 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Article I of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Closing Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 5.00% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be February 15, 2020.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.



The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder’s acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

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Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

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Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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Ex. D-1

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FIRST AMENDMENT TO INDENTURE

FIRST AMENDMENT TO INDENTURE, dated as of February 13, 2020 (this "Amendment") to the Indenture, dated as of November 13, 2019 (as the same may be further amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time, the "Indenture"), between Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (the "Issuer"), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity, and any successor thereto in such capacity (the "Indenture Trustee").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee are parties to the Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee desire to enter into, execute and deliver this Amendment in compliance with the terms of the Indenture;

WHEREAS, Section 9.1(a)(i) of the Indenture permits the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, to supplement or amend the terms of the Indenture with the consent of the Noteholder so long as the Indenture Trustee receives an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the Issuance of the Notes) stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (1) is authorized or permitted by the Indenture and that all conditions precedent under the Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (2) will not cause the Issuer to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (3) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, desire to enter into this Amendment as an amendment to the Indenture in compliance with the terms thereof;

WHEREAS, confirmation from the Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its current rating of the Notes has been received with respect to this Amendment and the Issuer has received an Opinion of Counsel (which opinion is subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the Issuance of the Notes) stating that the execution of this Amendment (1) will not cause the Issuer to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (2) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9.1(a) of the Indenture, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, by their signatures below, have agreed to the entry into this Amendment and the Noteholder, by its signature below, has consented to the entry into this Amendment.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Noteholder and the Indenture Trustee hereby agree as follows:

#### AGREEMENTS

SECTION 1. Defined Terms. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein (including the preamble and recitals hereto) shall have the meanings specified in the Indenture, as amended hereby.

SECTION 2. Amendments to the Indenture.

(a) As of the date hereof, the Indenture is hereby amended to delete the stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: ~~stricken text~~) and to add the bold and double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: **bold and double-underlined text**) as set forth in the conformed Indenture attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Amended Indenture"); and

(b) except as expressly set forth in this Amendment, the Exhibits and Schedules to the Indenture shall be the Exhibits and Schedules to the Amended Indenture and on and after the date hereof, unless otherwise specified, any reference to "Indenture" in the Exhibits and/or Schedules and/or Basic Documents included in the Indenture shall be a reference to the Indenture, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

SECTION 3. Reference to and Effect on the Indenture; Ratification.

(a) Upon the effectiveness hereof, on and after the date hereof, each reference in the Indenture to "this Indenture", "hereunder", "hereof" or words of like import referring to the Indenture, and each reference in any other agreement to "the Indenture", "thereunder", "thereof" or words of like import referring to the Indenture, shall mean and be a reference to the Indenture as amended hereby.

(b) Except as specifically amended above, the Indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 is and shall continue to be in full force and effect and is hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

(c) The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not, except as expressly provided herein, operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of any party hereto under the Indenture, or constitute a waiver of any provision of any other agreement.

SECTION 4. Effectiveness. This Amendment shall be effective upon delivery of executed signature pages by all parties hereto. The parties hereto agree and acknowledge that the confirmation from the Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its current rating of the Notes has been satisfied with respect to this Amendment.

SECTION 5. Execution in Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.



SECTION 6. Governing Law. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Captions. The captions in this Amendment are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction hereof or thereof.

*[Signature page follows]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

*[Signature Page to First Amendment to Indenture]*

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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*[Signature Page to First Amendment to Indenture]*

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CONSENTED TO BY:

MUNICH RE RESERVE RISK FINANCING, INC., as Noteholder

By: /s/ George Carrick

Name: George Carrick

Title: President & CEO

Munich Re Reserve Risk Financing, Inc.

By: /s/ Justin Moers

Name: Justin Moers

Title: Vice President

Munich Re Reserve Risk Financing, Inc.

*[Signature Page to First Amendment to Indenture]*

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EXHIBIT A

AMENDED INDENTURE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

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**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. A

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. B

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. 3.3

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.7**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. 3.7

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

REGISTERED

\$[ ]

No.: \_\_\_\_

PPN: 25512# AA2

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

5.00% NOTES

Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [Purchaser], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$[ ] payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 (the “Indenture”), between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”); *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of January ~~15~~28, 2037 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Article I of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Closing Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Ex. A-3

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[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 5.00% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the ~~15~~<sup>28</sup>28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be February ~~15~~<sup>28</sup>28, 2020.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv), or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.



The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder’s acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term "Issuer" as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. D-1

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CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT, MARKED BY [\*\*\*] HAS BEEN EXCLUDED. SUCH EXCLUDED INFORMATION IS NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.

*EXECUTION VERSION*

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INDENTURE

between

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE II LLC,  
as Issuer and

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of April 9, 2020

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of April 9, 2020 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this “Indenture”) is between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (the “Issuer”), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Issuer’s 5.25% Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer hereby Grants to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, all of the Issuer’s right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and all funds on deposit in, and “financial assets” (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (d) the Management Services Agreement; (e) the Hedge Agreements; (f) each Joint Operating Agreement; (g) the Back-up Management Agreement; (h) the Separation Agreement; (i) the Plan of Division; (j) the Statement of Division; (k) the Holdings Pledge Agreement, (l) each other Basic Document to which it is a party and (m) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing (collectively, the “Collateral”).

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments due to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

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## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

(c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture.

#### Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$200,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 [Reserved].

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof) or in practices relating to the resale or transfer of restricted securities generally as determined by the Issuer. Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or by Diversified to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.

(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to Section 21 of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the “Note Registrar”) to keep a register (the “Note Register”) in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in “registered form” under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Holder of the Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Holder of the Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.



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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.4 not involving any transfer.

The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note. Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

#### Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder of such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate, in any lawful manner. The Issuer may pay such defaulted interest to the persons who are Noteholders on a subsequent special record date, which date shall be at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Payment Date. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and Payment Date, and, at least fifteen (15) days before any such special record date, the Issuer shall mail to each Noteholder a notice that states the special record date, the Payment Date and the amount of defaulted interest to be paid.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Indenture Trustee, be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(L), Section 8.6(ii)(F) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain “CUSIP” numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such “CUSIP” numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer and all instruments executed and delivered by the Issuer at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture by the Issuer nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against the Issuer or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer's Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Parties, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of the Issuer's interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) Neither the Issuer nor its Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer's Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. The Issuer has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by the Issuer from Diversified pursuant to the Separation Agreement, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests will vest in the Issuer, and the Issuer will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the Separation, Diversified had valid legal and beneficial title to the Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Wellbore Interests, other than any in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer is in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. The Issuer does not have any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Section 3.7 hereto, neither the Issuer nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Separation Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Issuer in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) The Issuer has no outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of the Issuer other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, the Issuer has not agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, the Issuer is not a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Issuer, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Issuer.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to Issuer's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Issuer's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.



(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Issuer or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Issuer and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that the Issuer and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. The Issuer is not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. The Issuer (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. The Issuer is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become due. The Issuer does not intend to incur, or believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. The Issuer does not believe that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. The Issuer does not intend to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of the Issuer in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. The Issuer will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by the Issuer or the Manager for the benefit of the Issuer with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the Issuer shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. The Issuer will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer; provided, that Issuer need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, the Issuer will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer and all rights and franchises of the Issuer.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. The Issuer will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer. The Issuer will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that the Issuer's books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, the Issuer will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) The Issuer will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel and overhead expenses) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) The Issuer will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. The Issuer's assets will not be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement and the Agency Agreement, the Issuer will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) The Issuer (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of the Issuer (except for income tax purposes). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) The Issuer will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) The Issuer will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) The Issuer will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, the Issuer will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) The Issuer will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) The Issuer will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) The Issuer will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) The Issuer will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) The Issuer will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

(r) The Issuer will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);

(s) The Issuer will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and

(t) The Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Issuer than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. The Issuer will not consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person unless:

(a) the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent entity organized and existing under the Laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Issuer is not such entity, (i) such entity shall have executed and delivered to each holder of any Notes, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty a supplemental indenture or other agreement evidencing its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents and (ii) such entity shall have caused to be delivered to the Indenture Trustee an opinion of nationally recognized independent counsel, or other independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee, the Majority Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption and the supplemental indenture or other agreement are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof, that all conditions in this Indenture with respect to such merger, consolidation, conveyance, transfer, or lease have been satisfied and that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease of assets shall not have a material adverse effect on the Notes;

(b) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or each transaction in any such series of transactions, (1) no Default, Event of Default or Material Manager Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (2) the Indenture Trustee shall have, for its own benefit and the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders and the Hedge Counterparties, a legal, valid and enforceable first priority Lien on all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens), and (3) the Issuer shall not be in breach of Section 4.14; and

(c) the Issuer shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, an update to each Private Letter Rating from each applicable Rating Agency evidencing that there has been, and will be, no downgrade in the rating then assigned to the Notes as a result of such transaction.



Nothing contained herein shall prohibit, limit or restrict the foreclosure of the Liens of this Indenture in connection with the exercise of remedies in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. The Issuer will not at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any affiliate of such Holder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. The Issuer will not sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of such Hedge Counterparty to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. The Issuer will not create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness"):

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses;
- (c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any one time;

and

(d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. The Issuer will not, and will not permit any party to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, that the Issuer may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. The Issuer will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. The Issuer will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat the Issuer as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager or Indenture Trustee. In the event that the Manager or the Indenture Trustee shall be terminated or shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager or indenture trustee satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation or termination.

Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer’s Assets for each month, classified as “proved” and as described in the Reserve Report (the “Hedge Percentage”), including by way of (1) an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions, and (2) mitigating basis risk of the applicable natural gas output from the Issuer’s Assets described in the Reserve Report on a at least 85%, and in the case of both (1) and (2) based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer’s compliance with the 95% limit in the Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or to mitigate the risk that the applicable Hedge Counterparty elects not to extend the swap transaction [\*\*\*]; or (ii) from optimizing (including, without limitation, entering into additional options or other transactions in order to satisfy the Extended Hedging Condition), novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, *provided further that* the Hedge Percentage and the requirement to maintain the basis hedges under clause (2) is satisfied at all time until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*].

**ARTICLE V**

**REMEDIES**

Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;

(ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any material covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c) below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer's affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by the Issuer of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by the Issuer to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first- priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first- priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer shall become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of a non-appealable decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer in excess of \$500,000 and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) the Issuer or the Collateral is required to be registered as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) the failure of the Notes to be rated by at least one Rating Agency or a replacement rating agency approved by the Majority Noteholders for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days, such period to be extended to ninety (90) days so long as the Issuer is making commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a rating from a replacement rating agency; or

(xiv) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii) above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.



(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote on behalf of the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

#### Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes. In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Counterparties (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;
- (ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;

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

(iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings;  
and

(v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Holder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);
- (iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Holders of Notes representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and

(v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of a Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified of its obligations under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement and the Separation Agreement to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against Diversified under the Separation Agreement and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement and by Diversified of its obligations under the Separation Agreement.



(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, or against Diversified under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Separation Agreement, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement or the Separation Agreement, as the case may be, and any right of the Issuer to take such action shall be suspended.

## ARTICLE VI

### THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE

#### Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders, any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby:

(i) the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

except that: (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct,

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law or the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

- (a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.
- (b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.
- (c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- (d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- (e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.
- (f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Holders of Notes representing at least 25% of the Notes; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer systems and services; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form or action.

(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise may be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.02(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Holder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Holder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Sections 7.1 and 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee. No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Indenture Trustee, acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, and shall notify Diversified and each Rating Agency of such appointment.

A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.



If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least BBB (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

(a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

(b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;

(c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;

(d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and

(e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

(a) Annual Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) Quarterly Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2020, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website:

- (i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2020, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) Notice of Material Events — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect or (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder, an Officer's Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer's expense (in accordance with Section 8.6), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) Notices from Governmental Body — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to the Issuer from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) Notices under Material Agreement — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by the Issuer, copies of all notices of termination, Default or Event of Default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).

(f) Payment Date Compliance Certificates — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(c), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

(g) Ratings — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2020, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency specified in clause (i) of the definition of “Rating Agency” assigning a credit rating to the Notes and promptly deliver such ratings letter to the Indenture Trustee upon receipt; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website.

Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer’s officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer’s officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from Diversified Energy Marketing LLC) be made to the Collection Account; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(d) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Hedge Collateral Accounts"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. Amounts posted as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement. The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to establish the Hedge Collateral Accounts and to make withdrawals and returns from the Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Issuer to carry out its respective duties under the applicable Hedge Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty's right to the return of any excess collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests of the Indenture Trustee in such Hedge Collateral Account for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

(e) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account and (iii) Liquidity Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments selected by the Manager. In absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee’s common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(e), except in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(f), shall be the “Securities Intermediary.” On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are securities accounts and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.



(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a “financial asset” within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary’s jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(f)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least “Baa1” or better by Moody’s, “BBB+” or better by S&P, and “BBB” or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and the Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV shall be equal to or less than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be less than 1.30 to 1.00 or the LTV shall be greater than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit (A) an amount, up to the total net proceeds of such disposition, into the Collection Account equal to the amount necessary, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the sale, to cause the DSCR to be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV to be equal to or less than 85%; and (B) following such deposit into the Collection Account, any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) Amounts on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account may be used to purchase Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes) and (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the "Asset Purchase Period"), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period.

Section 8.5 Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the Separation Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses, expenses and indemnities owed to the Indenture Trustee; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(1) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full);

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause (B) exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, pro rata, any net payments and any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement), and to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments (including partial termination payments arising from partial reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedging Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture) due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (B) to the Noteholders, pro rata, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy) (but only if such bankruptcy is as a result of a failure to pay debts), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party of the related Hedge Agreement;

(F) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is either (i) 25% or (ii) 50%;

(G) *pro rata and pari passu* (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with Clause (E) above;

(H) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(I) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(J) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(K) to Diversified, any indemnity amount due and payable under the Separation Agreement; and

(L) to the Issuer, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account or the Liquidity Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which an Optional Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (including any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement)) (other than any termination amounts) and (B) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, the Note Interest;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements (including any termination amounts and any other amounts due and payable by the Issuer thereunder);

(D) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back- up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Collection Account and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

#### Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.



(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to (x) post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture or (y) provide to each Hedge Counterparty who does not then have access to such website pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Transaction Documents;
- (c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the hedging agreements;
- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of any payment (including termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;

- (i) the Note Interest with respect to such Payment Date;
- (j) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) the amount of the DSCR, the IO DSCR, the LTV, the Floor Value, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period
- (l) the amounts on deposit in each Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (m) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (n) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets);
- (o) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (p) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (q) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer;
- (r) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;
- (s) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;
- (t) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;
- (u) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000; and
- (v) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.9 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified Holdings (or its majority-owned affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.10 *[Reserved]*.

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## ARTICLE IX

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

#### Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, written confirmation from such Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term "Outstanding";

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms "Available Funds," "Equity Contribution Cure," "Excess Allocation Percentage," "Excess Amortization Amount," "Excess Funds," "Floor Value," "Liquidity Reserve Target Amount," "Majority Noteholders," "Permitted Dispositions," "Permitted Liens," "Principal Distribution Amount," "Production Tracking Rate," "Rapid Amortization Event," "Redemption Price," "Reserve Report," "Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount," "Securitized Net Cash Flow," "Warm Trigger Event," "DSCR," "IO DSCR" or "LTV";

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.1 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Note of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) It shall not be necessary for any Act of Noteholders under this Section 9.1 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Holders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.2 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause the Issuer to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-Up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-Up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-Up Manager.

Section 9.3 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Holders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.4 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

**ARTICLE X**  
**REDEMPTION OF NOTES**

Section 10.1 Optional Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part (except in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.1(a)), at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part (except in the case of a redemption pursuant to Section 9.1(a)), at the discretion of the Issuer on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile mailed or transmitted not later than ten (10) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Holder's address or facsimile number appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Note shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable.

## ARTICLE XI

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:



(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer,

and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At anytime that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

## ARTICLE XII

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

### Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act of the Noteholders" signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

sufficient. (b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Notes shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf, facsimile or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546- 5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546- 5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1800 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, Texas 77002, facsimile: (713) 546- 5401, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties; Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Holder of a Note providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Holder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein.

Section 12.11 Legal Holidays. In any case where the date on which any payment is due shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture) payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON- EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON- APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.



Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information.

(a) The Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act ("Rule 17g-5"), if any, by its or its agent's posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the "17g-5 Website"), no later than the time such information is provided to a Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to the Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the "17g-5 Information"); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer's behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to the Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to the Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE II LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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## APPENDIX A

### PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS I Indenture” means the indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 among Diversified ABS LLC and the ABS I Trustee.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (similar to the Assets) purchased and acquired by the Issuer from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified) for a mutually- agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified substantially the same as those in the Separation Agreement; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of fees and out-of-pocket expenses payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent that the Notes are rated by a Rating Agency, any such Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Observer and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Agency Agreement” means the Gas Sales, Asset Management and Marketing Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between the Issuer and Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of February.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through April 9, 2025 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means each of the Separation Agreement, the Plan of Division and the Statement of Division.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (d) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (e) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (f) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Joint Operating Agreement, the Separation Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Holdings Pledge Agreement, the Plan of Division, the Statement of Division, the Hedge Agreements, the Agency Agreement, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Intercreditor Acknowledgement, each Mortgage and other documents and certificates delivered in connection therewith.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“BP” means BP Energy Company.

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non- participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.



“Change of Control” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through April 9, 2025 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to April 9, 2025, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after April 9, 2025, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean April 9, 2020.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement).

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the execution or delivery of the Separation Agreement or the consummation of the Separation.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement, including: (a) the formation of the Issuer pursuant to the Separation Agreement and the transfer of the Wellbore Interests to Issuer by operation of law; (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Separation Agreement; (c) the performance by the Issuer and Diversified of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (d) the Issuer’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer is a party.

“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 the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on April 9, 2020.

“DABS” means Diversified ABS LLC.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Definitive Notes” means the definitive, fully registered Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production, LLC.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase II Holdings LLC.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Holdings and the Issuer. “Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Date” in the Separation Agreement.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in October 2020, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid Note Interest on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means either (a) a segregated account with an Eligible Institution or (b) a segregated trust account with the corporate trust department of a depository institution organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), having corporate trust powers and acting as trustee for funds deposited in such account, so long as any of the securities of such depository institution shall have a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of Fitch or, to the extent Fitch does not rate the Notes, another NRSRO.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof, or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, Diversified’s contribution of equity to the Issuer made by depositing cash into the Collection Account, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes in aggregate and no more frequently than twice (in aggregate) per calendar year.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer under section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

(a)(i) If the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%;

(b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%;

(c) If the LTV is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%;

(d) With respect to any Payment Date after July 1, 2024 and prior to July 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% and the Issuer has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 50%, else 0%;

(e) With respect to any Payment Date after July 1, 2025 and prior to Oct 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or the Issuer has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 50%, else 0%; and

(f) With respect to any Payment Date after Oct 1, 2025, if LTV is greater than 40.0% or the Issuer has not satisfied the Extended Hedging Condition, then 100%, else 0%.

“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (K) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated person.

“Extended Hedging Condition” means the Issuer has executed Hedge Agreements, which may include, without limitation, the exercise of an option by an applicable Hedge Counterparty to extend existing transactions, with a Hedge Counterparty for a minimum period of 30 months starting July 2026 and with volumes no less than 85% but no more than 95% of projected gas production for that same period and a price (or strike price, as applicable) no less than \$2.00/mmbtu.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of July, 2037.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Governmental Rule” means with respect to any Person, any Law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, code, treaty, judgment, decree, directive, guideline, policy or similar form of decision of any Governmental Body binding on such Person.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty in existence on the Closing Date.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” has the meaning specified in the relevant Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Note Register.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Holdings Pledge Agreement” means the Holdings Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between Diversified Holdings, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Noteholders, as amended from time to time.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

(a) its liabilities for borrowed money;

(b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);

(c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;

(d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);



(e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);

(f) all its liabilities (including delivery and payment obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and

(g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions.

“Initial Hedge Strategy” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Intercreditor Acknowledgement” means that certain Acknowledgment Agreement, dated April 9, 2020, by and between UMB Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee under the ABS I Indenture (in such capacity, the “ABS I Trustee”) and as indenture trustee under the Indenture and KeyBank National Association, and acknowledged and agreed to by the Diversified Parties and Diversified ABS LLC.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the initial Payment Date, the Closing Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 5.25%.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, Indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in October 2020, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the aggregate Note Interest with respect to the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means, as applicable, (i) the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2019, by and between the Operator and DABS, as amended by the Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among the Operator, DABS and the Issuer, and (ii) any other Joint Operating Agreement between any such parties.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Party, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, state, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof (including, without limitation, any Governmental Rule).

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit C to the Separation Agreement.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means cash or Permitted Investments having a value equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the seven (7) Payment Dates following the Closing Date plus fifty percent (50%) of the expected Note Interest for the eighth Payment Date following the Closing Date, as determined by the Manager.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance” means an amount equal to 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the seven (7) Payment Dates following such Payment Date plus fifty percent (50%) of the expected Note Interest for the eighth Payment Date following such Payment Date, as determined by the Manager; but in no event less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance.

“LTV” means, as of any Annual Determination Date, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the PV-10 as of such date of determination.

“Majority Noteholders” means Noteholders (other than any Diversified Party and each of their Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Manager and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Manager” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator to perform any material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such person is a party in any material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, on real property of the Issuer, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Issuer, Diversified, Diversified Holdings and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Note Registrar” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register.

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the 5.25% Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission.

“Observer” means any party engaged by or on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Back-up Management Agreement.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement) with respect to Issuer’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as operator under the Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture and shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Optional Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under state Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the state Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and

(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee’s right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

“Outstanding Amount” means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

“Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, the Initial Principal Balance of the Notes less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28th day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be July 28, 2020.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

(a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 25% of the initial purchase price of the Assets;

(b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;

(c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders;

(d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes, as applicable;

(e) to the extent that any Rating Agency rates the Notes, the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; and

(f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.

“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, banker’s acceptances, municipal bonds, and floating rate and variable rate securities and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, or Fitch equal to “AAmmf”, or “AAA/V-1+”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the Separation Agreement.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agent” means Guggenheim Securities, LLC, as placement agent.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.



“Plan of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 8.6(1) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

(b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;

(c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and

(d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders’ regulatory and self- regulatory bodies (including the SVO of the NAIC) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in January 2021, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“PV-10” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the projected net cash flows from the Oil and Gas Portfolio using commodity strip prices, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event or (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement.

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long- term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean [latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com](mailto:latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com).

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, the Payment Date specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (i) prior to April 9, 2025, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after April 9, 2025, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Separation Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Separation Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions, and prepared by Wright & Company, Inc. or another nationally recognized independent petroleum engineering firm reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit B to the Separation Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate of the Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of any Hedging Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between Diversified and the Issuer.

“Separation Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain evaluation of oil and gas reserves prepared for Diversified Gas & Oil Plc by Wright & Company, Inc. effective December 31, 2019, with respect to the Assets.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Party or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Party that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to April 9, 2025; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to March April 9, 2025, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

(a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or

(e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

(A) Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

(B) "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

(C) Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

(D) Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

(E) Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

(F) Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

(G) UCC References. References to sections or provisions of Article 9 of the UCC in any of the Basic Documents shall be deemed to be automatically updated to reflect the successor, replacement or functionally equivalent sections or provisions of Revised Article 9, Secured Transactions (2000) at any time in any jurisdiction which has made such revised article effective.



**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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**SCHEDULE 3.7**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

REGISTERED

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No.: \_\_\_\_

PPN: 25512\* AA6

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE II LLC

5.25% NOTES

Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [Purchaser], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture dated as of April 9, 2020 (the “Indenture”), between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”); *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of July 28, 2037 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Article I of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Closing Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE II LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:



[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 5.25% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be July 28, 2020.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder's acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. D-1

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*Execution Version*

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INDENTURE

by and among

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III LLC,  
as Issuer,

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III MIDSTREAM LLC,

DIVERSIFIED ABS III UPSTREAM LLC,  
as Guarantors,

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of February 4, 2022

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of February 4, 2022 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this “Indenture”) is between Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Issuer”), Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (“Diversified ABS III Midstream”), Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (“Diversified ABS III Upstream” and together with Diversified ABS III Midstream, the “Guarantors”), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Issuer’s 4.875% Class A Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer and the Guarantors (collectively, the “Issuer Parties” and each, an “Issuer Party”) hereby Grant to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, all of the Issuer Parties’ right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to, as applicable (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and all funds on deposit in, and “financial assets” (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (c) the Midstream Assets; (d) the Management Services Agreement; (e) the Hedge Agreements; (f) each Joint Operating Agreement; (g) the Back- up Management Agreement; (h) the Separation Agreement; (i) the Plan of Division; (j) the Statement of Division; (k) the Pledge Agreement; (l) the Pipeline Operating Agreement; (m) the Contribution Agreement; (n) each other Basic Document to which it is a party; (o) all accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas, and other minerals; (p) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing; (q) all limited liability company interests in Diversified ABS III Upstream and Diversified ABS III Midstream, including, without limitation: (i) all limited liability company interests, as such term is defined in the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act; (ii) all governance rights, including, without limitation, all rights to vote, consent to action, and otherwise participate in the management of the business and affairs of the LLC; and (iii) all informational rights, including, without limitation, all rights to receive notices, company records, tax records and all other information related to each such party, and (r) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing (collectively, the “Collateral”).

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The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments due to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit 0-1 and Exhibit A-2 to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes and the Global Notes representing Book-Entry Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.



(c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit 0-1 and Exhibit A-2 are part of the terms of this Indenture.

(d) The Class A-1 Notes will be issued as Definitive Notes and the Class A-2 Notes will be issued as Global Notes.

Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$365,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer Order shall specify whether the Notes shall be issuable as Definitive Notes or as Book-Entry Notes.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 Form of Notes.

(a) If the Issuer establishes pursuant to Section 2.2(c) that the Notes are to be issued as Book-Entry Notes, then the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, one or more definitive Global Notes, which (1) will represent, and will be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate initial Note balance to be represented by such Global Note or Notes, or such portion thereof as the Issuer will specify in an Issuer Order, (2) will be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Note or Notes or its nominee; (3) will be delivered by the Indenture Trustee or its agent to the Depository or pursuant to the Depository's instruction (and which may be held by the Indenture Trustee or an agent of the Indenture Trustee as custodian for the Depository, if so specified in the related Depository Agreement), (4) if applicable, will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Unless this Note is presented by an authorized representative of DTC, to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Note issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of DTC), any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein" and (5) may bear such other legend as the Issuer, upon advice of counsel, deems to be applicable.

(b) The Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the Depository as the sole Noteholder of the Book-Entry Notes except as otherwise provided in this Indenture.

(c) The rights of the Noteholders may be exercised only through the Depository and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between the Noteholders and the Depository and/or its participants under the Depository Agreement.

(d) The Depository will make book-entry transfers among its participants and receive and transmit payments of principal of and interest on the Book-Entry Notes to the participants.

(e) The Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, and the Paying Agent shall have no responsibility or liability for any actions taken or not taken by the Depository.

(f) If this Indenture requires or permits actions to be taken based on instructions or directions of the Noteholders of a stated percentage of Note Balance of the Notes, the Depository will be deemed to represent those Noteholders only if it has received instructions to that effect from Noteholders and/or the Depository's participants owning or representing, the required percentage of the beneficial interest of the Notes and has delivered the instructions to the Indenture Trustee.

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

(h) Transfers of Global Notes only to Depository Nominees. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 2.3 or of Section 2.4, and subject to the provisions of clause (i) below, unless the terms of a Global Note expressly permits such Global Note to be exchanged in whole or in part for individual Notes, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.4, only to a nominee of the Depository for such Global Note, or to the Depository, or a successor Depository for such Global Note selected or approved by the Issuer, or to a nominee of such successor Depository.

(i) Limited Right to Receive Definitive Notes. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Noteholders of beneficial interests in Global Notes will not be entitled to receive Definitive Notes. With respect to issued Notes:

(i) If at any time the Depository for a Global Note notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depository for such Global Note, the Issuer will appoint a successor Depository with respect to such Global Note. If a successor Depository for such Global Note is not appointed by the Issuer within ninety (90) days after the Issuer receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.4 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.4 requesting the authentication and delivery of individual Notes of such Series or Class in exchange for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver, individual Notes of such Class of like tenor and terms in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note.

(ii) The Issuer may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Notes of any Class or portion thereof issued or issuable in the form of one or more Global Notes will no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent in accordance with Section 2.4 and with the Issuer Certificate delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.4 for the authentication and delivery of individual Notes in exchange in whole or in part for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of such Global Note or Notes representing such portion thereof in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

(iii) If specified by the Issuer pursuant to Sections 2.2 and 2.4 with respect to Notes issued or issuable in the form of a Global Note, the Depository for such Global Note may surrender such Global Note in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Issuer and such Depository. Thereupon the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.02 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.02, authenticate and deliver, without service charge, (A) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Note or Notes of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the portion of the Global Note or Notes specified by the Depository and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and (B) to such Depository a new Global Note of like tenor and terms and in an authorized denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the initial Note balance of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate initial Note balance of Notes delivered to the Noteholders thereof.

(iv) If any Event of Default has occurred with respect to such Global Notes, and Noteholders evidencing more than 50% of the Global Notes of that Class (measured by voting interests) advise the Indenture Trustee and the Depository that a Global Note is no longer in the best interest of the Noteholders, the Owners of Global Notes may exchange their beneficial interests in such Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the exchange provisions herein.

(v) In any exchange provided for in any of the preceding four paragraphs, the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver Definitive Notes in definitive registered form in authorized denominations. Upon the exchange of the entire initial Note balance of a Global Note for Definitive Notes, such Global Note will be canceled by the Indenture Trustee or its agent. Except as provided in the preceding paragraphs, Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section will be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, will instruct the Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar. The Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar will deliver such Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

Section 2.03A Beneficial Ownership of Global Notes.

Until Definitive Notes have been issued to the applicable Noteholders to replace any Global Notes pursuant to Section 2.3(a):

(a) the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the applicable clearing agency or Depository and the Depository Participants for all purposes (including the making of payments) as the authorized representatives of the respective Noteholders; and

(b) the rights of the respective Noteholders will be exercised only through the applicable Depository and the Depository Participants and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Noteholders and the Depository and/or the Depository Participants. Pursuant to the operating rules of the applicable Depository, unless and until Definitive Notes are issued pursuant to Section 2.3(a), the Depository will make book-entry transfers among the Depository Participants and receive and transmit payments of principal and interest on the related Notes to such Depository Participants.

For purposes of any provision of this Indenture requiring or permitting actions with the consent of, or at the direction of, Noteholders evidencing a specified percentage of the Note Balance of Outstanding Notes, such direction or consent may be given by Noteholders (acting through the Depository and the Depository Participants) owning interests in or security entitlements to Notes evidencing the requisite percentage of principal amount of Notes.

Section 2.03B Notices to Depository.

Whenever any notice or other communication is required to be given to Noteholders with respect to which Book-Entry Notes have been issued, unless and until Definitive Notes will have been issued to the related Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee will give all such notices and communications to the applicable Depository, and shall have no obligation to report directly to such Noteholders.

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof) or in practices relating to the resale or transfer of restricted securities generally as determined by the Issuer. Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or by Diversified to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.

(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to the provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the "Note Registrar") to keep a register (the "Note Register") in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in "registered form" under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Holder of the Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Holder of the Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.4 not involving any transfer.

(h) The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note.

(i) Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

(j) Transfers of Ownership Interests in Global Notes. Transfers of beneficial interests in a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes may be made only in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depository and the transfer restrictions contained in the legend on such Global Note and exchanges or transfers of interests in a Global Note may be made only in accordance with the following:

(i) General Rules Regarding Transfers of Global Notes. Subject to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.5(j), Transfers of a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes shall be limited to Transfers of such Global Note in whole, but not in part, to nominees of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or such successor's nominee.

(ii) Global Note to Definitive Note. An owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of a Depository may at any time transfer such interest for a Definitive Note, upon provision to the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer and the Note Registrar of a Note Transfer Certificate.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

#### Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.



(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder of such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate, in any lawful manner. The Issuer may pay such defaulted interest to the persons who are Noteholders on a subsequent special record date, which date shall be at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Payment Date. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and Payment Date, and, at least fifteen (15) days before any such special record date, the Issuer shall mail to each Noteholder a notice that states the special record date, the Payment Date and the amount of defaulted interest to be paid.

(f) Vigeo Eiris or any comparable service will be engaged to maintain a sustainability score with respect to Diversified Energy Company Plc (the “VE Score”). At each Payment Determination Date, to the extent the VE Score (or equivalent metric) is (a) less than 46/100 or equivalent, the Interest Rate with respect to the Interest Accrual Period following such Payment Determination Date will increase by five (5) basis points above the initial stated Interest Rate on such Notes or (b) equal to or greater than 46/100 or equivalent, the Interest Rate with respect to the Interest Accrual Period following such Payment Determination Date will equal the Interest Rate on such Notes without giving effect to the step-up in (a) above. For the avoidance of doubt, any change in the Interest Rate with respect to any Interest Accrual Period pursuant to this Section 2.9(f) shall commence at the beginning of the Interest Accrual Period immediately following notification of such change and shall apply to the entire Interest Accrual Period, notwithstanding any change in the VE Score subsequent to any Payment Determination Date or during any portion of such Interest Accrual Period.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Indenture Trustee, be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(M), Section 8.6(ii)(E) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain “CUSIP” numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such “CUSIP” numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

(a) The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

(b) Diversified ABS III Midstream (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

(c) Diversified ABS III Upstream (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of each of the Issuer Parties, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer Parties and all instruments executed and delivered by any of the Issuer Parties at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by such Issuer Parties.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer Parties, enforceable against the Issuer Parties in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture or the instruments executed in connection herewith by the Issuer Parties nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer Parties shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer Parties, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer Parties, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against any of the Issuer Parties or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b), hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Parties, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of any of the Issuer Parties' interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) None of the Issuer Parties nor any of their Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by any of the Issuer Parties or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. Each Issuer Party has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by Diversified ABS III Upstream from Diversified pursuant to the Separation Agreement or acquired by Diversified ABS III Midstream pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, as applicable, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests and Midstream Assets. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests and the Midstream Assets will vest in Diversified ABS III Upstream and Diversified ABS III Midstream respectively, and each will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the Separation, Diversified had valid legal and beneficial title to the Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Wellbore Interests, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens. Prior to the Contribution, Diversified Midstream had valid legal and beneficial title to the Midstream Assets and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Midstream Assets, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases and Rights of Way.

(a) The Issuer Parties are in compliance in all material respects with each Lease and Rights of Way Interests to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease or Rights of Way Interest to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer Parties that remain uncured or outstanding.

(b) Each party to the Gas Gathering Agreement is in compliance in all material respects with the Gas Gathering Agreement. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to the Gas Gathering Agreement have been issued or received by any Party to the Gas Gathering Agreement that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties has any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Section 3.7 hereto, neither any of the Issuer Parties nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer Parties will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Separation Agreement and the Contribution Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve any of the Issuer Parties in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) None of the Issuer Parties has outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of any of the Issuer Parties other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, none of Issuer Parties has agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, none of the Issuer Parties is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither any of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) None of the Issuer Parties or any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.



(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by any Issuer Party or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) Each of the Issuer Parties and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that each of the Issuer Parties and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. None of the Issuer Parties is subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. Each Issuer Party (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. Each Issuer Party is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. None of the Issuer Parties intends to incur, or believes that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. None of the Issuer Parties believes that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. None of the Issuer Parties intends to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Pledge Agreement and the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of each Issuer Party in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority subject in each case to Permitted Liens.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. Each of the Issuer Parties will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other Governmental Authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co- insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within thirty (30) days after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by any of the Issuer Parties or the Manager for the benefit of any of the Issuer Parties with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days, deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, each of the Issuer Parties shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. Each of the Issuer Parties will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries; provided, that the applicable Issuer Party need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer Party.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer Party and all rights and franchises of the Issuer Party.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. Each of the Issuer Parties will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer Party. Each of the Issuer Parties will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that each of the Issuer Parties' books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease and each Rights of Way Interest to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease and each Rights of Way Interest to which it is or becomes a party. None of the Issuer Parties shall take any action or permit any action to be taken by others which would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under the Basic Documents or under any instrument or agreement included as part of the Collateral or that would result in the amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge of, or impair the validity or effectiveness of, any such instrument or agreement, except (i) such amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge in the ordinary course of business or that does not have a material detriment to the value of the Collateral or (ii) as expressly provided in this Indenture, the other Basic Documents or such other instrument or agreement or as ordered by a bankruptcy or other court.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, each of the Issuer Parties will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer Parties will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer Parties will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer Parties will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance. Each Issuer Party hereby authorizes, but does not obligate, the Indenture Trustee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Collateral without the signature of the Issuer. Each Issuer Party acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself, that any such financing statement may describe the Collateral as "all assets", "all personal property" or "all assets and all personal property of Debtor, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, wherever located, together with all products and proceeds thereof, substitutions and replacements therefor, and additions and accessions thereto" of the applicable Person or words of similar effect as may be required by the Indenture Trustee.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) Each Issuer Party will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel and overhead expenses) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) Each Issuer Party will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. None of the Issuer's or any of its Subsidiaries' assets will be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, as required by GAAP; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement and the Agency Agreement, each Issuer Party will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer Parties will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) Each Issuer Party (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of any Issuer Party (except for income tax purposes). Each Issuer Party will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) Each Issuer Party will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) Each Issuer Party will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) Each Issuer Party will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, each Issuer Party will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) Each Issuer Party will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) Each Issuer Party will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) Each Issuer Party will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) Each Issuer Party will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) Each Issuer Party will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) Each Issuer Party will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

(r) Each Issuer Party will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);

(s) Each Issuer Party will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and

(t) Other than Diversified ABS III Upstream and Diversified ABS III Midstream, the Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer Parties will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the applicable Issuer Party than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties will consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. None of the Issuer Parties will at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that none of the Issuer Parties shall engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of any of the Issuer Parties contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any affiliate of such Holder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.



Section 4.19 Liens. None of the Issuer Parties will, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties will sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty or any Noteholder or the Noteholders, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of such Hedge Counterparty to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties will create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness");

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses;
- (c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Issuer Parties at any one time; and
- (d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties and Holders, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. None of the Issuer Parties will, or will not permit any Person to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Organizational Documents of any Issuer Party, as applicable, or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, that each Issuer Party may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. Each of the Issuer Parties will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. Each of the Issuer Parties will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each of the Issuer Parties will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. Each of the Issuer Parties will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. None of the Issuer Parties, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of an Issuer Party, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat any Issuer Party as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager or Indenture Trustee. In the event that the Manager or the Indenture Trustee shall be terminated or shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager or indenture trustee satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation or termination.

(a) Natural Gas Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain (x) until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], and (y) [\*\*\*] until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] and (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer's (together with its Subsidiaries') Assets for each month, with the exception of the month of February 2022, classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Natural Gas Hedge Percentage"), including by way of (1) with respect to the foregoing clause (x), an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions which establish a minimum price level, (2) with respect to the foregoing clause (y), a hedging strategy consisting of long put transactions or other options transactions which establish a minimum price level and (3) mitigating basis risk of the applicable natural gas output from the Issuer's (together with its Subsidiaries') Assets described in the Reserve Report on a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in all cases such hedging arrangements shall be based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* Rating Agency consent shall not be required (other than in accordance with the Hedge Agreements and other Basic Documents) and nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Natural Gas Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or to mitigate the risk that the applicable Hedge Counterparty elects not to extend the swap transaction at the end of [\*\*\*]; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, *provided further that* the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage and the requirement to maintain the basis hedges under clause (3) is satisfied at all time until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*].

(b) Natural Gas Liquids Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas liquids output from the Issuer's (together with its Subsidiaries') Assets for each month, classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the NGL Hedge Percentage"), including by way of (1) an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions, based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the NGL Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the NGL Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or to mitigate the risk that the applicable Hedge Counterparty elects not to extend the swap transaction at the end of the initial four-year term; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, *provided further that* the NGL Hedge Percentage and the requirement to maintain the basis hedges under clause (2) is satisfied at all time until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*].

ARTICLE V

REMEDIES

Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;

(ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c) below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer or Guarantors or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer's affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by the Issuer to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer or Guarantors to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) within sixty (60) days after the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Party of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer or a Guarantor becomes a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of a non-appealable decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or Guarantors in excess of \$500,000 and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer or a Guarantor in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) any of the Issuer, the Diversified Holdings, the Guarantors or the Collateral is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full; or

(xiv) any of the Manager, the Operator, the Indenture Trustee or the Back- up Manager shall be terminated or removed (with respect to the Indenture Trustee, by the Majority Noteholders<sup>1</sup>) or shall resign, and a replacement manager, operator, indenture trustee or back-up manager satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders shall not have been engaged within sixty (60) days following any such resignation or termination.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii), above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

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<sup>1</sup> NTD: Correcting to match what was intended.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

- (i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:
  - (A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and
  - (B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and
- (ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.



(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote as directed in writing by the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes. In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail, by overnight mail, to each Noteholder (or transmit electronically, to the extent Notes are held in book- entry form) and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Counterparties (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;
- (ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;
- (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and
- (v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Holder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);

(iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Holders of Notes representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;

(iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and

(v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of a Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under or in connection with the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by any of the Issuer Parties under the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by Diversified ABS III Upstream against any of the Diversified Parties under the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement, and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement, and by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement.



(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, or against any of the Diversified Parties under or in connection with the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement or by any of the Diversified Parties, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement, the Separation Agreement, or the Contribution Agreement, as the case may be, and any right of any of the Issuer Parties to take such action shall be suspended.

## ARTICLE VI

### THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE

#### Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders or any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby, the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party (and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee). In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

except that: (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct,

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law or the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Holders of Notes representing at least 25% of the Notes; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (hardware or software) systems and services, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise shall be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.02(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Holder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Holder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Sections 7.1 and 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date and the Reserve Report pursuant to Section 8.5 hereof on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-Up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties, Holders and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debtx.com](http://www.debtx.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Back-Up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee. No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Indenture Trustee, acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, and shall notify Diversified and each Rating Agency of such appointment.



A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified, Holders and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least BBB (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

- (a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;
- (b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;
- (c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;
- (d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and
- (e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

- (a) Annual Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) Quarterly Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2022, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website:

(i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows of Diversified and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2022, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) Notice of Material Events — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (i) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or (viii) Warm Trigger Event, an Officer’s Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer’s expense (in accordance with Section 8.6), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) Notices from Governmental Body — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to any Issuer Party from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) Notices under Material Agreement — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by any Issuer Party, copies of all notices of termination, Default or Event of Default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).

(f) Payment Date Compliance Certificates — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(c), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no potential Warm Trigger Event or Warm Trigger Event, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

(g) Ratings — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2022, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency in accordance with Section 9.17 of the Note Purchase Agreement; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

#### Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, each Issuer Party shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer Party be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, each Issuer Party shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer Party, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer, the Guarantors and the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from Diversified Energy Marketing LLC) be made to the Collection Account; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “Collection Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as “Posted Collateral” pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “Asset Disposition Proceeds Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “Liquidity Reserve Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(d) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “Hedge Collateral Accounts”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. Amounts posted as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement. The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to establish the Hedge Collateral Accounts and to make withdrawals and returns from the Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Issuer to carry out its respective duties under the applicable Hedge Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty’s right to the return of any excess collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests of the Indenture Trustee in such Hedge Collateral Account for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

(e) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “P&A Reserve Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. To the extent a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer’s most recently completed fiscal year, Available Funds shall be deposited into the P&A Reserve Account in an amount equal to the P&A Reserve Amount in accordance with Section 8.6. On each Payment Date, all amounts then on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be deposited into the Collection Account, where they will be considered part of Available Funds and distributed on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.6.

(f) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, (iii) the Liquidity Reserve Account and (iv) the P&A Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments selected by the Manager. In absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee’s common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(f), except in its capacity as obligor thereunder.



(g) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(g) shall be the "Securities Intermediary." On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express written agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are securities accounts and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a "financial asset" within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary's jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(g)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "Baa1" or better by Moody's, "BBB+" or better by S&P, and "BBB" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and the Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer or a Guarantor shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer or Guarantor pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV shall be equal to or less than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the DSCR shall be less than 1.30 to 1.00 or the LTV shall be greater than 85%, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit (A) an amount, up to the total net proceeds of such disposition, into the Collection Account equal to the amount necessary, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the sale, to cause the DSCR to be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV to be equal to or less than 85%; and (B) following such deposit into the Collection Account, any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) Amounts on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account may be used to purchase Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes) and (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the “Asset Purchase Period”), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period.

Section 8.5 Asset Valuation.

(a) Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year (which report shall be audited or prepared by an independent petroleum engineer) and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June (which report shall be internally prepared by the Issuer); provided, that the Issuer must deliver an updated Reserve Report within forty-five (45) days of any Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions of an aggregate amount of Assets exceeding 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date (it being understood that (i) such updated Reserve Report may be the same report as the most recently delivered Reserve Report, rolled forward by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager and (ii) to the extent a Reserve Report with respect to a Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions has been so delivered to the Indenture Trustee, the foregoing shall not require the delivery of an additional Reserve Report upon additional related Permitted Dispositions unless and until the aggregate amount of such additional related Permitted Dispositions exceeds 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date) (and, following any fiscal year for which the P&A Expense Amount exceeds the P&A Reserve Trigger, such updated Reserve Report shall include a separate schedule identifying the estimated net capital expenditures associated with plugging and abandonment liabilities with respect to the Wellbore Interests), and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer’s behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer’s behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the Separation Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

(b) Midstream Asset Value. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency on each Annual Determination Date an Officer's Certificate certifying the Midstream Asset Value.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority; *provided*, that, with respect to the Payment Dates on February 28, 2022 and March 28, 2028, amounts shall be applied from amounts deposited from the Liquidity Reserve Account into the Collection Account:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses owed to the Indenture Trustee; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(1) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause (B) exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year and (2) to Diversified ABS III Midstream, the Midstream Management Expenses and any accrued and unpaid Midstream Management Expenses with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Midstream Management Expenses paid pursuant to this clause (B)(2) exceed \$1,200,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments (including partial termination payments arising from partial reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture) due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy) (but only if such bankruptcy is as a result of a failure to pay debts), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party (as defined therein) of the related Hedge Agreement;

(F) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is either (i) 25% or (ii) 50%;

(G) *pro rata and pari passu* (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with Clause (E) above;

(H) if a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's prior fiscal year, to the P&A Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the P&A Reserve Account to equal the P&A Reserve Amount;

(I) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(J) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(K) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(L) to Diversified, any indemnity amount due and payable under the Separation Agreement; and

(M) to the Issuer, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account or the Liquidity Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.



(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which an Optional Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Liquidity Reserve Account and the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (other than any termination amounts) and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, Note Interest, any Applicable Premium or Change of Control Applicable Premium;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance, (2) without duplication, the applicable Redemption Price, and (3) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements (including any termination amounts and any other amounts due and payable by the Issuer thereunder);

(D) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Collection Account and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to (x) post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture or (y) provide to each Hedge Counterparty who does not then have access to such website pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Basic Documents;

(c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Midstream Assets, the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Hedge Agreements, along with a summary of all Hedge Agreements in place, including volumes and percentage of production that is hedged, along with a calculation of the hedge ratio;

- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement, Pipeline Operating Agreement, or the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees and expenses paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of any payment (including breakage or termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (i) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (j) the Note Interest with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (l) the amount of the DSCR, the IO DSCR, the LTV, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period
- (m) the amounts on deposit in each Issuer Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (n) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (o) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets), to the extent applicable;
- (p) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (q) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;

- (r) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer or Guarantors;
- (s) any reports regarding greenhouse gas or other carbon emissions associated with any Issuer Party's operations or the products, to the extent publicly disclosed by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates;
- (t) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;
- (u) on an annual basis, on the Payment Determination Date occurring in March such report shall include the aggregate P&A Expense Amount for the preceding year and the excess, if any, of the P&A Expense Amount in excess of the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount;
- (v) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;
- (w) reasonably detailed information regarding any Title Failure (as defined in the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement) of which any Issuer Party has Knowledge and all documentation with respect to any actions, claims or Proceedings under the Separation Agreement or the Contribution Agreement;
- (x) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;
- (y) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000;
- (z) the VE Score (or equivalent metric) with respect to Diversified Energy Company Plc as of such date, and, any adjusted Interest Rate in connection with Section 2.8(f) and the commencement date thereof;
- (aa) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions; and
- (bb) estimated throughput volumes, revenues, and Expenditures related to the Midstream Assets.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.9 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified Holdings (or its majority-owned affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.10 [Reserved].

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

**ARTICLE IX**

**SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES**

Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, written confirmation from such Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term “Outstanding”;

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms “Available Funds,” “Equity Contribution Cure,” “Excess Allocation Percentage,” “Excess Amortization Amount,” “Excess Funds,” “Floor Value,” “Liquidity Reserve Target Amount,” “Majority Noteholders,” “Permitted Dispositions,” “Permitted Liens,” “Principal Distribution Amount,” “Production Tracking Rate,” “Rapid Amortization Event,” “Redemption Price,” “Reserve Report,” “Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount,” “Securitized Net Cash Flow,” “Warm Trigger Event,” “DSCR,” “IO DSCR” or “LTV”;

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.1 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Note of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) It shall not be necessary for any Act of Noteholders under this Section 9.1 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient if such Act shall approve the substance thereof.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Holders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.2 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause any Issuer Party to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (i) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back- Up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-Up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-Up Manager.

Section 9.3 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Holders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.4 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.



**ARTICLE X**

**REDEMPTION OF NOTES**

Section 10.1 Optional Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the discretion of the Issuer on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile mailed or transmitted not later than ten (10) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Holder's address or facsimile number appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Note shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable. On or before such Redemption Date, Issuer shall cause the aggregate Redemption Price to be deposited to the Collection Account, and such amount shall be paid in accordance with Section 8.6(ii).

## ARTICLE XI

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer,

and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At any time that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

## ARTICLE XII

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the “Act of the Noteholders” signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Notes shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf, facsimile or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties; Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Holder of a Note providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Holder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.



Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein.

Section 12.11 Legal Holidays. In any case where the date on which any payment is due shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture) payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON- EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON- APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information.

(a) The Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act (“Rule 17g-5”), if any, by its or its agent’s posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the “17g-5 Website”), no later than the time such information is provided to a Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to the Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the “17g-5 Information”); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer’s behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to the Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to the Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### NOTE GUARANTEES

##### Section 13.1 Note Guarantees.

(a) Each Guarantor, hereby jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the Notes and the Obligations hereunder and thereunder, and guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and to the Indenture Trustee on behalf of such Holder, that:

(i) the principal of and premium, if any and interest on the Notes shall be paid in full when due, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise (including, without limitation, the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code), together with interest on the overdue principal, if any, and interest on any overdue interest, to the extent lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Indenture Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or of any such other Obligations, the same shall be paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise.

The obligations of each Guarantor are direct, independent and primary obligations of each Guarantor and are irrevocable, absolute, unconditional, and continuing obligations and are not conditioned in any way upon the institution of suit or the taking of any other action, the pursuit of any remedies or any attempt to enforce performance of or compliance with the Obligations by the Issuer and each Guarantor, and their respective successors, transferees or assigns, and shall constitute a guaranty of payment and performance and not of collection, binding upon the Guarantor and its successors and assigns and irrevocable without regard to the validity, legality or enforceability of this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or the lack of power or authority of the Issuer or any Guarantor to enter into this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or any substitution, release or exchange of any other guaranty or any other security for any of the Obligations or any other circumstance whatsoever (other than payment) that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor, and shall not be subject to any right of set off, recoupment or counterclaim and are in no way conditioned or contingent upon any attempt to collect from the Issuer, any Guarantor or any other entity or to perfect or enforce any security or upon any other condition or contingency or upon any other action, occurrence, or circumstance whatsoever.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Guarantor shall have any right to terminate this guaranty, or to be released, relieved or discharged from its obligations hereunder except as provided in Section 11.1 hereof, and such obligations shall not be affected, diminished, modified or impaired for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, (i) the change, modification or amendment of any obligation, duty, guarantee, warranty, responsibility, covenant or agreement set forth in this Indenture, the granting of any extension of time for payment to the Issuer or any other surety, or any extension or renewal of the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture, (ii) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of any of the Issuer's or any Guarantor's assets, the receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization of or similar proceedings affecting the Issuer or any Guarantor or any of the assets of the Issuer or any Guarantor, (iii) any furnishing or acceptance of additional security or any exchange, surrender, substitution or release of any security, (iv) any waiver, consent or other action or inaction or any exercise or non-exercise of any right, remedy or power with respect to the Obligations or this Indenture, (v) any merger or consolidation of the Issuer or the Guarantor into or with any other person or entity, the Issuer's loss of its separate corporate identity or its ceasing to be an affiliate of any Guarantor, or (vi) the failure to give notice to any Guarantor of the occurrence of a default under the terms and provisions of this Indenture.

(b) Each Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any right it may have now, or in the future, under law or in equity, to: (i) the notice of any waiver or extension granted to the Issuer; (ii) all notices which may be required by applicable statute, rule of law or otherwise to preserve any of the rights of the Noteholders against the Issuer, each Guarantor or any other person; (iii) require either that an action be brought against the Issuer or any other person or entity as a condition to proceeding against any Guarantor, or to require that action be first taken against any security given by the Issuer or any Guarantor; (iv) notice of (a) any Noteholder's acceptance and reliance on this guaranty, (b) default or demand in the case of default, provided such notice or demand has been given to or made upon the Issuer or any Guarantor, and (c) any extensions or consents granted to the Issuer, any Guarantor or any other surety; (v) promptness, diligence, presentment, demand of payment or enforcement and any other notice with respect to any of the Obligations and this guaranty; (vi) require any election of remedies; (vii) require the marshalling of assets or the resort to any other security; (viii) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, claim any other defense, contingency, circumstance or matter which might constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor; (ix) any defense based on or arising out of the voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, receivership, or other similar proceeding affecting the Issuer; or (x) any defense related to the addition, substitution or partial or entire release of any guarantor, maker or other party (including the Issuer and each Guarantor) primarily or secondarily liable or responsible for the performance and observance of any of the terms set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents or by any extension, waiver, amendment or action whatsoever which may release a guarantor (other than performance).

(c) If any Noteholder or the Indenture Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer or any Guarantor, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to the Issuer or any Guarantor, any amount paid by any of them to the Indenture Trustee or such Noteholder, the Note Guarantee of each of the Guarantors, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. This paragraph (c) shall remain effective notwithstanding any contrary action which may be taken by the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder in reliance upon such amount required to be returned. This paragraph (c) shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

(d) Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between each Guarantor, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Indenture Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article V hereof for the purposes of the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any acceleration of such Obligations as provided in Article V hereof, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by each Guarantor for the purpose of the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor.

Section 13.2 Severability. In case any provision of any Note Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.3 Limitation of Liability.

(a) No Fraudulent Conveyance. Each Guarantor, and, by its acceptance hereof, each Holder confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor shall not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law or the provisions of its local law relating to fraudulent transfer or conveyance. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor under its Note Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount that will not, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under its Note Guarantee, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

(b) **No Personal Liability.** No member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer, as such, past, present or future of each Guarantor shall have any liability under this Note Guarantee by reason of his/her or its status as such member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer.

Section 13.4 **Release of Note Guarantee.** A Note Guarantee by Guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released upon the discharge of this Indenture in accordance with Section 11.1 and satisfaction in full of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder.

Section 13.5 **Benefits Acknowledged.** Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements and that its guarantee and waivers pursuant to its Note Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III MIDSTREAM LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DIVERSIFIED ABS III UPSTREAM LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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## APPENDIX A

### PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS I Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 between Diversified ABS LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS II Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of April 9, 2020 between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (that are upstream assets similar to the Wellbore Interests, including being located in the Appalachian Basin) purchased and acquired by the Issuer (or any Subsidiary thereof) from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified substantially the same as those in the Separation Agreement; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent that the Notes are rated by a Rating Agency, any such Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Observer and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Midstream Assets.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Agency Agreement” means the Gas Sales, Asset Management and Marketing Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between the Issuer and Diversified Marketing.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of February.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in February 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), including any increase of the interest rate due and owing on the Notes based on the VE Score computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means (i) in respect of the Wellbore Interests and related Additional Assets, each of the Separation Agreement, the Plan of Division, and the Statement of Division and (ii) in respect of the Midstream Assets, each of the Contribution Agreement and the Midstream Assignment.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests, the Midstream Assets and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) amounts transferred from the P&A Reserve Account to the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture, (d) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (e) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (f) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (g) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Joint Operating Agreement, the Separation Agreement, the Diversified ABS III Midstream Operating Agreement, the Diversified ABS III Upstream Operating Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Contribution Agreement, the Plan of Division, the Statement of Division, the Hedge Agreements, the Agency Agreement, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Gas Gathering Agreement, the Pipeline Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Novation Agreements, the Intercreditor Acknowledgment, the Settlement Agreement, the Limited Guaranty, each Mortgage, each Escrow Agreement and other documents and certificates delivered in connection therewith.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Book-Entry Notes” means a note registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, ownership of which is reflected on the books of the Depository or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly or as an indirect participant in accordance with the rules of such Depository); provided, that after the occurrence of a condition whereupon Definitive Notes are to be issued to Noteholders, such Book-Entry Notes shall no longer be “Book-Entry Notes”.

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non-participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries taken as a whole, to any Person (including any “person” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Qualifying Owner;
- (b) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc;
- (c) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that (A) any Person (including any “person” (as defined above)), excluding the Qualifying Owners, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, units or the like and (B) each member of the Management Team as of immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction resigns or is removed from its respective position; or
- (d) the occurrence of any event or series of events that results in Manager ceasing to be Controlled by Diversified Gas & Oil Plc.

Notwithstanding the preceding, a conversion of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc or any of its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries from a limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity to a limited liability company, corporation, limited partnership or other form of entity (including by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or liquidation) or an exchange of all of the outstanding Capital Stock in one form of entity for Capital Stock in another form of entity or the transfer or redomestication of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc to or in another jurisdiction shall not constitute a Change of Control, so long as following such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication the “persons” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who Beneficially Owned the Capital Stock of Diversified Gas & Oil Plc immediately prior to such transactions, together with Qualifying Owners, Beneficially Own in the aggregate more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity, or Beneficially Own sufficient Capital Stock in such entity to elect a majority of its directors, managers, trustees or other persons serving in a similar capacity for such entity or its general partner, as applicable, and, in either case no “person” (other than a Qualifying Owner) Beneficially Owns more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity or its general partner, as applicable. References to Diversified Gas & Oil Plc in the foregoing clauses (i) - (iv) shall also refer to the surviving entity after giving effect to such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication.

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in February 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), including any increase of the Interest Rate due and owing hereunder based on the VE Score computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to the Payment Date occurring on February 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, including any increase of the Interest Rate due and owing on the Notes based on the VE Score, and (ii) on or after the Payment Date occurring in February 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Class A-1 Notes” means the 4.875% Class A-1 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Indenture.

“Class A-2 Notes” means the 4.875% Class A-2 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A-2 to the Indenture.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean February 4, 2022.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of Collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement).

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the Contemplated Transaction or the execution or delivery of the Basic Documents.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Separation Agreement and the Contribution Agreement, including: (a) the formation of the Diversified ABS III Upstream pursuant to the Separation Agreement and the vesting of the Wellbore Interests in Diversified ABS III Upstream by operation of law; (b) the transfer of the Midstream Assets by the applicable Diversified Parties to Diversified ABS III Midstream pursuant to the Contribution Agreement; (c) the formation of the Guarantors pursuant to the Diversified ABS III Midstream Operating Agreement and the Diversified ABS III Upstream Operating Agreement (as applicable); (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Asset Vesting Documents; (c) the performance by the Diversified Parties of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (d) the Issuer’s and the Guarantor’s (as applicable) acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer and the Guarantors contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer or any Guarantor is a party.



“Contribution” means “Contemplated Transactions” as such term is defined in the Contribution Agreement.

“Contribution Agreement” means that certain Contribution Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among Diversified Midstream, Diversified Corp, Diversified, Diversified Holdings, Issuer and Diversified ABS III Midstream.

“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 the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s, Diversified Holdings’ and the Guarantors’ respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, Attn: ABS Structured Finance – DGO A/C 157520, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on February 4, 2022.

“DABS” means Diversified ABS LLC.

“DABS II” means Diversified ABS Phase II LLC.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Default in Other Agreements” means (1) any Diversified Party or any Affiliate of a Diversified Party shall fail to pay when due any principal or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents) or (2) breach or default of any Diversified Party, DABS or DABS II with respect to any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents); if such failure to pay, breach or default entitles the holder to cause such Indebtedness having an individual principal amount in excess of \$250,000 or having an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$500,000 to become or be declared due prior to its stated maturity.

“Definitive Notes” means the definitive, fully registered Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Depository” means initially, the Depository Trust Company, the nominee of which is Cede & Co., and any permitted successor depository.

“Depository Participant” means a broker, dealer, bank or other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production, LLC.

“Diversified ABS III Midstream” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC.

“Diversified ABS III Midstream Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS III Midstream, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Diversified ABS III Upstream” shall mean Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC.

“Diversified ABS III Upstream Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS III Upstream, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase III Holdings LLC.

“Diversified Marketing” shall mean Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC.

“Diversified Midstream” shall mean Diversified Midstream LLC.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Holdings, Diversified Midstream, Diversified Marketing, Diversified ABS III Midstream, Diversified ABS III Upstream and the Issuer.

“Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Time” in the Separation Agreement.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in July 2022, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid Note Interest on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means either (a) a segregated account with an Eligible Institution or (b) a segregated trust account with the corporate trust department of a depository institution organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), having corporate trust powers and acting as trustee for funds deposited in such account, so long as any of the securities of such depository institution shall have a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of Fitch or, to the extent Fitch does not rate the Notes, another NRSRO.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof, or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, Lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any Law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Body relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, Diversified Holdings’ contribution of equity to the Issuer made by depositing cash into the Collection Account, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes as of the Closing Date in aggregate and no more frequently than twice (in aggregate) per calendar year.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer under section 414 of the Code.

“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Escrow Agent” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” means (i) that certain escrow agreement, dated as of February 2, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and certain Noteholders referenced therein and (ii) each escrow agreement, dated as of February 3, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and certain Noteholders referenced therein.

“Escrow Funding Date” means the date of funding of proceeds by the Noteholders under their respective Escrow Agreement.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

(a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; or

(b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; or

(c) If the LTV is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%.

“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (L) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated Person.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of April 2039.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“Gas Gathering Agreement” means that certain Gas Gathering Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between Diversified and Diversified Midstream.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Governmental Rule” means with respect to any Person, any Law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, code, treaty, judgment, decree, directive, guideline, policy or similar form of decision of any Governmental Body binding on such Person.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a Lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guarantors” shall mean each of Diversified ABS III Midstream and Diversified ABS III Upstream.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty in existence on the Closing Date.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” has the meaning specified in the relevant Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Note Register.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

(a) its liabilities for borrowed money;

(b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);

(c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;

(d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);

(e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);

(f) all its liabilities (including delivery and payment obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and

(g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any Material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions.

“Initial Hedge Strategy” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.



“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Intercreditor Acknowledgment” means that certain Acknowledgment Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Indenture Trustee, the ABS I Trustee, the ABS II Trustee and KeyBank National Association, and acknowledged and agreed to by Diversified Production, Diversified Marketing, DABS, DABS II and the Issuer.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the initial Payment Date, from and including February 3, 2022) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 4.875% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, Indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in July 2022, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the aggregate Note Interest with respect to the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Parties” means the Issuer and the Guarantors.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means, as applicable, (i) the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2019, by and between Diversified and DABS, as amended by (a) the Amendment to Operating Agreement dated as of April 9, 2020, by and among Diversified, DABS and DABS II, (b) the Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among the Diversified, DABS, DABS II and Diversified ABS III Upstream, and (c) the letter agreement between Diversified and Diversified ABS III Upstream, (ii) the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between Diversified and Diversified ABS III Upstream, and (iii) any other Joint Operating Agreement between any such parties as any such Joint Operating Agreements may hereafter be amended or any such Joint Operating Agreements as may be hereafter amended.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, and as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Party, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, state, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof (including, without limitation, any Governmental Rule).

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit C to the Separation Agreement.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Limited Guaranty” means the limited guaranty between Diversified Corp. and the Indenture Trustee dated as of the Closing Date.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means cash or Permitted Investments having a value equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the eight (8) Payment Dates following the Closing Date.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance” means an amount equal to 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the six (6) Payment Dates following such Payment Date. This amount shall not be less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance.

“LTV” means, as of any Annual Determination Date, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the sum of (i) the PV-10 and (ii) the Midstream Asset Value, in each case, as of such date of determination.

“Majority Noteholders” means Noteholders (other than any Diversified Party and each of their Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Manager, Diversified Corp and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Manager” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator to perform any Material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such person is a party in any Material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Midstream Assets” means the “Assets” as such term is defined in the Contribution Agreement.

“Midstream Asset Value” means, as determined on each Annual Determination Date and as certified by an Officer’s Certificate, the present value of the projected net cash flows associated with the Midstream Assets as reasonably calculated by the Manager in good faith, discounted at a rate equal to 10%.

“Midstream Assignment” means the “Instruments of Conveyance” as such term is defined in the Contribution Agreement.

“Midstream Management Expenses” means “Midstream Management Expenses” as such term is defined in the Pipeline Operating Agreement.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, on real property of the Issuer or the Guarantors, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Guarantee” means any guarantee of the Notes by any Guarantor pursuant to Article XIII of the Indenture.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Diversified Parties and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” and “Note Registrar” have the respective meanings specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register and, with respect to a Book Entry Note, the Person who is the owner of such Book Entry Note, as reflected on the books of the Depository, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes.

“Novation Agreements” means the Novation Agreement by and between Diversified Corp. and the Issuer dated as of February 4, 2022.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission.

“Obligations” means all of the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors with respect to the Notes, whether owed to Indenture Trustee, a Holder, or any other Person, as set forth under any Basic Document, including, without limitation, the obligation to pay principal, interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any default interest required under the Indenture), any Redemption Price, Change of Control Redemption Price and all actual, reasonable and documented costs, charges and expenses, attorney’s fees and disbursements, and indemnities.

“Observer” means any party engaged by or on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Back-up Management Agreement.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back- up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer or a Guarantor other than the Midstream Assets.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement) with respect to Diversified ABS III Upstream’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as operator under any Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder, or Diversified Midstream, in its capacity as operator under the Pipeline Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture and shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Optional Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under state Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the state Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and

(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

"Outstanding Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

"Outstanding Principal Balance" means, as of any date of determination, the Initial Principal Balance of the Notes less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

"P&A Expense Amount" means, for any fiscal year, the actual aggregate net amount of plugging and abandonment expenses attributable to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, which amount shall be determined by the Manager in accordance with the Management Standards (as defined in the Management Services Agreement).

"P&A Reserve Account" means one or more accounts or sub-accounts established on or before the Closing Date on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and maintained by the Securities Intermediary in the name of the Issuer, in trust for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

"P&A Reserve Amount" means an amount equal to two (2) times the excess, if any, of (a) the P&A Expense Amount for the calendar year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger over (b) the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

"P&A Reserve Trigger" means the determination as of the Payment Determination Date in March of any fiscal year that the P&A Expense Amount for the Issuer's prior fiscal year exceeded the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

“P&A Reserve Trigger Amount” means (i) for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, an amount equal to \$1,000,000, (ii) for fiscal years 2027 through 2035, an amount equal to \$1,500,000, and (iii) for fiscal years 2036 through 2037 an amount equal to \$2,000,000.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28th day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date for interest only will be February 28, 2022 and the first principal Payment Date will be April 28, 2022.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer (or the Guarantors), as applicable, at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

(a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 25% of the initial purchase price of the Assets;

(b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;

(c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders;

(d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 85% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets or the repayment Notes, as applicable;

(e) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; and

(f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.



“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, Fitch or S&P equal to “Aaa-mf”, “AAmmf”, or “AAm”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall (i) with respect to the Wellbore Interests, have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the Separation Agreement and (ii) with respect to the Midstream Assets, have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” Contribution Agreement, as applicable.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Pipeline Interests” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Contribution Agreement.

“Pipeline Operating Agreement” means that certain Pipeline Management and Operating Agreement, by and between Diversified ABS III Midstream and Diversified Midstream, dated as of the Closing Date.

“Placement Agent” means BofA Securities, LLC, as placement agent.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Plan of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Pledge Agreement” means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Diversified Holdings, the Issuer, Diversified ABS III Midstream, Diversified ABS III Upstream, Diversified and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Noteholders, as amended from time to time.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

(b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;

(c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and

(d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders’ regulatory and self- regulatory bodies (including the SVO of the NAIC) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in January 2023, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“PV-10” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the sum of (i) the projected net cash flows from the Oil and Gas Portfolio categorized as proved, developed and producing, using commodity strip prices and (ii) the positive or negative aggregate mark-to-market value determined as of such date of determination of all Hedge Agreements, calculated in the aggregate for all Hydrocarbons hedged, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event, (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement, (iv) any Default in Other Agreement, (v) any Rating Agency takes any negative action in respect of their rating of the Notes as a result of the inquiry referenced in the letter to Diversified Energy Company PLC from the Securities and Exchange Commission dated January 21, 2022 (referred to on Schedule 3.3 to the Indenture), or (vi) on or after March 28, 2028, the LTV is greater than forty percent (40%); provided that a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to the foregoing (a) clause (v) may be cured upon any Rating Agency providing a rating of BBB or higher (without negative watch) –in respect of the Notes at any time subsequent to the occurrence of such Rapid Amortization Event and (b) clause (vi) may be cured upon delivery of an updated Reserve Report audited or prepared by an independent petroleum engineer on or prior to the date required by Section 8.5 of the Indenture which would result in, as of the next Annual Determination Date or, if earlier, the effective date of such Reserve Report, an LTV less than or equal to 40%.

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long- term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com.

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, the fourth anniversary of the Closing Date, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, (i) with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (a) prior to February 4, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, and (b) on or after February 4, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date and (ii) with respect to a Change of Control, the Change of Control Applicable Premium.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Separation Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Separation Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer and the Guarantors, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Rights of Way Interests” means “Rights of Way Interests” as such term is defined the Contribution Agreement.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit B to the Separation Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(g) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Midstream Assets deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate amount of Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of the Hedge Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (ii)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated February 1, 2022, by and among Diversified, Diversified Corp and Diversified ABS III Upstream.

“Separation Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain internal report prepared by Diversified Corp as of January 1, 2022, which is based on that certain evaluation of oil and gas reserves prepared for Diversified Energy Company Plc by Netherland Sewell & Associates, Inc. effective July 1, 2021, with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“Settlement Agreement” means the Settlement Agent Services Agreement, dated as of January 20, 2022 between the Issuer and UMB, as settlement agent.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer, including the Guarantors as applicable.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Party or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Party that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to February 4, 2026; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to February 4, 2026, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

(a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or

(e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“VE Score” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.



## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

(A) Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

(B) "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

(C) Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

(D) Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

(E) Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

(F) Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

(G) UCC References. References to sections or provisions of Article 9 of the UCC in any of the Basic Documents shall be deemed to be automatically updated to reflect the successor, replacement or functionally equivalent sections or provisions of Revised Article 9, Secured Transactions (2000) at any time in any jurisdiction which has made such revised article effective.

**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.7**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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Sch. 3.7

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

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No.: \_\_\_\_

PPN: [ . ]

Class: A-2 (Global Note)

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III LLC

4.875% NOTES

Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [Purchaser], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture dated as of February [4], 2022 (the "Indenture"), among the Issuer, Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC, Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the "Indenture Trustee"); *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of April 28, 2039 (the "Final Scheduled Payment Date") and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Article I of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Closing Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate, in any lawful manner. The Issuer may pay such defaulted interest to the persons who are Noteholders on a subsequent special record date, which date shall be at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Payment Date.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.



Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE III LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 4.875% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be February 28, 2022.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv), or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder’s acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.



**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT, MARKED BY [\*\*\*] HAS BEEN EXCLUDED. SUCH EXCLUDED INFORMATION IS NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.

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INDENTURE

between

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE IV LLC,

as Issuer

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,

as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of February 23, 2022

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of February 23, 2022 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this "Indenture") is between Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Issuer"), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the "Indenture Trustee") and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Issuer's 4.95% Notes (the "Notes" or a "Note") and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer hereby Grants to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and grants to the Indenture Trustee a security interest in, all of the Issuer's right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and all funds on deposit in, and financial assets, instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (c) the Asset Purchase Agreements; (d) the Management Services Agreement; (e) the Hedge Agreements; (f) the Back-up Management Agreement; (g) the Depositor Pledge Agreement; (h) each Joint Operating Agreement; (i) each other Basic Document to which it is a party; (j) all accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas and other minerals; (k) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing and (l) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing (collectively, the "Collateral").

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments due to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

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## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

(c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture.

#### Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$160,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2, provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than the required minimum denomination.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 Reserved.

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof). Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to the Depositor or by the Depositor to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Depositor and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Depositor and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.

(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to Section 21 of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Depositor, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer, the Depositor and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer, the Depositor and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgments set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the “Note Registrar”) to keep a register (the “Note Register”) in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in “registered form” under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-l(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Holder of the Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Holder of the Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.4 not involving any transfer.

The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note. Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be reasonably required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee any reasonable expenses in connection therewith, and the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder of such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith in excess of \$10,000 in the aggregate per Noteholder.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed or transmitted prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.02.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate, in any lawful manner. Such default interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

(f) Vigeo Eiris or any comparable service will be engaged to maintain a sustainability score with respect to Diversified Energy Company Plc (the “VE Score”). At each Payment Determination Date, to the extent the VE Score (or equivalent metric) is (a) less than 40/100 or equivalent, the Interest Rate with respect to the Interest Accrual Period following such Payment Determination Date will increase by five (5) basis points above the initial stated Interest Rate on such Notes or (b) equal to or greater than 40/100 or equivalent, the Interest Rate with respect to the Interest Accrual Period following such Payment Determination Date will equal the Interest Rate on such Notes without giving effect to the step-up in (a) above. For the avoidance of doubt, any change in the Interest Rate with respect to any Interest Accrual Period pursuant to this Section 2.8(f) shall commence at the beginning of the Interest Accrual Period immediately following notification of such change and shall apply to the entire Interest Accrual Period, notwithstanding any change in the VE Score subsequent to any Payment Determination Date or during any portion of such Interest Accrual Period.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Indenture Trustee, be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.



Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(L), Section 8.6(ii)(F) or Section 8.8(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty and each Holder. Any release of Collateral shall require 10 Business Days advance written notice from the Issuer to each Holder.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. The Issuer, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agree to treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes, but only so long as such Notes are held by such entity) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain "CUSIP" numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such "CUSIP" numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee and each Noteholder in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

Section 2.14 Additional Notes. The Issuer may from time to time issue Additional Notes that are identical to the Initial Notes other than interest rate, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount and the Final Scheduled Payment Date; provided that at the time of issuance, both before and after giving effect to the issuance of such Additional Notes, (i) no Warm Trigger Event, Default, Material Manager Default, Rapid Amortization Event or Event of Default has occurred or will occur, (ii) as of the most recent Quarterly Determination Date, the DSCR was not less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate was not less than 80% and the LTV was not greater than 75% (each on a pro forma basis), (iii) the hedging requirements in Section 4.28 are satisfied, (iv) Diversified Corp delivers an Officer's Certificate confirming that (a) following the issuance of such Additional Notes, it is in compliance with the Credit Risk Retention Rules and the fair value calculations related thereto in writing, as required by the Credit Risk Retention Rules, and (b) no Material Adverse Effect will occur as a result of the issuance of such Additional Notes, (v) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto, (vi) the Majority Noteholders shall have consented thereto, (vii) the Diversified Parties confirm the representations and warranties made by such parties in the Basic Documents remain true and correct as of the date of the issuance of the Additional Notes, and (viii) the Issuer delivers Opinions of Counsel to the Indenture Trustee (a) stating that the issuance of Additional Notes under the Indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by the Indenture and that all conditions precedent under the Indenture for the issuance of Additional Notes have been complied with, (ii) will not cause the Issuer to become an association, publicly traded partnership or a taxable mortgage pool, that is, in each case, taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not adversely affect the characterization of the Notes as indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (b) that covers other matters reasonably requested by the Noteholders. In addition, in connection with the issuance of Additional Notes, all standard opinions and certifications delivered in connection with the issuance of the Notes on the Closing Date shall be delivered in connection with the Additional Notes as of the date of issuance.

### **ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) is duly qualified in Texas and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer and all instruments executed and delivered by the Issuer at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture or the instruments executed in connection therewith by the Issuer nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against the Issuer or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer's Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Companies, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of the Issuer's interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) Neither the Issuer nor its Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer's Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. The Issuer has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by the Issuer from the Depositor pursuant to the Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Assets. Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreements, title to the Assets will vest in the Issuer, and the Issuer will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement, Diversified had valid legal and beneficial title to the Assets and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Assets, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer is in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. The Issuer does not have any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.9 hereto, neither the Issuer nor the Depositor nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Issuer in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) The Issuer does not have, and has never had, any outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no, and there have never been any, outstanding Liens on any property of the Issuer other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, the Issuer has not, at any time, agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, the Issuer is not a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Issuer, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Issuer.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to Issuer's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Issuer's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Issuer or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws;  
or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Issuer and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that the Issuer and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. The Issuer is not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. The Issuer (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. The Issuer is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. The Issuer does not intend to incur, or believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. The Issuer does not believe that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. The Issuer does not intend to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of the Issuer in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority.

## ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. The Issuer will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other Governmental Authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within thirty (30) days after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by the Issuer or the Manager for the benefit of the Issuer with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days, deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the Issuer shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp. or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. The Issuer will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer; provided, that Issuer need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, the Issuer will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer and all rights and franchises of the Issuer.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. The Issuer will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer. The Issuer will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that the Issuer's books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party. The Issuer shall not take any action or permit any action to be taken by others which would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under the Basic Documents or under any instrument or agreement included as part of the Collateral or that would result in the amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge of, or impair the validity or effectiveness of, any such instrument or agreement, except (i) such amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge in the ordinary course of business or that does not have a material detriment to the value of the Collateral or (ii) as ordered by a bankruptcy or other court or as expressly provided in this Indenture, the other Basic Documents or such other instrument or agreement.



Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, the Issuer will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance. The Issuer hereby authorizes, but does not obligate, the Indenture Trustee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Collateral without the signature of the Issuer. The Issuer acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself, that any such financing statement may describe the Collateral as “all assets”, “all personal property” or “all assets and all personal property of Debtor, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, wherever located, together with all products and proceeds thereof, substitutions and replacements therefor, and additions and accessions thereto” of the applicable Person or words of similar effect as may be required by the Indenture Trustee.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

- (a) The Issuer will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel and overhead expenses) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.
- (b) The Issuer will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. The Issuer's assets will not be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, as required by GAAP; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.
- (c) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.
- (d) The Issuer will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate other than the deposit of Collections into accounts of Affiliates prior to the transfer of such Collections into the Collection Account as contemplated under Section 8.1.
- (e) The Issuer will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).
- (f) The Issuer (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer and this Indenture. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of the Issuer (except for income tax purposes). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) The Issuer will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) The Issuer will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) The Issuer will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, the Issuer will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) The Issuer will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) The Issuer will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) The Issuer will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) The Issuer will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) The Issuer will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

- (r) The Issuer will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);
- (s) The Issuer will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents;
- (t) The Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary; and
- (u) The Issuer shall comply with each of the assumptions made with respect to it in any non-consolidation opinion, and the certifications contained in any certificate referred to therein, delivered by counsel in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents unless prior to any non-compliance, the Issuer will have obtained the written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) and the Issuer shall have delivered to the Indenture Trustee an updated Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such non-compliance does not affect the conclusions set forth in such prior opinion with respect to non-consolidation matters.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Issuer than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. The Issuer will not and will not permit the Depositor to consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. The Issuer will not at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any affiliate of such Holder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. The Issuer will not sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than any Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty or any Noteholder or the Noteholders, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of such Hedge Counterparty to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. The Issuer will not create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness"):

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses;
- (c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any one time;

and

(d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties and the Notes, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. The Issuer will not, and will not permit any party to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, that the Issuer may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. The Issuer will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Multi-Use Depositor. The Issuer will not permit the Depositor to (i) have any Subsidiaries other than the Issuer or (ii) enter into any transactions other than the Contemplated Transactions, in each case, unless the Majority Noteholders shall have consented thereto in writing and the Rating Agency Condition is satisfied.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat the Issuer as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager, Back-up Manager and Operator. In the event that the Manager shall be terminated due to a Material Manager Default or if a Default or Event of Default have occurred or is continuing, the Majority Noteholders shall appoint a replacement manager as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation or termination and notify the Depositor of such appointment. In the event that the Manager shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholder (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation or termination and notify the Depositor of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement manager by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed). In addition, if the first sentence of Section 4.27 is not applicable, in the event that the Manager shall resign, be terminated or otherwise removed, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement back-up manager or operator, as applicable, with the consent of the Majority Noteholder (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation, termination or removal and notify the Depositor of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement back-up manager or operator by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement back-up manager or operator with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed).

Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements.

(a) Natural Gas Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for each month, with the exception of the month of February 2022, classified as "proved, developed, and producing" and as described in the initial Reserve Report or the most recent Reserve Report delivered in accordance with Section 8.5 (the "Natural Gas Hedge Percentage"); *provided*, that the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided further*, the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that*, Rating Agency consent shall not be required in respect of any amendment that adjusts hedge payment dates to align with cash receipts; *provided further that*, nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Natural Gas Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or to mitigate the risk that the applicable Hedge Counterparty elects not to extend the swap transaction at the end of [\*\*\*]; or (ii) [\*\*\*].

(b) Natural Gas Liquids Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas liquid output from the Issuer's Assets for each month, classified as "proved" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "NGL Hedge Percentage"); *provided further*, the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the NGL Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the NGL Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or to mitigate the risk that the applicable Hedge Counterparty elects not to extend the swap transaction at the end of [\*\*\*]; or (ii) [\*\*\*].

(c) In the event that any deviation under this Section 4.28 is the result of the sale of assets pursuant to a Permitted Disposition and the deposit of funds in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, the Issuer shall not be required to be in compliance with this Section 4.28 until all of the funds in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account have been utilized as provided in Section 8.4.

Section 4.29 Collections and Accounts. All Collections with respect to the Assets shall be handled as provided in Section 8.1. The holders of the Agent Controlled Account as of the date of this Indenture shall not change and the Agent Controlled Account shall remain subject to the terms of the Agent Acknowledgement unless the Majority Noteholders shall have consented thereto in writing.

## ARTICLE V REMEDIES

### Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;
- (ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c) below) or, with respect Section 4.29 or Section 8.1, two (2) Business Days (or if a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to clause (v) thereof shall be in existence as of the date of such breach as a result of a prior breach, there shall be no grace period) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;



(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, the Depositor or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, the Depositor or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of the Issuer's affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by the Issuer or the Depositor of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by the Issuer or the Depositor to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer or the Depositor to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer or the Depositor or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer or the Depositor of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer or the Depositor generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) by no later than the time under which filings are required under Section 2(g) of the Management Services Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer shall become an association, publicly traded partnership or taxable mortgage pool, that is, in each case, taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of a non-appealable decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer or the Depositor in excess of \$500,000 and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) the Issuer or the Collateral is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) the failure of the Notes to be redeemed upon the occurrence of a Change of Control as required by Section 10.1(b); or

(xiv) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii), above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii), above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b), above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer and the Depositor (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote as directed in writing by the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes. In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail, by overnight mail, to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Counterparties (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;

(ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;

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

(iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and

(v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.



Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Holder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

(i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;

(ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);

(iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Holders of Notes representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;

(iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and

(v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Note, or

(a) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of a Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to

(a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified and the Depositor of their obligations under or in connection with the Asset Purchase Agreements, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement and the Asset Purchase Agreements to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against Diversified and the Depositor under the Asset Purchase Agreements and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement and by Diversified and the Depositor under the Asset Purchase Agreements.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, or against Diversified and the Depositor under or in connection with the Asset Purchase Agreements, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement or by Diversified and the Depositor, of their obligations to the Issuer under the Asset Purchase Agreements, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement or the Asset Purchase Agreements, as the case may be, and any right of the Issuer to take such action shall be suspended.

**ARTICLE VI**

**THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE**

Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders or any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee. In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

except that: (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct,

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment

made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law or the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Depositor, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Holders of Notes representing at least 25% of the Notes; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (hardware or software) systems and services, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise shall be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.02(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Holder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Holder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Sections 7.1 and 8.9 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date and the Reserve Report pursuant to Section 8.5 hereof on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at [www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com). The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change. As currently configured, the Indenture Trustee's website will automatically issue an email notification to any Noteholder who has registered its email address with the Indenture Trustee of any posting of information to such website. Promptly after the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee will send by email a registration link for such website to each Noteholder with an email address listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement at such email address. Each Noteholder shall be responsible for its own registration for such website and the Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation to monitor any Noteholder's registration status. The Indenture Trustee shall not have any liability in connection with its website failing to automatically deliver the email notifications referenced in this Section 6.6 absent gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part.



Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee. No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer and the Depositor (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, the Depositor and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

If no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and if the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall appoint a replacement indenture trustee with the consent of the Majority Noteholder and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such event; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement indenture trustee by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement with the consent of the Issuer and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), and the Issuer shall notify the Depositor and each Rating Agency of such appointment. If a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any replacement of the Indenture Trustee hereunder shall be done by the Majority Noteholders.

A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Depositor, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified, the Depositor, Holders and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least A- (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

(a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

(b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;

(c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;

(d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and

(e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER**

Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

(a) Annual Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant, which such independent public accountant shall be PricewaterhouseCoopers or another independent public accountant reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website.

(b) Quarterly Statements — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2022, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website:

(i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows of Diversified Corp. and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2022, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp. or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified Corp. as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) Notice of Material Events — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or (viii) Warm Trigger Event, an Officer's Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer's expense (in accordance with Section 8.6), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) Notices from Governmental Body — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to the Issuer from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) Notices under Material Agreement — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by the Issuer, copies of all notices of termination, Default or Event of Default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).

(f) Payment Date Compliance Certificates — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(c), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no potential Warm Trigger Event or Warm Trigger Event, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

(g) Ratings — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2022, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency in accordance with Section 9.17 of the Note Purchase Agreement; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

#### Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b), shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager and the Operator on its behalf, to direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from Diversified Marketing) be made to the Agent Controlled Account or the Collection Account, respectively, in accordance with the Basic Documents; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer, if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Agent Controlled Account or the Collection Account, as applicable, within two (2) Business Days of receipt thereof all such Collections received with respect to the Assets. Within ten (10) Business Days after the 25th calendar day of the month after the applicable month of production, the Issuer shall cause the Operator or the Manager (as applicable) to transfer all Collections on deposit into the Agent Controlled Account to the Collection Account (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement, including a reasonable estimate by the Operator of any such unpaid expense and reimbursement amounts) with respect to such production month. To the extent thereafter the Operator or the Manager (as applicable) definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to such deposit into the Collection Account, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of identification thereof. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable and appropriate out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence. In the event a Rapid Amortization Event described under clause (v) thereof shall have occurred and be continuing, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct any payor of Collections with respect to the Assets to deposit such payments to an account identified by the Majority Noteholders over which the Indenture Trustee has control pursuant to a control agreement or other method permitted under the applicable UCC.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement as in effect on the date hereof shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

(d) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing Eligible Account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee (the "P&A Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty. To the extent a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's most recently completed fiscal year, Available Funds shall be deposited into the P&A Reserve Account in an amount equal to the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount, all amounts then on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be deposited into the Collection Account, where they will be considered part of Available Funds and distributed on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.6.



(e) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Hedge Collateral Accounts"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. Amounts posted as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement. The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to establish the Hedge Collateral Accounts and to make withdrawals and returns from the Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Issuer to carry out its respective duties under the applicable Hedge Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty's right to the return of any excess collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests of the Indenture Trustee in such Hedge Collateral Account for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

(f) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, (iii) the Liquidity Reserve Account and (iv) the P&A Reserve Account (together, the "Issuer Accounts") shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments selected by the Manager. In absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee's common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(f), except in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(g) shall be the "Securities Intermediary." On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express written agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are securities accounts and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a “financial asset” within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary’s jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(g)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S. \$500,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "A3" or better by Moody's, "A-" or better by S&P, and "A-" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and the Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds

(a) In the event that the Issuer shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and used for such purpose, and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the repayment of the Notes and any required hedge termination payment with the remaining proceeds, the DSCR would be equal to or greater than 1.25 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80% and the LTV shall be equal to or less than 75% (the "Proceeds Retention Condition"), then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that the Proceeds Retention Condition is not satisfied, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing (A) to deposit an amount, up to the total amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds, into the Collection Account for redemption of the Notes equal to the amount necessary to satisfy the Proceeds Retention Condition and (B) following such deposit into the Collection Account for redemption of the Notes, to deposit any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) During the Asset Purchase Period, the Issuer shall be permitted to acquire Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Warm Trigger Event, Material Manager Default, Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the Proceeds Retention Condition shall be satisfied (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any, with any remaining amounts), (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto, (v) the Majority Noteholders have consented to the purchase of such Additional Assets (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld conditioned or delayed), and (vi) the Issuer has delivered an Opinion of Counsel to the Noteholders indicating the free transferability of the assets, the absence of the need for consent by contractual counterparties to their transfer, the absence of any preferential purchase rights applicable in regard to such Additional Assets in the event of transfer to the Issuer or any subsequent purchaser, and other matters, to the reasonable satisfaction of the counsel to the Noteholders.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the "Asset Purchase Period"), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period. For the avoidance of doubt, during the Asset Purchase Period, to the extent any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, at any time during the Asset Purchase Period may, but at the end of the Asset Purchase Period shall direct any funds to redeem Notes such that after such redemption, the DSCR shall not be less than 1.25 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80% and the LTV shall not be greater than 75%, but in no event less than 125% of the amount of Notes supported by the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds not used to purchase Additional Assets, and any remaining amounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and be deemed Available Funds for the next Payment Date.

Section 8.5 Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year (which report shall be audited or prepared by an independent petroleum engineer) and on August 31 of each year (which report shall be internally prepared by the Issuer), provided, that the Issuer must deliver an updated Reserve Report within forty-five (45) days of any Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions of an aggregate amount of Assets exceeding 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date (it being understood that (i) such updated Reserve Report may be the same report as the most recently delivered Reserve Report, rolled forward by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager and (ii) to the extent a Reserve Report with respect to a Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions has been so delivered to the Indenture Trustee, the foregoing shall not require the delivery of an additional Reserve Report upon additional related Permitted Dispositions unless and until the aggregate amount of such additional related Permitted Dispositions exceeds 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date) (and, following any fiscal year for which the P&A Expense Amount exceeds the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount, such updated Reserve Report shall include a separate schedule identifying the estimated net capital expenditures associated with plugging and abandonment liabilities with respect to the Assets), and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the "Reserve Report" as defined in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement as in effect on the date hereof). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses owed to the Indenture Trustee; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(1) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply;

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments (including, if there is a Gas Annex, any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement)), and to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments (including partial termination payments arising from partial reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture) due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (B) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and, if applicable, the Redemption Price, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party of the related Hedge Agreement;

(F) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 50%;

(G) *pro rata and pari passu* (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with Clause (E) above;

(H) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(I) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;



(J) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts, Direct Expenses, and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(K) to the P&A Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the P&A Reserve Account to equal the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount; and

(L) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, Warm Trigger Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account or the P&A Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which the Notes are to be redeemed in full or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Liquidity Reserve Account and the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (including, if there is a Gas Annex, any amounts owed under clause (b)(ii) of the Gas Annex (as set forth in and defined in the related Hedge Agreement)) (other than any termination amounts) and (B) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, the Note Interest;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (A) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance and, if applicable, the Redemption Price, and (B) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements (including any termination amounts and any other amounts due and payable by the Issuer thereunder);

(D) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-Up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Issuer Accounts and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

Section 8.7 Sharing. In the event that the Majority Noteholders shall have consented to in writing (which consent shall allow for the delivery of Opinions of Counsel related to bankruptcy and other matters) and the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect to the Depositor being permitted to have Subsidiaries in addition to the Issuer, at the discretion of the Issuer, to the extent of any excess Available Funds pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(L) and 8.6(ii)(F), any Available Funds may be distributed pro rata based on the amount of any shortfall to any other deal designated by the Depositor in Sharing Group One that has a shortfall in available funds.

Section 8.8 Liquidity Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A), through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.9 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;

- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Basic Documents;
- (c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Hedge Agreements, along with a summary of all Hedge Agreements in place, including volumes and percentage of production that is hedged, along with a calculation of the hedge ratio;
- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of any payment (including breakage or termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (i) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (j) the Note Interest with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (l) the amount of the DSCR, the LTV, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (m) the amounts on deposit in each Issuer Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (n) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (o) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets), to the extent applicable;

- (p) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (q) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (r) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer;
- (s) any reports regarding greenhouse gas or other carbon emissions associated with the Issuer's operations or the products, to the extent publicly disclosed by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates;
- (t) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;
- (u) on an annual basis, on the Payment Determination Date occurring in February such report shall include the aggregate P&A Expense Amount for the preceding year and the excess, if any, of the P&A Expense Amount in excess of the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount;
- (v) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.9;
- (w) reasonably detailed information regarding any Title Failure (as defined in the applicable Asset Purchase Agreement as in effect on the date hereof) occurring during the applicable period and all documentation with respect to any actions, claims, or Proceedings under the applicable Asset Purchase Agreement;
- (x) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Manager, Operator, or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.9;
- (y) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000;
- (z) the VE Score (or equivalent metric) with respect to Diversified Energy Company Plc as of such date; and
- (aa) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.9 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.10 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified (or its majority-owned affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.11 P&A Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the P&A Reserve Account shall be unfunded.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the P&A Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) In the event that on any Payment Date the amount of P&A Expenses that have been paid with funds that would otherwise have constituted Available Funds in the calendar year to which the related Collection Period relates exceed \$1.5 million, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to the result of (i) (A) the excess of such P&A Expenses for such calendar year to date over (B) \$1.5 million less (ii) the aggregate amount previously paid from the P&A Reserve Account with respect to such calendar year, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(i). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.13 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## ARTICLE IX SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

### Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, written confirmation from such Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Redemption Price with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term "Outstanding";

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms “Available Funds,” “Equity Contribution Cure,” “Excess Allocation Percentage,” “Excess Amortization Amount,” “Excess Funds,” “Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount,” “Majority Noteholders,” “P&A Reserve Account Target Amount,” “Permitted Dispositions,” “Permitted Liens,” “Principal Distribution Amount,” “Production Tracking Rate,” “Rapid Amortization Event,” “Redemption Price,” “Reserve Report,” “Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount,” “Securitized Net Cash Flow,” “Warm Trigger Event,” “DSCR,” or “LTV”;

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.1 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Note of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer’s Certificate of the Depositor and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer’s Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) [reserved].

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Holders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.2 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer (or the Depositor) and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause the Issuer to become an association, publicly traded partnership or a taxable mortgage pool, that is, in each case, taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-up Manager.

Section 9.3 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Holders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.4 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.



**ARTICLE X  
REDEMPTION OF NOTES**

Section 10.1 Redemptions.

(a) The Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, (A) at any time at the written direction of the Issuer and (B) at any time at the written direction of the Issuer after the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes as of the Redemption Date would be less than 10% of the initial Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes (a "Clean Up Call") at the direction of the Issuer, in each case, at the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date. The Outstanding Notes are also subject to redemption in whole or in part as required or permitted pursuant to Section 8.4 at the direction of the Issuer at the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) day prior to such Redemption Date and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to mandatory redemption in whole, but not in part, on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price. The Outstanding Notes are also subject to optional redemption in whole, but not in part, at the discretion of the Issuer upon the occurrence of a Qualified Change of Control, on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be posted to the Indenture Trustee's website for distributing information to the Noteholders and given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, postage prepaid mailed not later than thirty (30) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Holder's address appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price; and

(c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Note shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price. On or before such Redemption Date, Issuer shall cause the aggregate Redemption Price to be deposited to the Collection Account, and such amount shall be paid in accordance with Section 8.6.

## ARTICLE XI SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At any time that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

**ARTICLE XII  
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

(i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act of the Noteholders" signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Notes shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf, facsimile or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Attention: Rahul Vashi, at 609 Main Street, Suite 4700, Houston, Texas 77002, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Attention: Rahul Vashi, at 609 Main Street, Suite 4700, Houston, Texas 77002, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties: Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Holder of a Note providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Holder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein.

Section 12.11 Legal Holidays. In any case where the date on which any payment is due shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture) payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON-APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BYLAW.



Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information.

(a) The Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act (“Rule 17g-5”), if any, by its or its agent’s posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the “17g-5 Website”), no later than the time such information is provided to a Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to the Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the “17g-5 Information”); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer’s behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to the Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to the Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE IV LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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UMB BANK, N.A.,  
not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon  
Name: Michele Voon  
Title: Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon  
Name: Michele Voon  
Title: Vice President

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## APPENDIX A

### PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS I Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 between Diversified ABS LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS II Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of April 9, 2020 between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS III Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of February 4, 2022 among Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (that are upstream assets similar to the Assets, including being located in the Barnett Shale) purchased and acquired by the Issuer from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Depositor or Diversified) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreements; provided that the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreements are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Additional Notes” has the meaning specified in Section 2.14 of this Indenture.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement as of the Closing Date.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of (a) the out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager and (b) the fees and out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to, any Rating Agency rating the Notes and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Observer and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Agent Acknowledgment” means that certain Acknowledgment Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Indenture Trustee, the ABS I Trustee, the ABS II Trustee, the ABS III Trustee and KeyBank National Association, and acknowledged and agreed to by the Diversified Corp., Diversified, Diversified Marketing, Diversified ABS LLC, Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, Diversified ABS Phase III LLC and the Issuer, with respect to the Agent Controlled Account.

“Agent Controlled Account” means the account of Diversified Marketing with KeyBank National Association that is subject to the Agent Acknowledgment.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of February.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in June 2030 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), including any increase of the interest rate due and owing on the Notes based on the VE Score, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Purchase Agreements” means the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement and the Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement and any asset purchase agreements for Additional Assets, which shall include representations, warranties and indemnification obligations substantially the same as those in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement and the Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests (as defined in the First Step Purchase Agreement) and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) amounts transferred from the P&A Reserve Account to the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture, (d) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (e) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (f) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, (g) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure, and (h) without duplication with amounts set forth in (g), any funds allocated to the Notes from any other deals designated by the Depositor in Sharing Group One, to the extent the Majority Noteholders shall have consented to and the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect to the Depositor being permitted to have Subsidiaries in addition to the Issuer, subject to the aggregate amount of such funds and Equity Contribution Cure amounts being limited to the cap set forth in the definition of the term Equity Contribution Cure.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Asset Purchase Agreement, each Joint Operating Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the Depositor Pledge Agreement, the Depositor LLC Agreement, the Issuer LLC Agreement, the Agent Acknowledgment, each Novation Agreement, each Mortgage, each Precautionary Mortgage, the Precautionary Intercreditor, any control agreement (or similar document) entered into pursuant to Section 8.1 and other documents and certificates delivered in connection therewith.



“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and nonparticipating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” shall mean the occurrence of any of the following:

- (i) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Diversified Energy Company Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries taken as a whole, to any Person (including any “person” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Qualifying Owner or a Qualified Buyer;
- (ii) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Diversified Energy Company Plc;
- (iii) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that (A) any Person (including any “person” (as defined above)), excluding the Qualifying Owners and Qualified Buyers, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, units or the like and (B) two (2) or more of the members of the Management Team as of immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction resign or are removed from their respective position; or

(iv) the occurrence of any event or series of events that results in Manager ceasing to be Controlled by Diversified Energy Company Plc.

Notwithstanding the preceding, a conversion of Diversified Energy Company Plc or any of its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries from a limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity to a limited liability company, corporation, limited partnership or other form of entity (including by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or liquidation) or an exchange of all of the outstanding Capital Stock in one form of entity for Capital Stock in another form of entity or the transfer or redomestication of Diversified Energy Company Plc to or in another jurisdiction shall not constitute a Change of Control, so long as following such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication the “persons” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who Beneficially Owned the Capital Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc immediately prior to such transactions, together with Qualifying Owners and Qualified Buyers, Beneficially Own in the aggregate more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity, or Beneficially Own sufficient Capital Stock in such entity to elect a majority of its directors, managers, trustees or other persons serving in a similar capacity for such entity or its general partner, as applicable, and, in either case no “person” (other than a Qualifying Owner or Qualified Buyer) Beneficially Owns more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity or its general partner, as applicable. References to Diversified Energy Company Plc in the foregoing clauses (i) - (iv) shall also refer to the surviving entity after giving effect to such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication.

“Clean Up Call” shall have the meaning specified in Section 10.1(a) of this Indenture.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean February 23, 2022.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of this Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of this Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the Initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of Collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source (not including from the Sharing Group One) on or with respect to the Assets including any third party overhead fees pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement.

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the Contemplated Transaction or the execution or delivery of the Basic Documents.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (a) the formation of the Depositor and the Issuer pursuant to its limited liability company agreement; (b) the performance by the Issuer, the Depositor and Diversified of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; (c) the Depositor’s acquisition and sale of the Assets on the Closing Date and the Issuer’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (d) the Manager’s management of the Issuer contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts to which the Issuer is a party.

“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 the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s or Depositor’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means, with respect to the Indenture Trustee the principal office at which the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of this Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, Attn: ABS Structured Finance – DGO A/C 157521, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the “Effective Time” in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Defaulting Party” has the meaning assigned to such term in the Hedge Agreement.

“Definitive Notes” means the definitive, fully registered Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Depositor” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase IV Holdings LLC.

“Depositor LLC Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Depositor, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Depositor Pledge Agreement” means the Depositor Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Depositor, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Noteholders, as amended from time to time.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production LLC.

“Diversified Companies” shall mean each of Diversified Energy Company Plc, Diversified Corp, Diversified, Diversified Marketing, the Depositor and the Issuer.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation.

“Diversified Energy Company Plc” shall mean Diversified Energy Company Plc.

“Diversified Marketing” shall mean Diversified Energy Marketing LLC.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, the Depositor and the Issuer.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in July 2022, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow over the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate Note Interest over such three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, (ii) the aggregate Senior Transaction Fees over such three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, (iii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount over such three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, and (iv) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on each Payment Date during the three (3) months prior to the such Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means a segregated account with an Eligible Institution.

“Eligible Institution” means:

- (a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof, or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least A- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, Lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any Law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Body relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date for the applicable Notes, a contribution or other payment to the Issuer made by depositing cash (other than Collections) into the Collection Account by any of the Depositor, the Sharing Group One or any other Diversified Company (or Affiliate thereof), provided such amounts shall not be more than ten percent (10%) in the aggregate of the initial principal amount of the Notes (as of the respective date of issuance) and made no more frequently than twice per calendar year.

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

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer for purposes of Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA.

“Escrow Agent” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” means each escrow agreement, dated as of February 22, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and the related Noteholders.

“Escrow Funding Date” means February 22, 2022.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of this Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

- (a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; or
- (b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; or
- (c) If the LTV is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%.

“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of this Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of this Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of this Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (K) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated Person.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring on March 2, 2037.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“First Step Asset Purchase Agreement” means that certain First Step Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between Diversified, Diversified Corp and the Depositor.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Governmental Rule” means with respect to any Person, any Law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, code, treaty, judgment, decree, directive, guideline, policy or similar form of decision of any Governmental Body binding on such Person.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a Lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

- (a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty in existence on the Closing Date.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(e).

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” has the meaning specified in the relevant Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of this Indenture.



“Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of this Indenture.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Note Register.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

- (a) its liabilities for borrowed money;
- (b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);
- (c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;
- (d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);
- (e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);
- (f) all its liabilities (including delivery and payment obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and
- (g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified, the Depositor and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, the Depositor or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, the Depositor or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions.

“Initial Hedge Strategy” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of this Indenture.

“Initial Payment Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Payment Date in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the Initial Payment Date, the Escrow Funding Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 4.95% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of this Indenture.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of this Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of this Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of this Indenture.

“Issuer LLC Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between Diversified and the Issuer.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, and as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Company, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, state, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof (including, without limitation, any Governmental Rule).

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit B to the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of this Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means cash or Permitted Investments having a value equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees payable for each Payment Date from the Closing Date through the September 2022 Payment Date, as determined by the Manager as of the Closing Date.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance” means for any Payment Date, an amount equal to 50% of the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees payable for the first six (6) Payment Dates following the Closing Date, as determined by the Manager as of the Closing Date.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” means (i) for the March 2022 Payment Date, an amount equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees payable for the Payment Dates following such Payment Date through the September 2022 Payment Date and (ii) for any other Payment Date, an amount equal to the Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees payable for the following six (6) the Payment Dates, as determined by the Manager as of the applicable Payment Date.

“LTV” means, as of any Annual Determination Date, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the PV-10 as of such Annual Determination Date.

“Majority Noteholders” means Noteholders (other than any Diversified Company and each of their Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Manager, Diversified Corp, and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Management Team” means, at any point in time, those certain individuals serving as officers of Diversified Energy Company Plc as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel.

“Manager” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party or the Manager to perform any material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, or the Manager obligations under the Basic Documents to which such person is a party in any material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, or the Manager of any Basic Document to which such person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, on real property of the Issuer, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Issuer, Depositor, Diversified, Diversified Corp and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of this Indenture.

“Note Registrar” has the meaning specified in Section 2.5(a) of this Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register.

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the 4.95% Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Novation Agreements” means the ISDA Novation Agreement, dated as of February 23, 2022, among Citibank, N.A., Diversified Corp. and the Issuer.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission and acceptable to the SVO.

“Observer” means any party engaged by or on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Back-up Management Agreement.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of this Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement) with respect to Issuer’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified Production LLC, in its capacity as operator under the Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer or the Depositor (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of this Indenture and shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Optional Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of this Indenture.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under state Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the state Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

- (a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and

(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified, the Depositor or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified, the Depositor or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

"Outstanding Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

"Outstanding Principal Balance" means, as of any date of determination, the Initial Principal Balance of the Notes, including any Additional Notes, less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

"P&A Expense Amount" means, for any fiscal year, the aggregate net amount of plugging and abandonment expenses attributable to the Assets, which amount shall be determined by the Manager in accordance with the Management Standards (as defined in the Management Services Agreement).

"P&A Reserve Account Target Amount" means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to two (2) times the excess, if any, of (a) the P&A Expense Amount for the calendar year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger over (b) the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

"P&A Reserve Trigger" means the determination of as of the Payment Determination Date in March of any fiscal year that the P&A Expense Amount for the Issuer's prior fiscal year exceeded the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

"P&A Reserve Trigger Amount" means (i) for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, an amount equal to \$1,500,000 and (ii) for fiscal years 2031 through 2037, an amount equal to \$1,750,000.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of this Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28th day of each month, beginning in March (the “Initial Payment Date”); *provided*, if any such day is not a Business Day, then the payments due thereon shall be made on the next immediately following Business Day.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of this Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of this Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 15% of the Assets on the basis of value as of the Closing Date;
- (b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;
- (c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders;
- (d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.25 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80% and the LTV shall not be greater than 75% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any;
- (e) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; and
- (f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of this Indenture.



“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, banker’s acceptances, municipal bonds, and floating rate and variable rate securities and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, or Fitch equal to “AAmmf”, or “AAA/V-1+”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agent” means DCMB Securities LLC, as placement agent.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Precautionary Intercreditor” means the Acknowledgement Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Diversified, the Issuer and KeyBank National Association.

“Precautionary Mortgage” means each Mortgage, Line of Credit Mortgage, Assignment, Security Agreement, Fixture Filing and Financing Statement, dated as of the Closing Date, from Diversified or the Depositor, as applicable, as mortgagor, to the Issuer, as mortgagee.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of this Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 8.6(i) of this Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

- (a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;
- (b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;
- (c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and
- (d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders’ regulatory and self-regulatory bodies (including the SVO of the NAIC) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Proceeds Retention Condition” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of this Indenture.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in July 2022, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“PV-10” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of this Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the sum of (i) the projected net cash flows from the Oil and Gas Portfolio categorized as proved, developed and producing using commodity strip prices, and (ii) the positive or negative aggregate mark-to-market value determined as of such date of determination of all Hedge Agreements, calculated in the aggregate for all Hydrocarbons hedged, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Qualified Buyer” means any U.S. domiciled private equity fund or controlled holding company, similar investment fund, sovereign wealth fund, publicly listed company, upstream or energy company, and/or similar entities or investors (or any consortium or combination of any or all of the foregoing) that (i) invests, as a substantial part of its business, in companies that are not, at the time of investment, in financial distress, as determined by the Depositor in good faith or (ii) in the aggregate for all such persons, has either (x) assets under management in excess of \$1,000,000,000 or (y) a market capitalization of \$1,000,000,000 or (z) an enterprise value of \$1,500,000,000 and (iii) is reasonably acceptable to the Noteholders with respect to know your customer and OFAC Sanction Programs.

“Qualified Change of Control” means with the consent of the noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), a Change of Control where the acquirer is a Qualified Buyer.

“Qualifying Owner” means those certain owners of equity interests that own 10% or more of the issued and outstanding equity interests in Diversified Energy Company Plc as of the Closing Date.

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event, (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement, (iv) any Rating Agency takes any negative action in respect of their rating of the Notes that is attributable in whole or in part to regulatory actions, provided that a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to the foregoing clause (iv) may be cured upon any Rating Agency providing a rating of BBB or higher (without negative watch) in respect of the Notes at any time subsequent to the occurrence of such Rapid Amortization Event, or (v) (A) the default in observance or performance of Section 4.29 or Section 8.1 and such default shall continue or not be cured for a period of two (2) Business Days after the earlier of (1) Knowledge of any Diversified Company of such default or (2) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, of a written notice of such default, or (B) the occurrence of an event described in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) with respect to the holder of an Agent Controlled Account, it being understood that any Rapid Amortization Event specified under clause (v)(A) shall be deemed cured and no longer in effect upon a cure and compliance of each such Section, as evidenced by a certification of the Issuer delivered to the Indenture Trustee, and any such Rapid Amortization Event shall be deemed no longer in effect if waived in writing by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long-term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean [latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com](mailto:latamsfsurveillance@fitchratings.com).

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of this Indenture, the Payment Date specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of this Indenture, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of this Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control or Qualified Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of this Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, the price (expressed as a percentage of par), which includes the accrued interest to the Redemption Date, as set forth below:

First 3.5 Years after the Closing Date (other than pursuant to a Qualified Change of Control or Clean Up Call)	The Applicable Premium
Year 3.5 through Year 4.5 (other than pursuant to a Qualified Change of Control or Clean Up Call)	102%
Pursuant to a Qualified Change of Control prior to Year 4.5	101%
After Year 4.5 or at any time with respect to a Clean Up Call	100%

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the “Reserve Report” as defined in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of this Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the “Reserve Report” as defined in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of this Indenture.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit A to the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date.

“Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement” means that certain Second Step Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Depositor, Diversified Corp and the Issuer.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(g) of this Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate amount of the Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of any Hedge Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A), (i)(B), (ii)(A) and (ii)(B) of Section 8.6 of this Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of this Indenture.

“Sharing Group One” means, in the event that the Majority Noteholders shall have consented to and the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect to the Depositor being permitted to have Subsidiaries in addition to the Issuer, the Notes and each other transaction of a Subsidiary of the Depositor designated by the Depositor to be included in Sharing Group One.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Company or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Company that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of this Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of this Indenture, the yield to maturity implied by the “Ask Yield(s)” reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day preceding the Payment Date with respect to such redemption of Notes, on the display designated as “PagePX1” (or such other display as may replace PagePX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (“Reported”) having a maturity equal to the remaining average life of such redeemed Note as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities reported having a maturity equal to such remaining average life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (i) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (ii) interpolating linearly between the “Ask Yields” reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Treasury Rate shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

- (a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- (b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- (c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;
- (d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or
- (e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“VE Score” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8 of this Indenture.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement as of the date of this Indenture.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing for so long as (i) the DSCR for two Quarterly Determination Dates is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of any Payment Date is less than 80% or (iii) the LTV as of any Payment Date is greater than 85%

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the First Step Asset Purchase Agreement as of the date of this Indenture.



“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

"Hereof" etc. The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

UCC References. Terms used herein that are defined in the New York UCC and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the New York UCC.

**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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**SCHEDULE 3.9**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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**EXHIBIT A**

**FORM OF NOTE**

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE, THE DEPOSITOR AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE, THE DEPOSITOR AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.



REGISTERED

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No.: \_\_\_\_

PPN: 25512@ AA4

Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC

4.95% NOTES

Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [Purchaser], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture dated as of February 23, 2022 (the “Indenture”), between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”); *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of March 2, 2037 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Article I of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the Initial Payment Date, from the Escrow Funding Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE IV LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

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Ex. A-3

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 4.95% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The Initial Payment Date will be March 28, 2022.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder’s attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent’s Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified, the Depositor or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified, the Depositor or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder's acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term "Issuer" as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.



**ASSIGNMENT**

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or taxpayer ID. or other identifying number of assignee:

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

**FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER**

**[\*\*Omitted\*\*]**

Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT, MARKED BY [\*\*\*] HAS BEEN EXCLUDED. SUCH EXCLUDED INFORMATION IS NOT MATERIAL AND WOULD LIKELY CAUSE COMPETITIVE HARM TO THE REGISTRANT IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED.

*Execution Version*

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INDENTURE

by and among

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE V LLC,  
as Issuer,

DIVERSIFIED ABS V UPSTREAM LLC,

as Guarantor,

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of May 27, 2022

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of May 27, 2022 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this “Indenture”) is between Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Issuer”), Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (the “Guarantor”), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Issuer’s 5.78% Class A Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer and the Guarantor (collectively, the “Issuer Parties” and each, an “Issuer Party”) hereby Grant to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties, all of the Issuer Parties’ right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to, as applicable (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and all funds on deposit in, and “financial assets” (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (c) the Management Services Agreement; (d) the Hedge Agreements; (e) each Joint Operating Agreement; (f) the Back-up Management Agreement; (g) the Separation Agreement; (h) the Plan of Division; (i) the Statement of Division; (j) the Pledge Agreement; (k) each other Basic Document to which it is a party; (l) all accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas, and other minerals; (m) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing; (n) all limited liability company interests in the Guarantor, including, without limitation: (i) all limited liability company interests, as such term is defined in the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act; (ii) all governance rights, including, without limitation, all rights to vote, consent to action, and otherwise participate in the management of the business and affairs of each Issuer Party; and (iii) all informational rights, including, without limitation, all rights to receive notices, company records, tax records and all other information related to each such party, and (o) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing (collectively, the “Collateral”).

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments due to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

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The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit 0 to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes and the Global Notes representing Book-Entry Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

- (c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit 0 are part of the terms of this Indenture.
- (d) The Class A-1 Notes will be issued as Definitive Notes and the Class A-2 Notes will be issued as Global Notes.

Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$445,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer Order shall specify whether the Notes shall be issuable as Definitive Notes or as Book-Entry Notes.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2, provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than the required minimum denomination.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 Form of Notes.

(a) If the Issuer establishes pursuant to Section 2.2(c) that the Notes are to be issued as Book-Entry Notes, then the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, one or more definitive Global Notes, which (1) will represent, and will be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate initial Note balance to be represented by such Global Note or Notes, or such portion thereof as the Issuer will specify in an Issuer Order, (2) will be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Note or Notes or its nominee; (3) will be delivered by the Indenture Trustee or its agent to the Depository or pursuant to the Depository's instruction (and which may be held by the Indenture Trustee or an agent of the Indenture Trustee as custodian for the Depository, if so specified in the related Depository Agreement), (4) if applicable, will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Unless this Note is presented by an authorized representative of the Depository, to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Note issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository), any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein" and (5) may bear such other legend as the Issuer, upon advice of counsel, deems to be applicable.

(b) The Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the Depository as the sole Noteholder of the Book-Entry Notes except as otherwise provided in this Indenture.

(c) The rights of the Noteholders may be exercised only through the Depository and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between the Noteholders and the Depository and/or its participants under the Depository Agreement.

(d) The Depository will make book-entry transfers among its participants and receive and transmit payments of principal of and interest on the Book-Entry Notes to the participants.

(e) The Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, and the Paying Agent shall have no responsibility or liability for any actions taken or not taken by the Depository.

(f) If this Indenture requires or permits actions to be taken based on instructions or directions of the Noteholders of a stated percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the Depository will be deemed to represent those Noteholders only if it has received instructions to that effect from Noteholders and/or the Depository's participants owning or representing, the required percentage of the beneficial interest of the Notes and has delivered the instructions to the Indenture Trustee.

(g) The Issuer in issuing Notes may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Indenture Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee and each Noteholder in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

(h) Transfers of Global Notes only to Depository Nominees. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 2.3 or of Section 2.4, and subject to the provisions of clause (i) below, unless the terms of a Global Note expressly permits such Global Note to be exchanged in whole or in part for individual Notes, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.4, only to a nominee of the Depository for such Global Note, or to the Depository, or a successor Depository for such Global Note selected or approved by the Issuer, or to a nominee of such successor Depository.

(i) Limited Right to Receive Definitive Notes. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Noteholders of beneficial interests in Global Notes will not be entitled to receive Definitive Notes. With respect to issued Notes:

(i) If at any time the Depository for a Global Note notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depository for such Global Note, the Issuer will appoint a successor Depository with respect to such Global Note. If a successor Depository for such Global Note is not appointed by the Issuer within ninety (90) days after the Issuer receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.4 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.4 requesting the authentication and delivery of individual Notes of such Series or Class in exchange for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver, individual Notes of such Class of like tenor and terms in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note.

(ii) The Issuer may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Notes of any Class or portion thereof issued or issuable in the form of one or more Global Notes will no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent in accordance with Section 2.4 and with an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent for the authentication and delivery of individual Notes in exchange in whole or in part for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of such Global Note or Notes representing such portion thereof in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

(iii) If specified by the Issuer pursuant to Sections 2.2 and 2.4 with respect to Notes issued or issuable in the form of a Global Note, the Depository for such Global Note may surrender such Global Note in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Issuer and such Depository. Thereupon the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, without service charge, (A) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Note or Notes of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the portion of the Global Note or Notes specified by the Depository and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and (B) to such Depository a new Global Note of like tenor and terms and in an authorized denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the initial Note balance of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate initial Note balance of Notes delivered to the Noteholders thereof.

(iv) If any Event of Default has occurred with respect to such Global Notes, and Noteholders evidencing more than 50% of the Global Notes (measured by voting interests) advise the Indenture Trustee and the Depository that a Global Note is no longer in the best interest of the Noteholders, the applicable Purchasers of Global Notes may exchange their beneficial interests in such Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the exchange provisions herein.

(v) In any exchange provided for in any of the preceding four paragraphs, the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver Definitive Notes in definitive registered form in authorized denominations. Upon the exchange of the entire initial Note balance of a Global Note for Definitive Notes, such Global Note will be canceled by the Indenture Trustee or its agent. Except as provided in the preceding paragraphs, Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section will be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, will instruct the Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar. The Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar will deliver such Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

Section 2.3A Beneficial Ownership of Global Notes.

Until Definitive Notes have been issued to the applicable Noteholders to replace any Global Notes pursuant to Section 2.3(a):

(a) the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the applicable clearing agency or Depository and the Depository Participants for all purposes (including the making of payments) as the authorized representatives of the respective Noteholders; and

(b) the rights of the respective Noteholders will be exercised only through the applicable Depository and the Depository Participants and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Noteholders and the Depository and/or the Depository Participants. Pursuant to the operating rules of the applicable Depository, unless and until Definitive Notes are issued pursuant to Section 2.3(a), the Depository will make book-entry transfers among the Depository Participants and receive and transmit payments of principal and interest on the related Notes to such Depository Participants.

For purposes of any provision of this Indenture requiring or permitting actions with the consent of, or at the direction of, Noteholders evidencing a specified percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of Outstanding Notes, such direction or consent may be given by Noteholders (acting through the Depository and the Depository Participants) owning interests in or security entitlements to Notes evidencing the requisite percentage of principal amount of Notes.

Section 2.3B Notices to Depository.

Whenever any notice or other communication is required to be given to Noteholders with respect to which Book-Entry Notes have been issued, unless and until Definitive Notes will have been issued to the related Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee will give all such notices and communications to the applicable Depository, and shall have no obligation to report directly to such Noteholders.

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof). Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or by Diversified to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.



(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to the provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the “Note Registrar”) to keep a register (the “Note Register”) in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in “registered form” under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Holder of the Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Holder of the Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder thereof or such Holder’s attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent’s Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Holder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.4 not involving any transfer.

(h) The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note.

(i) Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

(j) Transfers of Ownership Interests in Global Notes. Transfers of beneficial interests in a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes may be made only in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depository and the transfer restrictions contained in the legend on such Global Note and exchanges or transfers of interests in a Global Note may be made only in accordance with the following:

(i) General Rules Regarding Transfers of Global Notes. Subject to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.5(j), transfers of a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes shall be limited to Transfers of such Global Note in whole, but not in part, to nominees of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or such successor's nominee.

(ii) Global Note to Definitive Note. Subject to Section 2.3(i), an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of a Depository may at any time transfer such interest for a Definitive Note, upon provision to the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer and the Note Registrar of a Transferor Certificate.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee any reasonable expenses in connection therewith, and the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder of such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on any Note, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner. Such default interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

(f) If, as of the Notification Date, (x) either Sustainability Linked Performance Target has not been satisfied or (y) the External Verifier has not confirmed satisfaction of each Sustainability Linked Performance Target, the Interest Rate shall be increased once by 25 basis points for each Sustainability Linked Performance Target that has not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier (the "Subsequent Rate of Interest"). The Subsequent Rate of Interest will apply from and including the Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date up to, and including, the maturity date of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on the Officer's Certificate delivered by the Issuer with respect to the Satisfaction Notification and shall have no duty to monitor or confirm the Issuer's satisfaction of either Sustainability Linked Performance Target.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(M), Section 8.6(ii)(E) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty and each Holder. With respect to clause (ii) in the foregoing sentence, any release of Collateral shall require 10 Business Days advance written notice from the Issuer to each Holder.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Class A-1 Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Holders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain “CUSIP” numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such “CUSIP” numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

### ARTICLE III

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

(a) The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

(b) The Guarantor (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of each of the Issuer Parties, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer Parties and all instruments executed and delivered by any of the Issuer Parties at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by such Issuer Parties.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer Parties, enforceable against the Issuer Parties in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture or the instruments executed in connection herewith by the Issuer Parties nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer Parties shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer Parties, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer Parties, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.



Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against any of the Issuer Parties or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Companies, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of any of the Issuer Parties' interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) None of the Issuer Parties nor any of their Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws in any material respect or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by any of the Issuer Parties or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. Each Issuer Party has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by each Issuer Party, as applicable, from Diversified pursuant to the Separation Agreement, as applicable, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests will vest in the Issuer Parties (as applicable), and each Issuer Party will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the Separation, Diversified had valid legal and beneficial title to the Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Wellbore Interests, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer Parties are in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer Parties that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties has any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.9 hereto, neither any of the Issuer Parties nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer Parties will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Separation Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve any of the Issuer Parties in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) None of the Issuer Parties has, and has never had, any outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of any of the Issuer Parties other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, none of Issuer Parties has, at any time, agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, none of the Issuer Parties is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither any of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) None of the Issuer Parties or any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by any Issuer Party or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws;  
or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) Each of the Issuer Parties and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that each of the Issuer Parties and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. None of the Issuer Parties is subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. Each Issuer Party (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. Each Issuer Party is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. None of the Issuer Parties intends to incur, or believes that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. None of the Issuer Parties believes that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. None of the Issuer Parties intends to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Pledge Agreement and the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of each Issuer Party in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority subject in each case to Permitted Liens.

## ARTICLE IV

### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. Each of the Issuer Parties will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other Governmental Authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within thirty (30) days after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by any of the Issuer Parties or the Manager for the benefit of any of the Issuer Parties with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days, deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, each of the Issuer Parties shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. Each of the Issuer Parties will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries; provided, that the applicable Issuer Party need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer Party.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer Party and all rights and franchises of the Issuer Party.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. Each of the Issuer Parties will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer Party. Each of the Issuer Parties will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that each of the Issuer Parties' books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party. None of the Issuer Parties shall take any action or permit any action to be taken by others which would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under the Basic Documents or under any instrument or agreement included as part of the Collateral or that would result in the amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge of, or impair the validity or effectiveness of, any such instrument or agreement, except (i) such amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge in the ordinary course of business or that does not have a material detriment to the value of the Collateral or (ii) as expressly provided in this Indenture, the other Basic Documents or such other instrument or agreement or as ordered by a bankruptcy or other court.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, each of the Issuer Parties will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer Parties will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer Parties will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer Parties will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance. Each Issuer Party hereby authorizes, but does not obligate, the Indenture Trustee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Collateral without the signature of the Issuer. Each Issuer Party acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself, that any such financing statement may describe the Collateral as “all assets”, “all personal property” or “all assets and all personal property of Debtor, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, wherever located, together with all products and proceeds thereof, substitutions and replacements therefor, and additions and accessions thereto” of the applicable Person or words of similar effect as may be required by the Indenture Trustee.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) Each Issuer Party will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel, overhead expenses and any compensation due to its Independent manager or member) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to arm's length contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) Each Issuer Party will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. None of the Issuer's or any of its Subsidiaries' assets will be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, as required by GAAP; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement and the Agency Agreement, each Issuer Party will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer Parties will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) Each Issuer Party (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer and this Indenture. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.



(g) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of any Issuer Party (except for income tax purposes). Each Issuer Party will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) Each Issuer Party will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) Each Issuer Party will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) Each Issuer Party will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, each Issuer Party will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) Each Issuer Party will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) Each Issuer Party will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) Each Issuer Party will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) Each Issuer Party will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) Each Issuer Party will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

- (q) Each Issuer Party will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;
- (r) Each Issuer Party will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);
- (s) Each Issuer Party will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and
- (t) Other than the Guarantor, the Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer Parties will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the applicable Issuer Party than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties will consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. None of the Issuer Parties will at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that none of the Issuer Parties shall engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Holders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of any of the Issuer Parties contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any affiliate of such Holder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. None of the Issuer Parties will, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties will sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty or any Noteholder or the Noteholders, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of such party to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties will create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness"):

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses;

(c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Issuer Parties at any one time; and

(d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties and Holders, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. None of the Issuer Parties will, or will not permit any Person to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Organizational Documents of any Issuer Party, as applicable, or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, that each Issuer Party may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer Party's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. Each of the Issuer Parties will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. Each of the Issuer Parties will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each of the Issuer Parties will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. Each of the Issuer Parties will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. None of the Issuer Parties, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of an Issuer Party, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat any Issuer Party as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager, Back-up Manager and Operator. In the event that the Manager shall be terminated due to a Material Manager Default or Event of Default have occurred or is continuing, the Majority Noteholders will have the right but not the obligation to appoint, a replacement manager as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of termination and notify the Issuer of such appointment. In the event that the Manager shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholder (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement manager by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed). In addition, if the first sentence of this Section 4.27 is not applicable, in the event that the Manager shall resign, be terminated or otherwise removed, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholder (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation, termination or removal and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement back-up manager or operator by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed).

Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements.

(a) **Natural Gas Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain (x) until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], and (y) [\*\*\*] until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] and (ii) [\*\*\*] (the “Natural Gas Hedge Period”), Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer’s (together with its Subsidiary’s) Assets for each month, with the exception of the month of April 2022, May 2022 and June 2022, classified as “proved, developed and producing” and as described in the Reserve Report (the “Natural Gas Hedge Percentage”), including by way of (1) with respect to the foregoing clause (x), an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions which establish a minimum price level, (2) with respect to the foregoing clause (y), a hedging strategy consisting of long put transactions or other options transactions which establish a minimum price level and (3) mitigating basis risk of the applicable natural gas output from the Issuer’s (together with its Subsidiaries’) Assets described in the Reserve Report on a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in all cases such hedging arrangements shall be based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided, however*, nothing shall prevent issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer’s compliance with the 95% limit in the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; provided that Rating Agency consent shall not be required (other than in accordance with the Hedge Agreements and other Basic Documents) and nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Natural Gas Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, provided further that the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage and the requirement to maintain the basis hedges under clause (3) is satisfied at all time until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*].

(b) **Natural Gas Liquids Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but no more than 95% of the projected natural gas liquids output from the Issuer's (together with its Subsidiaries') Assets for each month, classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "NGL Hedge Percentage"), including by way of an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions, based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the NGL Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the NGL Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements, *provided further that* the NGL Hedge Percentage and the requirement to maintain the basis hedges under clause (2) is satisfied at all time until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*].

## ARTICLE V

### REMEDIES

#### Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) "Event of Default," wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;
- (ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c) below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of any such parties' affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantor in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantor to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) by no later than the time under which filings are required under Section 2(g) of the Management Services Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a) (vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;



(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer or the Guarantor becomes a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of non-appealable decrees or orders for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or Guarantor in excess of \$500,000 in aggregate and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer or the Guarantor in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) any of the Issuer, the Diversified Holdings, the Guarantor or the Collateral is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full;

(xiv) the failure of the Notes to be redeemed upon the occurrence of a Change of Control as required by Section 10.1(b); or

(xv) any of the Manager, the Operator, the Indenture Trustee or the Back-up Manager shall be terminated or removed (with respect to the Indenture Trustee, by the Majority Noteholders) or shall resign, and a replacement manager, operator, indenture trustee or back-up manager satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders shall not have been engaged within sixty (60) days following any such resignation or termination.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii) above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indenture Trustee), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote as directed in writing by the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of Notes and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of such party.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Secured Parties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes. In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail, by overnight mail, to each Noteholder (or transmit electronically, to the extent Notes are held in book-entry form) and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Secured Parties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;
- (ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;
- (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and
- (v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties (provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee shall not have an affirmative obligation to determine whether any such direction affects, disturbs or prejudices the rights of any other Holders of Notes or any Hedge Counterparties), or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Holders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder or the Hedge Counterparties.



Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Holder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);
- (iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Holders of Notes representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and
- (v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of a Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by any of the Issuer Parties under the Separation Agreement to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against any of the Diversified Parties under the Separation Agreement, and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement, and by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under the Separation Agreement.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, or against any of the Diversified Parties under or in connection with the Separation Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement or by any of the Diversified Parties, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Separation Agreement, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement, the Separation Agreement, and any right of any of the Issuer Parties to take such action shall be suspended.

**ARTICLE VI**

**THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE**

Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders or any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby, the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party (and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee). In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

except that: (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct,

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law or the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Holders of Notes representing the Majority Noteholders; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person engaged by the Indenture Trustee to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (hardware or software) systems and services, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise shall be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.02(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.



(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Holders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Holder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail and email to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Holder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant Section 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties, Holders and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee shall post copies of the items provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 7.1 hereof and the Reserve Report provided pursuant to Section 8.5 hereof on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof (*provided that within five (5) Business Days of posting, the Indenture Trustee will provide e-mail notice of such posting*), for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to each Noteholder, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change. As currently configured, the Indenture Trustee's website will automatically issue an email notification to any Noteholder who has registered its email address with the Indenture Trustee of any posting of information to such website. Promptly after the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee will send by email a registration link for such website to each Noteholder with an email address listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement at such email address. Each Noteholder shall be responsible for its own registration for such website and the Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation to monitor any Noteholder's registration status. The Indenture Trustee shall not have any liability in connection with its website failing to automatically deliver the email notifications referenced in this Section 6.6 absent gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall, to the extent practicable and not prohibited by a court order or other operation of law, notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

(b) If no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall appoint a replacement indenture trustee with the consent of the Majority Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such event; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement indenture trustee by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement with the consent of the Issuer and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), and the Issuer shall notify Diversified and each Rating Agency of such appointment. If a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any replacement of the Indenture Trustee hereunder shall be done by the Majority Noteholders.

(c) A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

(d) If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(e) If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(f) Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified, Holders and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least A- (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

(a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

(b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;

(c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;

(d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and

(e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

(a) *Annual Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant, which such independent public accountant shall be PricewaterhouseCoopers or another independent public accountant reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) *Quarterly Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended June 30, 2022, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website:

(i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2022, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified Corp as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) *Notice of Material Events* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or (viii) Warm Trigger Event, an Officer's Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer's expense (in accordance with Section 8.6), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) *Notices from Governmental Body* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to any Issuer Party from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) *Notices under Material Agreement* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by any Issuer Party, copies of all notices of termination, Default or Event of Default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).



(f) Payment Date Compliance Certificates — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(c), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no potential Warm Trigger Event or Warm Trigger Event, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

(g) Ratings — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2022, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency in accordance with Section 9.17 of the Note Purchase Agreement; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, each Issuer Party] shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer Party be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, each Issuer Party shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer Party, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer, the Guarantor and the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from Diversified Marketing) be made to the Collection Account in accordance with the Basic Documents; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement as in effect on the date hereof shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(d) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, may from to time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Hedge Collateral Accounts"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. Amounts posted as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement. The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to establish the Hedge Collateral Accounts and to make withdrawals and returns from the Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Issuer to carry out its respective duties under the applicable Hedge Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty's right to the return of any excess collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests of the Indenture Trustee in such Hedge Collateral Account for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(e) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “P&A Reserve Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. To the extent a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's most recently completed fiscal year, Available Funds shall be deposited into the P&A Reserve Account in an amount equal to the P&A Reserve Amount in accordance with Section 8.6. On each Payment Date, all amounts then on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be deposited into the Collection Account, where they will be considered part of Available Funds and distributed on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.6.

(f) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, (iii) the Liquidity Reserve Account and (iv) the P&A Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments as directed in writing by the Manager. In the absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee's common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(f), except to the extent it is acting separately in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(g) shall be the “Securities Intermediary.” On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express written agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are “securities accounts” within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York UCC and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a “financial asset” within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary's jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(g)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$500,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "A3" or better by Moody's, "A-" or better by S&P, and "A-" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and the Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer or the Guarantor shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer the Guarantor pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and used for such purpose, and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the repayment of the Notes and any required hedge termination payment with the remaining proceeds, the DSCR would be equal to or greater than 1.25 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80% and the LTV shall be equal to or less than 75% (the "Proceeds Retention Condition"), then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that the Proceeds Retention Condition is not satisfied, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing (A) to redeem Notes with such proceeds up to the total amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds required to satisfy the Proceeds Retention Condition after giving effect to such redemption and (B) following such redemption of the Notes, to deposit any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) During the Asset Purchase Period, the Issuer shall be permitted to acquire Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Warm Trigger Event, Material Manager Default, Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the Proceeds Retention Condition shall be satisfied (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any, with any remaining amounts), and (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.



(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the “Asset Purchase Period”), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period. For the avoidance of doubt, during the Asset Purchase Period, to the extent any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, at any time during the Asset Purchase Period may, but at the end of the Asset Purchase Period shall direct any funds to redeem Notes such that after such redemption, the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 75% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any; but in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of Notes so redeemed be less than the product of (i) 125% and (ii) 55% of the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds not used to purchase Additional Assets, and any remaining amounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and be deemed Available Funds for the next Payment Date.

Section 8.5 Asset Valuation

(a) Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year (which report shall be audited or prepared by an independent petroleum engineer) and on June 30 of each year (which report shall be internally prepared by the Issuer); provided, that the Issuer must deliver an updated Reserve Report within forty-five (45) days of any Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions of an aggregate amount of Assets exceeding 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date (it being understood that (i) such updated Reserve Report may be the same report as the most recently delivered Reserve Report, rolled forward by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager and (ii) to the extent a Reserve Report with respect to a Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions has been so delivered to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency, the foregoing shall not require the delivery of an additional Reserve Report upon additional related Permitted Dispositions unless and until the aggregate amount of such additional related Permitted Dispositions exceeds 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date) (and, following any fiscal year for which the P&A Expense Amount exceeds the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount, such updated Reserve Report shall include a separate schedule identifying the estimated net capital expenditures associated with plugging and abandonment liabilities with respect to the Wellbore Interests), and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the Separation Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties by posting any such Reserve Reports, certificates or other reports delivered pursuant to this to its internet website referenced in hereof subject to the terms thereof.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority; *provided*, that, with respect to the Payment Dates on June 28, 2022 and May 28, 2039, amounts shall be applied from amounts deposited from the Liquidity Reserve Account into the Collection Account:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses owed to the Indenture Trustee; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(J) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); *provided, however*, that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); *provided, however*, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply;

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause (B) exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments (including partial termination payments arising from partial reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture) due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i)(Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii)(Bankruptcy), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party (as defined therein) of the related Hedge Agreement;

(F) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 50%;

(G) *pro rata and pari passu* (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with Clause (E) above;

(H) if a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's prior fiscal year, to the P&A Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the P&A Reserve Account to equal the P&A Reserve Amount;

(I) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(J) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(K) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(L) to Diversified, any indemnity amount due and payable under the Separation Agreement; and

(M) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, that does or would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, a Warm Trigger Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account or the P&A Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which a Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Liquidity Reserve Account and the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (other than any termination amounts) and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, Note Interest, any Applicable Premium or Change of Control Applicable Premium;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance, (2) without duplication, the applicable Redemption Price, and (3) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements (including any termination amounts and any other amounts due and payable by the Issuer thereunder);

(D) to the Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Issuer Accounts (as applicable) and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

#### Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account.

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to (x) post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture or (y) provide to each Hedge Counterparty who does not then have access to such website pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Basic Documents;
- (c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Hedge Agreements, along with a summary of all Hedge Agreements in place, including volumes and percentage of production that is hedged, along with a calculation of the hedge ratio;
- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;

- (e) the amount of any fees and expenses paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of any payment (including breakage or termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (i) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (j) the Note Interest, including any Subsequent Rate of Interest, with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) as of the Notification Date, confirmation as to whether a Subsequent Rate of Interest shall go into effect with, if applicable, a copy of the Satisfaction Notification;
- (l) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (m) the amount of the DSCR, the IO DSCR, the LTV, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period
- (n) the amounts on deposit in each Issuer Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (o) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (p) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets), to the extent applicable;
- (q) listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (r) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (s) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer or the Guarantor;

(t) any reports regarding greenhouse gas or other carbon emissions associated with any Issuer Party's operations or the products, to the extent publicly disclosed by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates;

(u) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;

(v) on an annual basis, on the Payment Determination Date occurring in March such report shall include the aggregate P&A Expense Amount for the preceding year and the excess, if any, of the P&A Expense Amount in excess of the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount;

(w) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;

(x) reasonably detailed information regarding any Title Failure (as defined in the Separation Agreement) of which any Issuer Party has Knowledge and all documentation with respect to any actions, claims or Proceedings under the Separation Agreement;

(y) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;

(z) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000;

(aa) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions; and

(bb) on the first Payment Determination Date where either Sustainability Performance Target has been met, a statement to that effect, together with copies of the confirmation from the External Verifier.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.



Section 8.9 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties at its internet website set forth in Section 6.6 hereof, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified (or its majority-owned affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.10 [*Reserved*].

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## ARTICLE IX

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

#### Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and, to the extent the Notes are rated by any Rating Agency, written confirmation from such Rating Agency that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Applicable Premium or Change of Control Applicable Premium or Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Holders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term “Outstanding”;

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms “Available Funds,” “Equity Contribution Cure,” “Excess Allocation Percentage,” “Excess Amortization Amount,” “Excess Funds,” “GHG Emissions Performance Target,” “Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount,” “Majority Noteholders,” “Methane Emissions Performance Target,” “P&A Reserve Amount,” “Permitted Dispositions,” “Permitted Liens,” “Principal Distribution Amount,” “Production Tracking Rate,” “Rapid Amortization Event,” “Redemption Price,” “Reserve Report,” “Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount,” “Securitized Net Cash Flow,” “Warm Trigger Event,” “DSCR,” “IO DSCR” or “LTV”;

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.1 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Holders of Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the optional or mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Note of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of any Hedge Counterparty. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) Reserved.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Holders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.2 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause any Issuer Party to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-up Manager.

Section 9.3 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Holders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.4 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE X

### REDEMPTION OF NOTES

#### Section 10.1 Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Holder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this [Section 10.1\(b\)](#), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with [Section 10.2](#) to each Holder of the Notes.

Section 10.2 [Form of Redemption Notice](#). Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be posted to the Indenture Trustee's website for distributing information to the Noteholders and given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, overnight mail, postage prepaid not later than thirty (30) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Holder's address appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in [Section 4.2](#)).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Note shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable. On or before such Redemption Date, Issuer shall cause the aggregate Redemption Price to be deposited to the Collection Account, and such amount shall be paid in accordance with Section 8.6(ii).

## ARTICLE XI

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer,

and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At any time that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Holders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

## ARTICLE XII

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and



- (iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act of the Noteholders" signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

sufficient. (b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Notes shall bind the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any material notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties: Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Holder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Holder of a Note providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Holder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein. .

Section 12.11 Legal Holidays. In any case where the date on which any payment is due shall not be a Business Day, then (notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture) payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON-APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts (including electronic PDF), each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Each of the parties hereto agrees that the transactions consisting of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents (other than the Notes) may be conducted by electronic means. Each party agrees, and acknowledges that it is such party's intent, that if such party signs this Indenture or any other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature, it is signing, adopting, and accepting this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) and that signing this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature is the legal equivalent of having placed its handwritten signature on this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) on paper. Each party acknowledges that it is being provided with an electronic or paper copy of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents in a usable format.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information

(a) The Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act (“Rule 17g-5”), if any, by its or its agent’s posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the “17g-5 Website”), no later than the time such information is provided to a Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to the Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the “17g-5 Information”); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer’s behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.

(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to the Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to the Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

### ARTICLE XIII

#### NOTE GUARANTEES

##### Section 13.1 Note Guarantees.

(a) The Guarantor, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the Notes, Hedge Agreements and the Obligations hereunder and thereunder, and guarantees to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and to the Indenture Trustee on behalf of such Holder, that:

(i) the principal of and premium, if any and interest on the Notes shall be paid in full when due, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise (including, without limitation, the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code), together with interest on the overdue principal, if any, and interest on any overdue interest, to the extent lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Indenture Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or of any such other Obligations, the same shall be paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise.



The obligations of the Guarantor are direct, independent and primary obligations of the Guarantor and are irrevocable, absolute, unconditional, and continuing obligations and are not conditioned in any way upon the institution of suit or the taking of any other action, the pursuit of any remedies or any attempt to enforce performance of or compliance with the Obligations by the Issuer and the Guarantor, and their respective successors, transferees or assigns, and shall constitute a guaranty of payment and performance and not of collection, binding upon the Guarantor and its successors and assigns and irrevocable without regard to the validity, legality or enforceability of this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or the lack of power or authority of the Issuer or the Guarantor to enter into this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or any substitution, release or exchange of any other guaranty or any other security for any of the Obligations or any other circumstance whatsoever (other than payment) that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor, and shall not be subject to any right of set off, recoupment or counterclaim and are in no way conditioned or contingent upon any attempt to collect from the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other entity or to perfect or enforce any security or upon any other condition or contingency or upon any other action, occurrence, or circumstance whatsoever.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Guarantor shall not have any right to terminate this guaranty, or to be released, relieved or discharged from its obligations hereunder except as provided in Section 11.1 hereof, and such obligations shall not be affected, diminished, modified or impaired for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, (i) the change, modification or amendment of any obligation, duty, guarantee, warranty, responsibility, covenant or agreement set forth in this Indenture, the granting of any extension of time for payment to the Issuer or any other surety, or any extension or renewal of the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture, (ii) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of any of the Issuer's or the Guarantor's assets, the receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization of or similar proceedings affecting the Issuer or the Guarantor or any of the assets of the Issuer or the Guarantor, (iii) any furnishing or acceptance of additional security or any exchange, surrender, substitution or release of any security, (iv) any waiver, consent or other action or inaction or any exercise or non-exercise of any right, remedy or power with respect to the Obligations or this Indenture, (v) any merger or consolidation of the Issuer or the Guarantor into or with any other person or entity, the Issuer's loss of its separate corporate identity or its ceasing to be an affiliate of the Guarantor, or (vi) the failure to give notice to the Guarantor of the occurrence of a default under the terms and provisions of this Indenture.

(b) The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any right it may have now, or in the future, under law or in equity, to: (i) the notice of any waiver or extension granted to the Issuer; (ii) all notices which may be required by applicable statute, rule of law or otherwise to preserve any of the rights of the Noteholders against the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person; (iii) require either that an action be brought against the Issuer or any other person or entity as a condition to proceeding against the Guarantor, or to require that action be first taken against any security given by the Issuer or the Guarantor; (iv) notice of (a) any Noteholder's acceptance and reliance on this guaranty, (b) default or demand in the case of default, provided such notice or demand has been given to or made upon the Issuer or the Guarantor, and (c) any extensions or consents granted to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other surety; (v) promptness, diligence, presentment, demand of payment or enforcement and any other notice with respect to any of the Obligations and this guaranty; (vi) require any election of remedies; (vii) require the marshalling of assets or the resort to any other security; (viii) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, claim any other defense, contingency, circumstance or matter which might constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor; (ix) any defense based on or arising out of the voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, receivership, or other similar proceeding affecting the Issuer; or (x) any defense related to the addition, substitution or partial or entire release of any guarantor, maker or other party (including the Issuer and the Guarantor) primarily or secondarily liable or responsible for the performance and observance of any of the terms set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents or by any extension, waiver, amendment or action whatsoever which may release a guarantor (other than performance).

(c) If any Noteholder or the Indenture Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer or the Guarantor, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantor, any amount paid by any of them to the Indenture Trustee or such Noteholder, the Note Guarantee of the Guarantor, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. This paragraph (c) shall remain effective notwithstanding any contrary action which may be taken by the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder in reliance upon such amount required to be returned. This paragraph (c) shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

(d) The Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantor, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Indenture Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article V hereof for the purposes of the Note Guarantee of the Guarantor, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any acceleration of such Obligations as provided in Article V hereof, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantor for the purpose of the Note Guarantee of the Guarantor.

Section 13.2 Severability. In case any provision of any Note Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.3 Limitation of Liability.

(a) No Fraudulent Conveyance. The Guarantor, and, by its acceptance hereof, each Holder confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Note Guarantee of such Guarantor shall not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law or the provisions of its local law relating to fraudulent transfer or conveyance. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Indenture Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantor hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of the Guarantor under its Note Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount that will not, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under its Note Guarantee, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Note Guarantee constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

(b) **No Personal Liability.** No member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer, as such, past, present or future of the Guarantor shall have any liability under this Note Guarantee by reason of his/her or its status as such member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer.

Section 13.4 Release of Note Guarantee. A Note Guarantee by the Guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released upon the discharge of this Indenture in accordance with Section 11.1 and satisfaction in full of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder.

Section 13.5 Benefits Acknowledged. The Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Agreements and that its guarantee and waivers pursuant to its Note Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE V LLC

By: /s/ Benjamin Sullivan  
Name: Benjamin Sullivan  
Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

DIVERSIFIED ABS V UPSTREAM LLC

By: /s/ Benjamin Sullivan  
Name: Benjamin Sullivan  
Title: Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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Sch. A

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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Sch. B

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.9**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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Sch. 3.9

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

REGISTERED

No.: \_\_\_\_

Class: [A-1 (Definitive Note) / A-2 (Global Note)]

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CUSIP/PPN: [ ]

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE V LLC

5.78% NOTES

Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [PURCHASER], or registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture, dated as of May 27, 2022 (the “Indenture”), among the Issuer, Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as securities intermediary; *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of May 28, 2039 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Appendix A of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Escrow Funding Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate, plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner. Such default interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE V LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 5.78% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of the Notes.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be June 28, 2022.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or such Holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.



Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Holder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder’s acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Holders of the Notes under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Holder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Holders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Holders of Notes under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Holder of this Note by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Holder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

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Ex. B-12

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

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Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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Ex. D-1

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APPENDIX A

PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS I Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 between Diversified ABS LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS II Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of April 9, 2020 between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS III Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of February 4, 2022 between Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC, Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS IV Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of February 23, 2022, between Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, dated as of May 10, 2022, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (that are upstream assets similar to the Wellbore Interests, including being located in the Appalachian Basin) purchased and acquired by the Issuer (or any Subsidiary thereof) from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified substantially the same as those in the Separation Agreement; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement as of the Closing Date.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager and, to the extent that the Notes are rated by a Rating Agency, any such Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Observer and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio.



“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Agency Agreement” means the Gas Sales, Asset Management and Marketing Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and between the Issuer and Diversified Marketing.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of May.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in May 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (if applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means, in respect of the Wellbore Interests and related Additional Assets, each of the Separation Agreement, the Plan of Division, and the Statement of Division.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) amounts transferred from the P&A Reserve Account to the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture, (d) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (e) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (f) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (g) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Joint Operating Agreement, the Separation Agreement, the DABS V Upstream Operating Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Plan of Division, the Statement of Division, the Hedge Agreements, the Agency Agreement, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Novation Agreements, the Intercreditor Acknowledgment, the Settlement Agreement, each Mortgage, each Escrow Agreement and other documents and certificates delivered in connection with any of the foregoing.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Book-Entry Notes” means a note registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, ownership of which is reflected on the books of the Depository or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly or as an indirect participant in accordance with the rules of such Depository); provided, that after the occurrence of a condition whereupon Definitive Notes are to be issued to Noteholders, such Book-Entry Notes shall no longer be “Book-Entry Notes”.

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non-participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Diversified Energy Company Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries taken as a whole, to any Person (including any “person” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Qualifying Owner;

(b) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Diversified Energy Company Plc;

(c) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that (A) any Person (including any “person” (as defined above)), excluding the Qualifying Owners, becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, units or the like and (B) two (2) or more of the members of the Management Team as of immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction resign or are removed from their respective position; or

(d) the occurrence of any event or series of events that results in Manager ceasing to be Controlled by Diversified Energy Company Plc.

Notwithstanding the preceding, a conversion of Diversified Energy Company Plc or any of its direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries from a limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity to a limited liability company, corporation, limited partnership or other form of entity (including by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or liquidation) or an exchange of all of the outstanding capital stock in one form of entity for capital stock in another form of entity or the transfer or redomestication of Diversified Energy Company Plc to or in another jurisdiction shall not constitute a Change of Control, so long as following such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication the “persons” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who beneficially owned the capital stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc immediately prior to such transactions, together with Qualifying Owners, beneficially own in the aggregate more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity, or beneficially own sufficient capital stock in such entity to elect a majority of its directors, managers, trustees or other persons serving in a similar capacity for such entity or its general partner, as applicable, and, in either case no “person” (other than a Qualifying Owner) beneficially owns more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity or its general partner, as applicable. References to Diversified Energy Company Plc in the foregoing clauses (i) - (iv) shall also refer to the surviving entity after giving effect to such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication.

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in May 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (if applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to the Payment Date occurring in May 2026 an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after the Payment Date occurring in May 2026 an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Class A-1 Notes” or “Definitive Notes” means definitive, fully registered 5.78% Class A-1 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class A-2 Notes” or “Global Notes” means, individually and collective, each of the 5.78% Class A-2 Notes, deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean May 27, 2022.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the Initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of Collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement).

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the Contemplated Transaction or the execution or delivery of the Basic Documents.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents, including: (a) the formation of the Guarantor pursuant to the Separation Agreement and the vesting of the Wellbore Interests in the Guarantor by operation of law; (b) the formation of the Guarantor pursuant to the DABS V Upstream Operating Agreement (b) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Asset Vesting Documents; (c) the entering into the Basic Documents by the Diversified Parties and the performance by the Diversified Parties of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (d) the Issuer’s and the Guarantor’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer and the Guarantor contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer or the Guarantor is a party.

“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 the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “Controlled” and “Controlling” shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s, Diversified Holdings’ and the Guarantor’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, Attn: ABS Structured Finance, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by written notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on May 27, 2022.

“DABS” means Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“DABS II” means Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“DABS III” means Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“DABS IV” means Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“DABS V Upstream Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Guarantor, dated as of May 25, 2022, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Default in Other Agreements” means (1) any Diversified Party or any Affiliate of a Diversified Party shall fail to pay when due any principal or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents) or (2) breach or default of any Diversified Party, DABS, DABS II, DABS III or DABS IV with respect to any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents); if such failure to pay, breach or default entitles the holder to cause such Indebtedness having an individual principal amount in excess of \$250,000 or having an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$500,000 to become or be declared due prior to its stated maturity.

“Depository” means initially, the Depository Trust Company, the nominee of which is Cede & Co., and any permitted successor depository.

“Depository Agreement” means, to the extent in existence, any agreement as between the Issuer and the Depository, governing the rights and responsibilities of each party.

“Depository Participant” means a broker, dealer, bank or other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Diversified Companies” shall mean each of Diversified Energy Company Plc and the Diversified Parties.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase V Holdings LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Diversified Marketing” shall mean Diversified Energy Marketing LLC, an Alabama limited liability company.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Marketing, Diversified Holdings, the Guarantor and the Issuer.

“Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Time” in the Separation Agreement.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in October 2022, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, divided by (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid Note Interest on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means a segregated account with an Eligible Institution.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the states thereof, or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, Lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any Law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Body relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, Diversified Holdings’ contribution of equity to the Issuer made by depositing cash into the Collection Account, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes as of the Closing Date in aggregate and no more frequently than twice (in aggregate) per calendar year.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer for purposes of Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA.

“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.



“Escrow Agent” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” means each escrow agreement, dated as of May 26, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and certain Noteholders referenced therein.

“Escrow Funding Date” shall mean May 26, 2022.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

(a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; or

(b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80.0%, then 100%, else 0%; or

(c) If the LTV is greater than 65.0%, then 100%, else 0%.

“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (E) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (L) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated Person.

“External Verifier” means an independent third party engaged by Diversified Corp or any of its affiliates who in the ordinary course of business evaluates metrics such as the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets and provides limited assurances with respect thereto.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of May 2039.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“GHG Emissions Performance Target” means attaining Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target set forth in the Sustainability Framework to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe for the Observation Period as certified by the External Verifier.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, state, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, state, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Governmental Rule” means with respect to any Person, any Law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, code, treaty, judgment, decree, directive, guideline, policy or similar form of decision of any Governmental Body binding on such Person.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a Lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guarantor” shall mean Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company and a subsidiary of the Issuer.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” has the meaning specified in the relevant Hedge Agreement.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Holder” or “Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Note Register.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of May 10, 2022, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

(a) its liabilities for borrowed money;

(b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);

(c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;

(d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);

(e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);

(f) all its liabilities (including delivery and payment obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and

(g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any Material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or person performing similar functions.

“Initial Hedge Strategy” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28 of the Indenture.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Intercreditor Acknowledgment” means that certain Acknowledgment Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Indenture Trustee, the ABS I Trustee, the ABS II Trustee, the ABS III Trustee and the ABS IV Trustee and KeyBank National Association, and acknowledged and agreed to by Diversified, Diversified Marketing, DABS, DABS II, DABS III, DABS IV and the Issuer.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date for the Notes, the period from and including the immediately preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the Initial Payment Date, from and including the Escrow Funding Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 5.78% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date” means the Payment Date on May 28, 2027.

“Initial Payment Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Payment Date in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Investment Company Act” means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in October 2022, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, divided by (b) the aggregate Note Interest with respect to the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Parties” means the Issuer and the Guarantor.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means, as applicable, (i) the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2019, by and between Diversified and DABS, as amended by (a) the Amendment to Operating Agreement dated as of April 9, 2020, by and among Diversified, DABS, DABS II, DABS III and DABS IV, (b) the Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2022, by and among Diversified, DABS, DABS II, DABS III and Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, (c) the letter agreement between Diversified and Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, and (d) the Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among, Diversified, Issuer, DABS III, DABS II and Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, and (ii) the Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and between Diversified and Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC, as amended by the Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among Diversified, Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC and the Issuer.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, and as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Company, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer of such entity.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, state, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof (including, without limitation, any Governmental Rule).

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit C to the Separation Agreement.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means cash or Permitted Investments having a value equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the eight (8) Payment Dates following the Closing Date.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance” means an amount equal to 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the expected Note Interest and Senior Transaction Fees for the six (6) Payment Dates following such Payment Date. This amount shall not be less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Required Balance.

“LTV” means, as of any applicable date of determination, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the sum of the PV-10, as of such date of determination.

“Majority Noteholders” means Noteholders (other than any Diversified Company and each of their Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Manager, Diversified Corp and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Management Team” means, at any point in time, those certain individuals serving as officers of Diversified Energy Company Plc as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel.

“Manager” means Diversified, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator to perform any Material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such person is a party in any Material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Methane Emissions Performance Target” means attaining Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target set forth in the Sustainability Framework to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe for the Observation Period as certified by the External Verifier.



“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, on real property of the Issuer or the Guarantor, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe” means metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Natural Gas Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.29(a) of the Indenture.

“Natural Gas Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.29(a) of the Indenture.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“NGL Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.29(b) of the Indenture.

“NGL Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.29(b) of the Indenture.

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Guarantee” means any guarantee of the Notes by the Guarantor pursuant to Article XIII of the Indenture.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Diversified Parties and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” and “Note Registrar” have the respective meanings specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register and, with respect to a Book Entry Note, the Person who is the owner of such Book Entry Note, as reflected on the books of the Depository, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes.

“Notification Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Satisfaction Notification in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Novation Agreements” means the Novation Agreement by and between Diversified Corp. and the Issuer dated as of May 27, 2022.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission and acceptable to the SVO.

“Obligations” means all of the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor with respect to the Notes, whether owed to Indenture Trustee, a Holder, or any other Person, as set forth under any Basic Document, including, without limitation, the obligation to pay principal, interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any default interest required under the Indenture), any Redemption Price, Change of Control Redemption Price and all actual, reasonable and documented costs, charges and expenses, attorney’s fees and disbursements, and indemnitees.

“Observation Period” means the year ended December 31, 2026.

“Observer” means any party engaged by or on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the Back-up Management Agreement.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer or the Guarantor.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement) with respect to Issuer’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified, in its capacity as operator under any Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 or any other applicable provision of the Indenture and, if applicable, shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under state Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the state Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

- (a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;
- (b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Holders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and
- (c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee’s right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

“Outstanding Amount” means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

“Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes on the Closing Date, less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

“P&A Expense Amount” means, for any fiscal year, the actual aggregate net amount of plugging and abandonment expenses attributable to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, which amount shall be determined by the Manager in accordance with the Management Standards (as defined in the Management Services Agreement).

“P&A Reserve Account” means one or more accounts or sub-accounts established on or before the Closing Date on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and maintained by the Securities Intermediary in the name of the Issuer, in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

“P&A Reserve Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date after which a P&A Reserve Trigger occurs, an amount equal to (x) if the P&A Reserve Trigger is under subclause (a) of the definition of “P&A Reserve Trigger”, two (2) times the excess, if any, of (a) the P&A Expense Amount for the calendar year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger over (b) the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount and (y) if the P&A Reserve Trigger is under subclause (b) of the definition of “P&A Reserve Trigger”, an amount equal to the P&A Expense Amount for the calendar year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger.

“P&A Reserve Trigger” means (a) the determination as of the Payment Determination Date in March of any fiscal year that the P&A Expense Amount for the Issuer’s prior fiscal year exceeded the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount, or (b) the occurrence on or before a Payment Determination Date of a (i) material uncured breach or (ii) or allegation by any Governmental Body or Governmental Official of any breach of which the Issuer is aware (x) with respect to which the Issuer is not disputing or (y) that is not resolved within ninety (90) days after that allegation, of any of the following agreements (as amended or extended) that one or more of the Diversified Parties are subject to: (a) Consent Order and Agreement dated March 7, 2019, with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection; (b) Compliance Agreement dated April 25, 2018, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management; (c) Consent Order dated November 19, 2018, with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and (d) Consent Order dated February 18, 2019, with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Energy and Environment Cabinet, Department for Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (the “Plugging Consent Orders”).

“P&A Reserve Trigger Amount” means (i) for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, an amount equal to \$1,000,000, (ii) for fiscal years 2027 through 2035, an amount equal to \$1,500,000, and (iii) for fiscal years 2036 through 2037 an amount equal to \$2,000,000.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28th day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date for interest only will be June 28, 2022 and the first principal Payment Date will be July 28, 2022.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(e) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer or the Guarantor, as applicable, at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 15% of the Assets on the basis of value as of the Closing Date;
- (b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;
- (c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders;

(d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 75% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any;

- (e) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied; and

(f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event “Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.

“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, Fitch or S&P equal to “Aaa-mf”, “AAmmf”, or “AAm”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall, with respect to the Wellbore Interests, have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the Separation Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agents” means Citigroup Global Markets Inc., DCMB Securities LLC and Truist Securities, Inc., as placement agents.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Plan of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Pledge Agreement” means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Diversified Holdings, the Issuer, the Guarantor, Diversified and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as amended from time to time.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

- (b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;
- (c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and
- (d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders' regulatory and self-regulatory bodies (including the SVO of the NAIC) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

"Proceeding" means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

"Proceeds Retention Condition" shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of this Indenture.

"Production Tracking Rate" means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in January 2023, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

"Purchaser" or "Purchasers" means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

"PV-10" means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the sum of (i) the projected net cash flows from the Oil and Gas Portfolio categorized as proved, developed and producing, using commodity strip prices and (ii) the positive or negative aggregate mark-to-market value determined as of such date of determination of all Hedge Agreements, calculated in the aggregate for all Hydrocarbons hedged, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

"Qualifying Owner" means any Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) that directly or indirectly holds or acquires 100% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, and of which no other Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) holds more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock thereof.

"Quarterly Determination Date" means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.



“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event, (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement, (iv) any Default in Other Agreements, or (v) on or after June 28, 2028, the LTV as of any Annual Determination Date is greater than forty percent (40%); provided that a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to the foregoing clause (v) may be cured upon delivery of an updated Reserve Report audited or prepared by an independent petroleum engineer on or prior to the date required by Section 8.5 of the Indenture which would result in, as of the next Annual Determination Date or, if earlier, the effective date of such Reserve Report, an LTV less than or equal to 40%.

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long-term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act, that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean [globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com](mailto:globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com).

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Redemption Date” means a Business Day, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, the fourth anniversary of the Closing Date or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, (i) with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (a) prior to May 27, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, (b) from May 28, 2026 to May 27, 2027, an amount equal to 102% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date (c) from May 28, 2027 to May 27, 2028, an amount equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, and (d) on or after May 28, 2028, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any to, but not including, the Redemption Date and (ii) with respect to a Change of Control, the Change of Control Redemption Price.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Separation Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Separation Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer and the Guarantor, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“Satisfaction Notification” means an Officer’s Certificate delivered at least 30 days prior to the Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date (the “Notification Date”) that in respect of the Observation Period: (i) one or both Sustainability Linked Performance Targets have been satisfied and (ii) the satisfaction of each Sustainability Linked Performance Target has been confirmed by the External Verifier in accordance with customary procedures.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit B to the Separation Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date. “Secured Parties” means, collectively, each Noteholder, the Indenture Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty and the Back-up Manager, and “Secured Party” means any of them individually.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(g) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate amount of Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of the Hedge Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated May 24, 2022, by and among Diversified, Diversified Corp and the Guarantor.

“Separation Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain internal report prepared by Diversified Corp as of January 1, 2022, which is based on that certain evaluation of oil and gas reserves prepared for Diversified Energy Company Plc by Netherland Sewell & Associates, Inc. effective May 24, with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“Settlement Agreement” means the Settlement Agent Services Agreement, dated as of May 23, 2022 between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as settlement agent.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, state, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Separation Agreement.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsequent Rate of Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer, including the Guarantor.

“Sustainability Framework” means the Sustainability Framework adopted by Diversified Energy Company Plc in May 2022.

“Sustainability Linked Performance Targets” means the the GHG Emissions Performance Target or the Methane Emissions Performance Target.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Company or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Company that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, action, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to May 28, 2026; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to May 27, 2026, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

(a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any state or the District of Columbia, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or

(e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“Voting Stock” of any specified Person as of any date means the capital stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the Separation Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

(A) Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

(B) "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

(C) Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

(D) Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

(E) Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

(F) Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

(G) UCC References. Terms used herein that are defined in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, unless the context requires otherwise. Any reference herein to a "beneficial interest" in a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, a security entitlement with respect to such security, and any reference herein to a "beneficial owner" or "beneficial holder" of a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, the holder of a security entitlement with respect to such security. Any reference herein to money or other property that is to be deposited in or is on deposit in a securities account shall also mean that such money or other property is to be credited to, or is credited to, such securities account.

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INDENTURE

by and among DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE VI LLC,

as Issuer,

DIVERSIFIED ABS VI UPSTREAM LLC

and

OAKTREE ABS VI UPSTREAM LLC,

as Guarantors, and

UMB BANK, N.A.,

as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of October 27, 2022

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of October 27, 2022 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this “Indenture”) is between Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Issuer”), Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (“Diversified Upstream”), and Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Oaktree Upstream” and together with Diversified Upstream, the “Guarantors”), and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association], as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Noteholders of the Issuer’s 7.50% Class A Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer and the Guarantors (collectively, the “Issuer Parties” and each, an “Issuer Party”) hereby Grant to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties, all of the Issuer Parties’ right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to, as applicable (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and the Hedge Collateral Accounts (but, as to the Hedge Collateral Accounts, only for the benefit of those Secured Parties who are Hedge Counterparties) and all funds on deposit in, and “financial assets” (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (c) the Management Services Agreement; (d) the Hedge Agreements; (e) each Joint Operating Agreement; (f) the Back-up Management Agreement; (g) the Separation Agreements; (h) each Plan of Division; (i) each Statement of Division; (j) the Pledge Agreement; (k) each other Basic Document to which it is a party; (l) all accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas, and other minerals; (m) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing; (n) all limited liability company interests in each Guarantor, including, without limitation: (i) all limited liability company interests, as such term is defined in the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act; (ii) all governance rights, including, without limitation, all rights to vote, consent to action, and otherwise participate in the management of the business and affairs of each Issuer Party; and (iii) all informational rights, including, without limitation, all rights to receive notices, company records, tax records and all other information related to each such party, and (o) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing (collectively, the “Collateral”).

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments owed or owing to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed or owing thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders of the Notes and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes and the Global Notes representing Book-Entry Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

- (c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in ExhibitA are part of the terms of this Indenture.
- (d) The ClassA-1 Notes will be issued as Definitive Notes and the ClassA-2 Notes will be issued as Global Notes.

Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver the Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$460,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer Order shall specify whether the Notes shall be issuable as Definitive Notes or as Book-Entry Notes.

(d) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the Notes shall be issuable as registered Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2, provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than the required minimum denomination.

(e) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.



Section 2.3 Form of Notes.

(a) If the Issuer establishes pursuant to Section 2.2(c) that the Notes are to be issued as Book-Entry Notes, then the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, one or more definitive Global Notes, which (1) will represent, and will be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate initial Note balance to be represented by such Global Note or Notes, or such portion thereof as the Issuer will specify in an Issuer Order, (2) will be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Note or Notes or its nominee; (3) will be delivered by the Indenture Trustee or its agent to the Depository or pursuant to the Depository's instruction (and which may be held by the Indenture Trustee or an agent of the Indenture Trustee as custodian for the Depository, if so specified in the related Depository Agreement), (4) if applicable, will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Unless this Note is presented by an authorized representative of the Depository, to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Note issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository), any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein" and (5) may bear such other legend as the Issuer, upon advice of counsel, deems to be applicable.

(b) The Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the Depository as the sole Noteholder of the Book-Entry Notes except as otherwise provided in this Indenture.

(c) The rights of the Noteholders may be exercised only through the Depository and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between the Noteholders and the Depository and/or its participants under the Depository Agreement.

(d) The Depository will make book-entry transfers among its participants and receive and transmit payments of principal of and interest on the Book-Entry Notes to the participants.

(e) The Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, and the Paying Agent shall have no responsibility or liability for any actions taken or not taken by the Depository.

(f) If this Indenture requires or permits actions to be taken based on instructions or directions of the Noteholders of a stated percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the Depository will be deemed to represent those Noteholders only if it has received instructions to that effect from Noteholders and/or the Depository's participants owning or representing, the required percentage of the beneficial interest of the Notes and has delivered the instructions to the Indenture Trustee.

(g) The Issuer in issuing Notes may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Indenture Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee and each Noteholder in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

(h) Transfers of Global Notes only to Depository Nominees. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 2.3 or of Section 2.4, and subject to the provisions of clause (i) below, unless the terms of a Global Note expressly permits such Global Note to be exchanged in whole or in part for individual Notes, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.4, only to a nominee of the Depository for such Global Note, or to the Depository, or a successor Depository for such Global Note selected or approved by the Issuer, or to a nominee of such successor Depository.

(i) Limited Right to Receive Definitive Notes. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Noteholders of beneficial interests in Global Notes will not be entitled to receive Definitive Notes. With respect to issued Notes:

(i) If at any time the Depository for a Global Note notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depository for such Global Note, the Issuer will appoint a successor Depository with respect to such Global Note. If a successor Depository for such Global Note is not appointed by the Issuer within ninety (90) days after the Issuer receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.4 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.4 requesting the authentication and delivery of individual Notes of such Series or Class in exchange for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver, individual Notes of such Class of like tenor and terms in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note.

(ii) The Issuer may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Notes of any Class or portion thereof issued or issuable in the form of one or more Global Notes will no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent in accordance with Section 2.4 and with an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent for the authentication and delivery of individual Notes in exchange in whole or in part for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of such Global Note or Notes representing such portion thereof in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

(iii) If specified by the Issuer pursuant to Sections 2.2 and 2.4 with respect to Notes issued or issuable in the form of a Global Note, the Depository for such Global Note may surrender such Global Note in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Issuer and such Depository. Thereupon the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, without service charge, (A) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Note or Notes of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the portion of the Global Note or Notes specified by the Depository and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and (B) to such Depository a new Global Note of like tenor and terms and in an authorized denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the initial Note balance of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate initial Note balance of Notes delivered to the Noteholders thereof.

(iv) If any Event of Default has occurred with respect to such Global Notes, and Noteholders evidencing more than 50% of the Global Notes (measured by voting interests) advise the Indenture Trustee and the Depository that a Global Note is no longer in the best interest of the Noteholders, the applicable Purchasers of Global Notes may exchange their beneficial interests in such Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the exchange provisions herein.

(v) In any exchange provided for in any of the preceding four paragraphs, the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver Definitive Notes in definitive registered form in authorized denominations. Upon the exchange of the entire initial Note balance of a Global Note for Definitive Notes, such Global Note will be canceled by the Indenture Trustee or its agent. Except as provided in the preceding paragraphs, Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section will be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, will instruct the Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar. The Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar will deliver such Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

Section 2.3A Beneficial Ownership of Global Notes.

Until Definitive Notes have been issued to the applicable Noteholders to replace any Global Notes pursuant to Section 2.3(a):

(a) the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the applicable clearing agency or Depository and the Depository Participants for all purposes (including the making of payments) as the authorized representatives of the respective Noteholders; and

(b) the rights of the respective Noteholders will be exercised only through the applicable Depository and the Depository Participants and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Noteholders and the Depository and/or the Depository Participants. Pursuant to the operating rules of the applicable Depository, unless and until Definitive Notes are issued pursuant to Section 2.3(a), the Depository will make book-entry transfers among the Depository Participants and receive and transmit payments of principal and interest on the related Notes to such Depository Participants.

For purposes of any provision of this Indenture requiring or permitting actions with the consent of, or at the direction of, Noteholders evidencing a specified percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of Outstanding Notes, such direction or consent may be given by Noteholders (acting through the Depository and the Depository Participants) owning interests in or security entitlements to Notes evidencing the requisite percentage of principal amount of Notes.

Section 2.3B Notices to Depository.

Whenever any notice or other communication is required to be given to Noteholders with respect to which Book-Entry Notes have been issued, unless and until Definitive Notes will have been issued to the related Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee will give all such notices and communications to the applicable Depository, and shall have no obligation to report directly to such Noteholders.

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof). Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or OCM or by Diversified or OCM to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, Diversified (in any capacity) and OCM against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.

(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to the provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

#### Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the "Note Registrar") to keep a register (the "Note Register") in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in "registered form" under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Noteholder, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Noteholder of such Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Noteholders and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Noteholder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Noteholder thereof or such Noteholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Noteholder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Noteholder of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.5 not involving any transfer.

(h) The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note.

(i) Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

(j) Transfers of Ownership Interests in Global Notes. Transfers of beneficial interests in a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes may be made only in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depository and the transfer restrictions contained in the legend on such Global Note and exchanges or transfers of interests in a Global Note may be made only in accordance with the following:

(i) General Rules Regarding Transfers of Global Notes. Subject to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.5(j), transfers of a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes shall be limited to Transfers of such Global Note in whole, but not in part, to nominees of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or such successor's nominee.

(ii) Global Note to Definitive Note. Subject to Section 2.3(i), an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of a Depository may at any time transfer such interest for a Definitive Note, upon provision to the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer and the Note Registrar of a Transferor Certificate.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

#### Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee any reasonable expenses in connection therewith, and the Issuer may require the payment by the Noteholder of each such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Final Scheduled Payment Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii).



(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6(ii). The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on any Note, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner. Such default interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

(f) If, as of the Notification Date, (x) either Sustainability Linked Performance Target has not been satisfied or (y) the External Verifier has not confirmed satisfaction of each Sustainability Linked Performance Target, the Interest Rate shall be increased once by 25 basis points for each Sustainability Linked Performance Target that has not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier (the "Subsequent Rate of Interest"). The Subsequent Rate of Interest will apply from and including the Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date up to, and including, the maturity date of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on the Officer's Certificate delivered by the Issuer with respect to the Satisfaction Notification and shall have no duty to monitor or confirm the Issuer's satisfaction of either Sustainability Linked Performance Target.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(N), Section 8.6(ii)(F) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty and each Noteholder. With respect to clause (ii) in the foregoing sentence, any release of Collateral shall require 10 Business Days advance written notice from the Issuer to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Class A-1 Notes, upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Noteholders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.

Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" or "modified expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers. The Issuer shall obtain "CUSIP" numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such "CUSIP" numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the "CUSIP" numbers.

## ARTICLE III

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

#### Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

(a) The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware and (ii) will be duly qualified in Oklahoma within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

(b) Diversified Upstream (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of Pennsylvania and (ii) will be duly qualified in Oklahoma within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

(c) Oaktree Upstream (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of Delaware and (ii) will be duly qualified in Oklahoma within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, and (iii) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

#### Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of each of the Issuer Parties, as applicable.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer Parties and all instruments executed and delivered by any of the Issuer Parties at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by such Issuer Parties.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer Parties, enforceable against the Issuer Parties in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture or the instruments executed in connection herewith by the Issuer Parties nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer Parties shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer Parties, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer Parties, as applicable;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against any of the Issuer Parties or any of their Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which any of the Issuer Parties, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Companies, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of any of the Issuer Parties' interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) None of the Issuer Parties nor any of their Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws in any material respect or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer Parties' Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by any of the Issuer Parties or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. Each Issuer Party has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by each Issuer Party, as applicable, from DP Tapstone pursuant to the Diversified Separation Agreement or from OCM pursuant to the Oaktree Separation Agreement, as applicable, in each case free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests will vest in the Issuer Parties (as applicable), and each Issuer Party will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the Diversified Separation, DP Tapstone had valid legal and beneficial title to the DP Tapstone Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any DP Tapstone Wellbore Interests, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens. Prior to the Oaktree Separation, OCM had valid legal and beneficial title to the OCM Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any OCM Wellbore Interests, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer Parties are in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer Parties that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties has any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.9 hereto, neither any of the Issuer Parties nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer Parties will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Assets pursuant to the Separation Agreements, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve any of the Issuer Parties in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) None of the Issuer Parties has, and has never had, any outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of any of the Issuer Parties other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, none of Issuer Parties has, at any time, agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, none of the Issuer Parties is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of any of the Issuer Parties.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither any of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) None of the Issuer Parties or any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to any Issuer Party's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by any Issuer Party or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) Each of the Issuer Parties and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that each of the Issuer Parties and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. (i) None of the Issuer Parties is subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act and (ii) as to Issuer and each Guarantor who guarantees the obligations of Issuer under any Hedge Agreement, each of Issuer and each such Guarantor is an “eligible contract participant” as such term is defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. Each Issuer Party (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. Each Issuer Party is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. None of the Issuer Parties intends to incur, or believes that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. None of the Issuer Parties believes that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. None of the Issuer Parties intends to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Pledge Agreement and the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owed or owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed or owing thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of each Issuer Party in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority subject in each case to Permitted Liens.

## ARTICLE IV

### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. Each of the Issuer Parties will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other Governmental Authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.



Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within thirty (30) days after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by any of the Issuer Parties or the Manager for the benefit of any of the Issuer Parties with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days, deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, each of the Issuer Parties shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS or GAAP, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. Each of the Issuer Parties will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries; provided, that the applicable Issuer Party need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer Party.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer Party and all rights and franchises of the Issuer Party.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. Each of the Issuer Parties will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS or GAAP, and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer Party. Each of the Issuer Parties will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer Parties or one of their Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that each of the Issuer Parties' books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, each of the Issuer Parties will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party. None of the Issuer Parties shall take any action or permit any action to be taken by others which would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under the Basic Documents or under any instrument or agreement included as part of the Collateral or that would result in the amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge of, or impair the validity or effectiveness of, any such instrument or agreement, except (i) such amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge in the ordinary course of business or that does not have a material detriment to the value of the Collateral or (ii) as expressly provided in this Indenture, the other Basic Documents or such other instrument or agreement or as ordered by a bankruptcy or other court.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, each of the Issuer Parties will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer Parties will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer Parties will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer Parties will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance. Each Issuer Party hereby authorizes, but does not obligate, the Indenture Trustee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Collateral without the signature of the Issuer. Each Issuer Party acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself, that any such financing statement may describe the Collateral as “all assets”, “all personal property” or “all assets and all personal property of Debtor, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, wherever located, together with all products and proceeds thereof, substitutions and replacements therefor, and additions and accessions thereto” of the applicable Person or words of similar effect as may be required by the Indenture Trustee.

Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) Each Issuer Party will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel, overhead expenses and any compensation due to its Independent manager or member) from its assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to arm's length contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) Each Issuer Party will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. None of the Issuer's or any of its Subsidiaries' assets will be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS or GAAP; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement, each Issuer Party will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer Parties will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) Each Issuer Party (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer and this Indenture. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) Each Issuer Party will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of any Issuer Party (except for income tax purposes). Each Issuer Party will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) Each Issuer Party will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) Each Issuer Party will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) Each Issuer Party will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, each Issuer Party will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) Each Issuer Party will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) Each Issuer Party will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) Each Issuer Party will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) Each Issuer Party will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) Each Issuer Party will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) Each Issuer Party will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

(r) Each Issuer Party will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);

(s) Each Issuer Party will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and

(t) Other than Diversified Upstream and Oaktree Upstream, the Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer Parties will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of each Issuer Party's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the applicable Issuer Party than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. An Issuer Party shall not consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person unless:

(a) the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of an Issuer Party as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent entity organized and existing under the Laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Issuer Party is not such entity, (i) such corporation or limited liability company shall have executed and delivered to each Holder of any Notes, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty a supplemental indenture, Guarantee or other agreement evidencing its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture, the Notes and, as applicable, any other Basic Documents, and (ii) such entity shall have caused to be delivered to the Majority Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption and the supplemental indenture or other agreement are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof, that all conditions in this Indenture with respect to such merger, consolidation, conveyance, transfer or lease have been satisfied and that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease of assets shall not have a material adverse effect on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements;

(b) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or each transaction in any such series of transactions, (i) no Rapid Amortization Event, Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) the Indenture Trustee shall have, for its own benefit and the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders and the Hedge Counterparties, a legal, valid and enforceable first priority Lien on all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) and (iii) the Issuer Parties shall not be in breach of Section 4.14; and

(c) the Issuer shall (i) have delivered, or caused to be delivered an update to each rating letter from each applicable Rating Agency evidencing that there has been, and shall be, no downgrade in the rating then assigned to the Notes as a result of such transaction and (ii) have received the written consent of each Hedge Counterparty to such transaction or series of transactions.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit, limit or restrict the foreclosure of the Liens of this Indenture in connection with the exercise of remedies in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. None of the Issuer Parties will at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that none of the Issuer Parties shall engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of any of the Issuer Parties contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any Affiliate of such Noteholder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. None of the Issuer Parties will, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. None of the Issuer Parties will sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty or any Noteholder or the Noteholders, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of each Hedge Counterparty and Noteholder to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. None of the Issuer Parties will create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as “Permitted Indebtedness”):

- (a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;
- (b) Operating Expenses, provided that none of the Issuer Parties shall incur Indebtedness in order to fund Operating Expenses;

(c) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for all Issuer Parties at any one time; and

(d) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. None of the Issuer Parties will, or will permit any Person to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any material provision of the Organizational Documents of any Issuer Party, as applicable, or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty; provided, however, that each Issuer Party may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer Party’s Organizational Documents to: (i) cure any ambiguity, (ii) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer Party’s Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer Party’s Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer’s Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso.

Section 4.23 No Loans. Each of the Issuer Parties will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. Each of the Issuer Parties will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each of the Issuer Parties will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. Each of the Issuer Parties will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. None of the Issuer Parties, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of an Issuer Party, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat any Issuer Party as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) and this Indenture as debt, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including federal, state and local income Tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager, Back-up Manager and Operator. In the event that the Manager shall be terminated due to a Material Manager Default or Event of Default have occurred or is continuing, the Majority Noteholders will have the right but not the obligation to appoint, a replacement manager as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of termination and notify the Issuer of such appointment. In the event that the Manager shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement manager by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed). In addition, if the first sentence of this Section 4.27 is not applicable, in the event that the Manager shall resign, be terminated or otherwise removed, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation, termination or removal and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement back-up manager or operator by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed).



Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements.

(a) **Natural Gas Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] and (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but, at all times, including after the Natural Gas Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Natural Gas Hedge Percentage"), including by way of an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more NYMEX-Henry Hub swap transactions and/or swaptions and/or collars which establish a minimum price level based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, provided further, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; provided that Rating Agency consent shall not be required (other than in accordance with the Hedge Agreements and other Basic Documents) and nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Natural Gas Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

(b) **Gas Basis Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and hedging the basis exposure with respect to) at least 85% but, at all times including after the Gas Basis Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Gas Basis Hedge Percentage"); provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, provided further, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Gas Basis Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; provided that nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer: (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Gas Basis Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more gas basis Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional gas basis Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

(c) **Natural Gas Liquids Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but, at all times, including after the NGL Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected natural gas liquids output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "NGL Hedge Percentage"), including by way of an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more swap transactions and/or swaptions which establish a minimum price level, based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, provided further, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the NGL Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer: (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the NGL Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected natural gas liquids output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected natural gas liquids output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month after [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

(d) **Oil Hedging.** The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) the [\*\*\*] (the "Oil Hedge Period") Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 85% but, at all times, including after the Oil Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected oil output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Oil Hedge Percentage"), including by way of an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more NYMEX-WTI swap transactions and/or swaptions which establish a minimum price level, based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; provided, however, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Oil Hedge Percentage shall be determined without giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that would otherwise result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Oil Hedge Period (excluding the entry into any offsetting Hedge Agreements described in the proviso of the immediately preceding sentence) or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected oil output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected oil output from the Issuer Parties' Assets for each month after [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

## ARTICLE V

### REMEDIES

#### Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Final Scheduled Payment Date;

(ii) default in the payment of interest on the Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party or the Oaktree Entities made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this Section 5.1(a)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party or the Oaktree Entities made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to Section 5.1(c) below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company or the Oaktree Entities of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of any such parties’ affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Guarantors in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer or the Guarantors to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) by no later than the time under which filings are required under Section 2(g) of the Management Services Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi), if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company or an Oaktree Entity of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Notes;

(viii) the Issuer, any Subsidiary of the Issuer or any Guarantor becomes a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of non-appealable decrees or orders for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or any Guarantor in excess of \$500,000 in aggregate and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer or any Guarantor in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings, the Guarantors or the Collateral is required to be registered as an “investment company” under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full;

(xiv) the failure of the Notes to be redeemed upon the occurrence of a Change of Control as required by Section 10.1(b); or

(xv) any of the Manager, the Operator, the Indenture Trustee or the Back-up Manager shall be terminated or removed (with respect to the Indenture Trustee, by the Majority Noteholders) or shall resign, and a replacement manager, operator, indenture trustee or back-up manager satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders shall not have been engaged within sixty (60) days following any such resignation or termination.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer’s Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii) above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; provided, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indenture Trustee), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote as directed in writing by the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;



(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of such party.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Noteholder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such Proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Noteholders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

#### Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall, do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(ii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iii) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(iv) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Secured Parties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes; *provided* a sale under clause (A) or clause (C) will not be permitted unless the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Secured Parties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale). In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall, within two (2) Business Days, deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail, by overnight mail, to each Noteholder (or transmit electronically, to the extent Notes are held in book-entry form) and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto, the Secured Parties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Noteholder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Noteholder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;

(ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;

(iii) such Noteholder or Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request;

(iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and

(v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Noteholders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties (provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee shall not have an affirmative obligation to determine whether any such direction affects, disturbs or prejudices the rights of any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties), or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Noteholders of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, including all applicable Posted Collateral) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment or return Posted Collateral, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Noteholder or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(iv);
- (iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Noteholders representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and
- (v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Noteholder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders of the Notes and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Noteholder of a Note by such Noteholder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Amount or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under or in connection with the Diversified Separation Agreement, by OCM of its obligations under or in connection with the Oaktree Separation Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or by any of the Issuer Parties under the Separation Agreements to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against any of the Diversified Parties under the Diversified Separation Agreement or against OCM under the Oaktree Separation Agreement, and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under the Diversified Separation Agreement and by OCM of its obligations under the Oaktree Separation Agreement.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, against any of the Diversified Parties under or in connection with the Diversified Separation Agreement, or against OCM under or in connection with the Oaktree Separation Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Diversified Separation Agreement, or by OCM, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Oaktree Separation Agreement, and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement, the Separation Agreements, and any right of any of the Issuer Parties to take such action shall be suspended.

**ARTICLE VI**

**THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE**

Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders or any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby, the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party (and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee). In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

- (c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:
- (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;
  - (ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law, the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement or under any Hedge Agreement by a Hedge Counterparty.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.



(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Noteholders representing the Majority Noteholders; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person engaged by the Indenture Trustee to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (hardware or software) systems and services, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise shall be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.2(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Noteholder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail and email to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Noteholder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties, Noteholders and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee shall post copies of the items provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 7.1 hereof and the Reserve Report provided pursuant to Section 8.5 hereof on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof (*provided* that within five (5) Business Days of posting, the Indenture Trustee will provide e-mail notice of such posting), for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to each Noteholder, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change. As currently configured, the Indenture Trustee's website will automatically issue an email notification to any Noteholder who has registered its email address with the Indenture Trustee of any posting of information to such website. Promptly after the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee will send by email a registration link for such website to each Noteholder with an email address listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement at such email address. Each Noteholder shall be responsible for its own registration for such website and the Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation to monitor any Noteholder's registration status. The Indenture Trustee shall not have any liability in connection with its website failing to automatically deliver the email notifications referenced in this Section 6.6 absent gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall, to the extent practicable and not prohibited by a court order or other operation of law, notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified, OCM and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

(b) If no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall appoint a replacement indenture trustee with the consent of the Majority Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such event; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement indenture trustee by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement with the consent of the Issuer and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), and the Issuer shall notify Diversified, OCM and each Rating Agency of such appointment. If a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any replacement of the Indenture Trustee hereunder shall be done by the Majority Noteholders.

(c) A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

(d) If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(e) If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(f) Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified, OCM, Noteholders and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

- (ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and
- (iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least A- (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

- (a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;
- (b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;



(c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;

(d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and

(e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

(a) *Annual Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant, which such independent public accountant shall be PricewaterhouseCoopers or another independent public accountant reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) *Quarterly Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of the first, second and third quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2023, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website:

- (i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2023, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified Corp as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) *Notice of Material Events* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or (viii) Warm Trigger Event, an Officer's Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer's expense (in accordance with [Section 8.6](#)), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) *Notices from Governmental Body* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to any Issuer Party from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) *Notices under Material Agreement* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by any Issuer Party, copies of all notices of termination, default or event of default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).

(f) *Payment Date Compliance Certificates* — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to [Section 7.1\(c\)](#), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no potential Warm Trigger Event or Warm Trigger Event, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").

(g) Ratings — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2022, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency in accordance with Section 9.17 of the Note Purchase Agreement; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee’s internet website.

Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, each Issuer Party shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party’s officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer Party be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, each Issuer Party shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer Party, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer Party, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer Party’s officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer, the Guarantors and the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements (whether directly from a Hedge Counterparty or from DP Tapstone) be made to the Collection Account in accordance with the Basic Documents; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

#### Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement as in effect on the date hereof or subsequently put into effect shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(d) The Issuer or Manager (acting upon the direction of the Issuer), for the benefit of one or more of the Secured Parties who are Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “Hedge Collateral Accounts”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Hedge Counterparty for whose benefit the Hedge Collateral Account has been established. Amounts posted as Posted Collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement, including those terms related to the interest rate applicable to and accrual of interest at such rate on all such Posted Collateral. The Issuer and Manager shall each have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee by written notice to make withdrawals and returns of Posted Collateral from any Hedge Collateral Account for purposes of satisfying the Issuer’s obligations under each applicable Hedge Agreement (the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon any such written direction as conclusive evidence of such duties under the relevant Hedge Agreement). The Issuer shall at all times ensure the Manager complies with its obligations under Section 8.8(f) as to each Hedge Collateral Account. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty’s right to the return of any excess Posted Collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests in each such Hedge Collateral account of the (i) Indenture Trustee, (ii) any Secured Parties who are not Hedge Counterparties and (iii) to the extent any Hedge Collateral Account is a segregated account, any Hedge Counterparties who are not the Hedge Counterparty for whose benefit the Hedge Collateral Account has been established.

(e) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “P&A Reserve Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. To the extent a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer’s most recently completed fiscal year, Available Funds shall be deposited into the P&A Reserve Account in an amount equal to the P&A Reserve Amount in accordance with Section 8.6. On each Payment Date, all amounts then on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be deposited into the Collection Account, where they will be considered part of Available Funds and distributed on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.6.

(f) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, (iii) the Liquidity Reserve Account and (iv) the P&A Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Indenture Trustee in Permitted Investments as directed in writing by the Manager. In the absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee’s common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(f), except to the extent it is acting separately in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and, subject to the limitations in Section 8.2(d), Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders, or, as applicable, the Hedge Counterparties) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(g) shall be the “Securities Intermediary.” On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express written agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are “securities accounts” within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York UCC and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a “financial asset” within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary’s jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other Person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other Person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(g)(i)(E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other Person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$500,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "A3" or better by Moody's, "A-" or better by S&P, and "A-" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and any Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, as applicable).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.



Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer or any Guarantor shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any transfer of Assets between the Guarantors pursuant to the proviso of the definition of Permitted Disposition) or purchased by the Manager from the Issuer or any Guarantor pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and used for such purpose, and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the repayment of the Notes and any required hedge termination payment with the remaining proceeds, the DSCR would be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the LTV shall be equal to or less than 75% and the IO DSCR would be equal to or greater than 2.00 to 1.00 (the "Proceeds Retention Condition"), then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that clause (ii) of the Proceeds Retention Condition is not satisfied and such Permitted Disposition is permitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Indenture, including the prior receipt of any required written consent of the Majority Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing (A) to effectuate a Redemption with such proceeds up to the total amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds required to satisfy clause (ii) of the Proceeds Retention Condition after giving effect to such Redemption and (B) following such Redemption of the Notes, to deposit any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) During the Asset Purchase Period, the Issuer shall be permitted to acquire Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clause (c) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Warm Trigger Event, Material Manager Default, Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the Proceeds Retention Condition shall be satisfied (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any, with any remaining amounts), and (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the “Asset Purchase Period”), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period; provided, further, that, during the Asset Purchase Period, to the extent any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, at any time during the Asset Purchase Period may, but at the end of the Asset Purchase Period shall direct any funds to redeem Notes such that after such redemption, the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 75%, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any; but in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of Notes so redeemed be less than the product of (i) 125% and (ii) 55% of the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds not used to purchase Additional Assets, and any remaining amounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and be deemed Available Funds for the next Payment Date.

#### Section 8.5 Asset Valuation.

(a) Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year (which report shall be audited or prepared by an Independent Petroleum Engineer) and on June 30 of each year (which report shall be internally prepared by the Issuer); provided, that the Issuer must deliver an updated Reserve Report within forty-five (45) days of any Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions (other than any transfer of Assets between the Guarantors pursuant to the proviso of the definition of Permitted Disposition) of an aggregate amount of Assets exceeding 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date (it being understood that (i) such updated Reserve Report may be the same report as the most recently delivered Reserve Report, rolled forward by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager and (ii) to the extent a Reserve Report with respect to a Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions has been so delivered to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency, the foregoing shall not require the delivery of an additional Reserve Report upon additional related Permitted Dispositions unless and until the aggregate amount of such additional related Permitted Dispositions exceeds 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date) (and, following any fiscal year for which the P&A Expense Amount exceeds the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount, such updated Reserve Report shall include a separate schedule identifying the estimated net capital expenditures associated with plugging and abandonment liabilities with respect to the Wellbore Interests), and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer’s behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer’s behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the Separation Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer Parties own good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties by posting any such Reserve Reports, certificates or other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5, to its internet website referenced in Section 6.6 hereof subject to the terms thereof.

Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority; provided, that, with respect to the Payment Dates on November 28, 2022 and December 28, 2022, amounts shall be applied from amounts deposited from the Liquidity Reserve Account into the Collection Account:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses owed to the Indenture Trustee; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(K) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply, and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); provided, however, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply;

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; provided, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause(B) exceed \$300,000 in any calendar year;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due, the Note Interest for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, termination payments arising from reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedge Agreements in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of the Indenture;

(E) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(F) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Notes, the Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy), in each case where Issuer is the Defaulting Party (as defined therein) of the related Hedge Agreement;

(G) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 50%;

(H) *pro rata and pari passu* (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, (i) based on the Outstanding Principal Balance, in the case of a Redemption, the applicable Redemption Price and (ii) the Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with clauses (D) or (F) above;

(I) if a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's prior fiscal year, to the P&A Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the P&A Reserve Account to equal the P&A Reserve Amount;

(J) to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(K) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(L) *pro rata and pari passu*, (a) to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above and (b) the Operator, any Operating Expense in excess of the Operating Expense Limit, including amounts owing from prior Payment Dates;

(M) *pro rata and pari passu* to DP Tapstone or OCM, any indemnity amount due and payable under the relevant Separation Agreement; and

(N) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, that does or would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, a Warm Trigger Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account or the P&A Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which a Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account, the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account and the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments:

(A) all payments required and in the order required by Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B), in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein;

(B) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (other than any termination amounts) and (2) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the respective Note Interest due, Note Interest;

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Outstanding Principal Balance, (2) without duplication, the applicable Redemption Price, and (3) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements (including any termination amounts and any other amounts due and payable by the Issuer thereunder) that have not been paid pursuant to clause (B);

(D) to the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (a) to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above and (b) to the Operator, any Operating Expense in excess of the Operating Expense Limit, including amounts owing from prior Payment Dates; and

(F) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Issuer Accounts (as applicable) and distributed in accordance with the priority of payments under Section 8.6(i) and Section 8.6(ii) and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (x) a Diversified Party other than the Issuer or (y) OCM pays any amounts to the Issuer (i) with respect to any matters arising out of or relating to a breach of contract or indemnification obligation under any Basic Document or (ii) under the applicable Separation Agreement, those amounts less, with respect to subclause (i), the sum of (A) any amounts paid or payable by the Issuer to any third parties as of the time of receipt with respect to the applicable breach or indemnification obligation and (B) any amounts reinvested or reasonably expected to be reinvested by the Issuer (including to cure or remedy any breach or liability) to the extent permitted by the Basic Documents, shall be paid to the Noteholders in a redemption of the Notes in accordance with clause (i) of the Priority of Payments set forth above without premium or penalty.

Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C) on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in Sections 8.6(i)(A) through (C). In addition, if Section 8.6(ii) applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in Section 8.6(ii), as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes and termination or expiration of all Hedge Agreements and payment in full of all obligations due and payable in connection therewith (including any early termination amounts due thereunder) and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to (x) post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture or (y) provide to each Hedge Counterparty who does not then have access to such website pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

(a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;

(b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Basic Documents;

(c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Oil and Gas Portfolio and the Hedge Agreements, along with a summary of all Hedge Agreements in place, including volumes and percentage of production that is hedged, along with a calculation of the hedge ratio;

- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees and expenses paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of (i) any payment (including breakage or termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period, (ii) all deposits into and payments out of each Hedge Collateral Account from or to each Hedge Counterparty during the Collection Period, and (iii) the balance of each Hedge Counterparty's deposits on such Payment Determination Date, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the name of each Hedge Counterparty entitled to the balance identified by the Manager in clause (ii) above; provided, however, if a segregated Hedge Collateral Account is maintained for any one or more of the Hedge Counterparties, the information set out in clauses (ii) and (iii) need only be provided to each such Hedge Counterparty, individually, the Indenture Trustee and the Securities Intermediary and will not be required to be posted on the Indenture Trustee's website;
- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (i) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount and the Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (j) the Note Interest, including any Subsequent Rate of Interest, with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) as of the Notification Date, confirmation as to whether a Subsequent Rate of Interest shall go into effect with, if applicable, a copy of the Satisfaction Notification;
- (l) the Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (m) the amount of the DSCR, the IO DSCR, the LTV, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period
- (n) the amounts on deposit in each Issuer Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;



- (o) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (p) identification of any Assets repurchased by Diversified by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets), to the extent applicable;
- (q) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (r) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (s) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer or the Guarantors;
- (t) any reports regarding greenhouse gas or other carbon emissions associated with any Issuer Party's operations or the products, to the extent publicly disclosed by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates;
- (u) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;
- (v) on an annual basis, on the Payment Determination Date occurring in March such report shall include the aggregate P&A Expense Amount for the preceding year and the excess, if any, of the P&A Expense Amount in excess of the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount;
- (w) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;
- (x) reasonably detailed information regarding any Title Failure (as defined in the Separation Agreement) of which any Issuer Party has Knowledge and all documentation with respect to any actions, claims or Proceedings under the Separation Agreement;
- (y) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;
- (z) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000;
- (aa) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions (other than any transfer of Assets between the Guarantors pursuant to the proviso of the definition of Permitted Disposition); and

(bb) on the first Payment Determination Date where either Sustainability Performance Target has been met, a statement to that effect, together with copies of the confirmation from the External Verifier.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.9 Risk Retention Disclosure.

(a) Within thirty (30) calendar days following the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee, based solely on information provided to it by Diversified, will make available to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties at its internet website set forth in Section 6.6 hereof, a statement with valuations prepared by Diversified, and furnished to the Indenture Trustee by Diversified in accordance with the terms hereof, that will set forth the following information:

(i) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the Risk Retained Interest retained by Diversified Corp (or its majority-owned Affiliate) as of the Closing Date, based on actual sale prices and finalized tranche sizes;

(ii) the fair value, expressed as a percentage of the fair value of all of the asset-backed securities issued by the Issuer on the Closing Date and by dollar amount, of the horizontal risk retention interest that Diversified Corp is required to retain under the U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) in no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor compliance with or enforce compliance with U.S. Credit Risk Retention Rules or other rules or regulations relating to risk retention. The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of such rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or other party for violation of such rules now or hereinafter in effect.

Section 8.10 [Reserved].

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

## ARTICLE IX

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures Not Requiring Consent of Noteholders. The Issuer Parties and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, without the consent of any of the Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties, if the rights of such Noteholders or Hedge Counterparty would not be adversely affected in any material respect and written confirmation from any Rating Agency currently rating the Notes that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, enter into any indenture or indentures supplemental to this Indenture for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Indenture;
- (b) to grant to or confer upon the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties any additional benefits, rights, remedies, powers or authorities;
- (c) to subject to this Indenture additional revenues, properties or collateral (other than Additional Assets);
- (d) in connection with an Issuer Party consolidating with or merging with any other Person or conveying, transferring or leasing all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person pursuant to Section 4.16, to evidence the assumption by such Person of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture and any other changes necessary to effect such transaction and the administration of this Indenture;
- (e) to modify, amend or supplement this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto in such manner as to permit the qualification hereof and thereof under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or any similar federal statute hereafter in effect or to permit the qualification of the Notes for sale under the securities laws of the United States of America or of any of the states of the United States of America, and, if they so determine, to add to this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto such other terms, conditions and provisions as may be permitted by said Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or similar federal statute;
- (f) to evidence the appointment of a separate or co-Indenture Trustee or a co-registrar or transfer agent or the succession of a new Indenture Trustee hereunder; or
- (g) to make any changes necessary to comply with or obtain more favorable treatment under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall permit, or be construed as permitting, any modification of the trusts, powers, rights, duties, remedies, indemnities, immunities and privileges of the Indenture Trustee without the prior written approval of the Indenture Trustee, which approval shall be evidenced by execution of a Supplemental Indenture; provided further, that a copy of such supplemental indenture or amendment shall be provided to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties within two (2) Business Days of the effectiveness of such supplemental indenture or amendment.

For any supplemental indenture or amendment pursuant to this Section 9.1, no such supplemental indenture or amendment shall be effective unless (i) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied and (ii) the Issuer furnishes to the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, at the Issuer's expense, an Opinion of Counsel stating that, or Officer's Certificate of the Issuer certifying that (a) such action is authorized or permitted by the Indenture, (b) all conditions precedent under the Indenture for the taking of such action have been complied with and (c) such action will not materially adversely affect the interests of any Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 9.2 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and written confirmation from any Rating Agency currently rating the Notes that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Noteholders of the Notes under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Noteholder of each Outstanding Note or the Hedge Counterparty of each Hedge Agreement affected thereby:

(i) change the Final Scheduled Payment Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Applicable Premium or Change of Control Applicable Premium or Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes or any payments or priority of payments to any Hedge Counterparty under the Hedge Agreements, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes or under the Hedge Agreements on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes, the consent of the Noteholders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Noteholders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term “Outstanding”;

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms “Available Funds,” “Equity Contribution Cure,” “Excess Allocation Percentage,” “Excess Amortization Amount,” “Excess Funds,” “GHG Emissions Performance Target,” “Hedge Agreement,” “Hedge Counterparty,” “Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirement,” “Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount,” “Majority Noteholders,” “Methane Emissions Performance Target,” “P&A Reserve Amount,” “Permitted Dispositions,” “Permitted Liens,” “Principal Distribution Amount,” “Production Tracking Rate,” “Rapid Amortization Event,” “Redemption Price,” “Reserve Report,” “Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount,” “Securitized Net Cash Flow,” “Warm Trigger Event,” “DSCR,” “IO DSCR” or “LTV”;

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Amount of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.2 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents (excluding the Hedge Agreements) cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Noteholder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby or, if any Hedge Agreements are to be affected thereby, without the consent of the Hedge Counterparties;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Noteholders to the benefit of any provisions for the optional or mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral (other than Permitted Liens) or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Noteholder of any Note or the Hedge Counterparty to any Hedge Agreement of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(iv), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes and the obligations of Issuer under the Hedge Agreements.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of all Hedge Counterparties. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) Reserved.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.2, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Noteholders of the Notes, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.3 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause any Issuer Party to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-up Manager.

Section 9.4 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Noteholders of the Notes shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.5 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

**ARTICLE X  
REDEMPTION OF NOTES**

Section 10.1 Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Noteholder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Noteholder.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be posted to the Indenture Trustee's website for distributing information to the Noteholders and given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, overnight mail or postage prepaid not later than thirty (30) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Noteholder affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Noteholder's address appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Noteholder shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable. On or before such Redemption Date, Issuer shall cause the aggregate Redemption Price to be deposited to the Collection Account, and such amount shall be paid in accordance with Section 8.6(ii).

#### ARTICLE XI SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or



(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Final Scheduled Payment Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At any time that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein and in the Basic Documents otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Noteholders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

**ARTICLE XII  
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act of the Noteholders" signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Noteholder of any Notes shall bind the Noteholder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 301 Congress Avenue, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78703, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(v) OCM by the Issuer, by the Indenture Trustee or by any Noteholder shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to OCM addressed to: OCM Denali Holdings, LLC, c/o Oaktree Capital Management, Attention: Robert LaRoche; Ross Rosenfelt, at 333 South Grand Avenue, 28th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071, email: rlaroche@oaktreecapital.com and rosenfelt@oaktreecapital.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Attention: Michael De Voe Piazza, at 811 Main Street, Suite 3000, Houston, Texas 77002, email: mpiazza@gibsondunn.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by OCM.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any material notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties: Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Noteholder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Noteholder providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Noteholder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein or in the other Basic Documents.

Section 12.11 Payment Date Not A Business Day. In any case where the date on which any payment is due (or, with respect to a Hedge Collateral Account, a transfer is to be made under the Hedge Agreement) shall not be a Business Day, then (i) notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due and (ii) payments or transfers under the Hedge Agreement will be made in accordance with the provisions of such Hedge Agreement.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON-APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts (including electronic PDF), each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Each of the parties hereto agrees that the transactions consisting of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents (other than the Notes) may be conducted by electronic means. Each party agrees, and acknowledges that it is such party's intent, that if such party signs this Indenture or any other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature, it is signing, adopting, and accepting this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) and that signing this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature is the legal equivalent of having placed its handwritten signature on this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) on paper. Each party acknowledges that it is being provided with an electronic or paper copy of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents in a usable format.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information.

(a) The Issuer shall comply with its obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act ("Rule 17g-5"), if any, by its or its agent's posting on the website required to be maintained under Rule 17g-5 (the "17g-5 Website"), no later than the time such information is provided to a Rating Agency, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Indenture Trustee and the Manager, provide to the Rating Agency for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the "17g-5 Information"); provided, that following the Closing Date, no party other than the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager may provide information to a Rating Agency on the Issuer's behalf without the prior written consent of the Issuer.



(b) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, if any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, a Rating Agency in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture or any other Basic Document, the Issuer, or the Manager, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly post, or cause to be posted, such information or communication to the 17g-5 Website. The Indenture Trustee will provide any information given to the Rating Agency to the Issuer and the Manager simultaneously with giving such information to the Rating Agency.

(c) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5 and to the extent any of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or the Manager are engaged in oral communications with the Rating Agency, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with the Rating Agency shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website (or with respect to the Indenture Trustee, in the case of either (x) or (y), delivered to the Issuer and the Manager for posting on the 17g-5 Website).

(d) To the extent that the Issuer is required to comply with Rule 17g-5, all information to be made available to a Rating Agency hereunder shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it to be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Issuer shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).

(e) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Indenture Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining an initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with a Rating Agency or any of its respective officers, directors or employees.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for determining compliance with 17g-5, maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be deemed to make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other Law or regulation.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO, any of their agents or any other party. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, the Rating Agency, any NRSRO or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.

(h) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by a third-party service provider of the 17g-5 Website shall be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other Law or regulation related thereto.

### **ARTICLE XIII GUARANTEES**

#### Section 13.1 Guarantees.

(a) Each Guarantor, hereby jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the Notes, Hedge Agreements and the Obligations hereunder and thereunder, and guarantees to each Noteholder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty and to the Indenture Trustee on behalf of such Noteholder and such Hedge Counterparty, that:

(i) the principal of and premium, if any and interest on the Notes shall be paid in full when due, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise (including, without limitation, the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code), together with interest on the overdue principal, if any, and interest on any overdue interest, to the extent lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Noteholders or the Indenture Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof;

(ii) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or of any such other Obligations, the same shall be paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at the Legal Final Maturity Date, by acceleration or otherwise; and

(iii) the full amount of all obligations of Issuer under the Hedge Agreements shall be paid in full when due, whether on a particular payment date, by acceleration or otherwise (including, without limitation, the amount that would become due but for the operation of the automatic stay under Section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code), together with interest on each overdue amount as provided for under any Hedge Agreement, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the applicable Hedge Counterparty thereunder shall be paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms thereof.

The obligations of each Guarantor are direct, independent and primary obligations of each Guarantor and are irrevocable, absolute, unconditional, and continuing obligations and are not conditioned in any way upon the institution of suit or the taking of any other action, the pursuit of any remedies or any attempt to enforce performance of or compliance with the Obligations by the Issuer and each Guarantor, and their respective successors, transferees or assigns, and shall constitute a guaranty of payment and performance and not of collection, binding upon the Guarantors and its successors and assigns and irrevocable without regard to the validity, legality or enforceability of this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or the lack of power or authority of the Issuer or the Guarantors to enter into this Indenture or any other Basic Document, or any substitution, release or exchange of any other guaranty or any other security for any of the Obligations or any other circumstance whatsoever (other than payment) that might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or guarantor, and shall not be subject to any right of set off, recoupment or counterclaim and are in no way conditioned or contingent upon any attempt to collect from the Issuer, the Guarantors or any other entity or to perfect or enforce any security or upon any other condition or contingency or upon any other action, occurrence, or circumstance whatsoever.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Guarantors shall not have any right to terminate this guaranty, or to be released, relieved or discharged from its obligations hereunder except as provided in Section 11.1 hereof, and such obligations shall not be affected, diminished, modified or impaired for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, (i) the change, modification or amendment of any obligation, duty, guarantee, warranty, responsibility, covenant or agreement set forth in this Indenture, the granting of any extension of time for payment to the Issuer or any other surety, or any extension or renewal of the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture, (ii) the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of any of the Issuer's or the Guarantors' assets, the receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization of or similar proceedings affecting the Issuer or the Guarantors or any of the assets of the Issuer or the Guarantors, (iii) any furnishing or acceptance of additional security or any exchange, surrender, substitution or release of any security, (iv) any waiver, consent or other action or inaction or any exercise or non-exercise of any right, remedy or power with respect to the Obligations or this Indenture, (v) any merger or consolidation of the Issuer or the Guarantors into or with any other person or entity, the Issuer's loss of its separate corporate identity or its ceasing to be an Affiliate of the Guarantors, or (vi) the failure to give notice to the Guarantors of the occurrence of a default under the terms and provisions of this Indenture.

(b) Each Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any right it may have now, or in the future, under law or in equity, to: (i) the notice of any waiver or extension granted to the Issuer; (ii) all notices which may be required by applicable statute, rule of law or otherwise to preserve any of the rights of the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties against the Issuer, each Guarantor or any other person; (iii) require either that an action be brought against the Issuer or any other person or entity as a condition to proceeding against the Guarantors, or to require that action be first taken against any security given by the Issuer or the Guarantors; (iv) notice of (a) any Noteholder's or Hedge Counterparty's acceptance and reliance on this guaranty, (b) default or demand in the case of default, provided such notice or demand has been given to or made upon the Issuer or the Guarantors, and (c) any extensions or consents granted to the Issuer, the Guarantors or any other surety; (v) promptness, diligence, presentment, demand of payment or enforcement and any other notice with respect to any of the Obligations and this guaranty; (vi) require any election of remedies; (vii) require the marshalling of assets or the resort to any other security; (viii) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, claim any other defense, contingency, circumstance or matter which might constitute a legal or equitable discharge of a surety or Guarantors; (ix) any defense based on or arising out of the voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, receivership, or other similar proceeding affecting the Issuer; or (x) any defense related to the addition, substitution or partial or entire release of any guarantor, maker or other party (including the Issuer and each Guarantor) primarily or secondarily liable or responsible for the performance and observance of any of the terms set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents or by any extension, waiver, amendment or action whatsoever which may release a guarantor (other than performance).

(c) If any Noteholder, Hedge Counterparty or the Indenture Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer or the Guarantors, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantors, any amount paid by any of them to the Indenture Trustee or such Noteholder or Hedge Counterparty, the Guarantee of each of the Guarantors, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect. This paragraph (c) shall remain effective notwithstanding any contrary action which may be taken by the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in reliance upon such amount required to be returned. This paragraph (c) shall survive the termination of this Indenture.

(d) Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between each Guarantor, as applicable, on the one hand, and the Noteholders, Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the Obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article V hereof for the purposes of the Guarantee of such Guarantor, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the Obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any acceleration of such Obligations as provided in Article V hereof, such Obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by each Guarantor for the purpose of the Guarantee of such Guarantor.

Section 13.2 Severability. In case any provision of any Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 13.3 Limitation of Liability.

(a) No Fraudulent Conveyance. Each Guarantor, and, by its acceptance hereof, each Noteholders confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Guarantee of such Guarantor shall not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law or the provisions of its local law relating to fraudulent transfer or conveyance. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor under its Guarantee shall be limited to the maximum amount that will not, after giving effect to all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under its Guarantee, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance.

(b) No Personal Liability. No member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer, as such, past, present or future of each Guarantor shall have any liability under this Guarantee by reason of his/her or its status as such member, manager, employee, officer, or organizer.

Section 13.4 Release of Guarantee. A Guarantee by each Guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released upon the discharge of this Indenture in accordance with Section 11.1 and satisfaction in full of the Obligations of the Issuer hereunder.

Section 13.5 Benefits Acknowledged. Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the transactions contemplated by the Indenture and other Basic Documents and that its guarantee and waivers pursuant to its Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE VI LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DIVERSIFIED ABS VI UPSTREAM LLC

By: /s/ Eric Williams  
Name: Eric Williams  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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By: /s/ Eric Williams

Name: Eric Williams

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon

Name: Michele Voon

Title: Vice President

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**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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Sch. A

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.9**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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Sch. 3.9

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

THIS NOTE IS BEING ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUE PRICE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT, THE ISSUE DATE, AND THE YIELD TO MATURITY OF THIS NOTE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY CALLING +1 (205) 408-0909.

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR OCM DENALI HOLDINGS LLC (“OCM”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED OR OCM TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

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No.: \_\_\_\_

PPN: [ · ]

Class: [ · ]

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE VI LLC

7.50% NOTES

Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [PURCHASER], or its registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture, dated as of October [27], 2022 (the “Indenture”), among the Issuer, Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (“Diversified Upstream”), Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Oaktree Upstream” and, together with Diversified Upstream, the “Guarantors”) and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as securities intermediary; *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of November 28, 2039 (the “Final Scheduled Payment Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Appendix A of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Escrow Funding Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof.

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate, plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner. Such default interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSIFIED ABS PHASE VI LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its 7.50% Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, on the Final Scheduled Payment Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be November 28, 2022.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Final Scheduled Payment Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or v of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Noteholders and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Noteholder hereof or such Noteholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Noteholder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” or “modified expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by law) for all purposes including federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder’s acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS form or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Noteholders under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Noteholders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Noteholder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Noteholder and upon all future Noteholders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Noteholders of the Notes issued thereunder.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Noteholder by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Noteholder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

\_\_\_\_\_

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

FORM OF TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE

[\*\*Omitted\*\*]

Ex. B-1

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**EXHIBIT C**

FORM OF INVESTMENT LETTER

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Ex. C-1

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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Ex. D-1

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## APPENDIX A

### PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Information” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“17g-5 Website” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“ABS I Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of November 13, 2019 between Diversified ABS LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS II Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of April 9, 2020 between Diversified ABS Phase II LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS III Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of February 4, 2022 between Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC, Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS IV Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of February 23, 2022, between Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS V Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A. as indenture trustee under the indenture dated as of May 27, 2022, between Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC and UMB Bank, N.A.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (that are upstream assets similar to the Wellbore Interests) purchased and acquired by the Issuer (or any Subsidiary thereof) from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified, OCM or any Affiliate thereof) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified or OCM substantially the same as those in each of the Separation Agreements; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis, as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement as of the Closing Date.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager, any Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Back-up Manager and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person controlling or controlled by or under common control with such specified Person; provided that for the purposes of the foregoing, only OCM and Persons that are directly or indirectly controlled by OCM shall be considered Affiliates of the Issuer Parties, and not any of OCM’s direct or indirect owners, parent funds, parallel investment vehicles or entities under common control therewith. For the purposes of this definition, “control” when used with respect to any Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms “controlling” and “controlled” have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of October.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

- (a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus
- (b) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in October, 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (if applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over
- (c) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means, in respect of the Wellbore Interests and related Additional Assets, each of the Separation Agreements, the Plans of Division, and the Statements of Division.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) amounts transferred from the P&A Reserve Account to the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture, (d) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (e) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (f) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (g) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure; provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, any Posted Collateral in any Hedge Collateral Account shall not be a part of and is expressly excluded from being a part of Available Funds.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means AlixPartners, LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, each Joint Operating Agreement, each Separation Agreement, the DABS VI Upstream Operating Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, each Plan of Division, each Statement of Division, the Distribution and Contribution Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Novation Agreements, the Settlement Agreement, each Mortgage, each Escrow Agreement and other documents and certificates delivered in connection with any of the foregoing.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Book-Entry Notes” means a note registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, ownership of which is reflected on the books of the Depository or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly or as an indirect participant in accordance with the rules of such Depository); provided, that after the occurrence of a condition whereupon Definitive Notes are to be issued to Noteholders, such Book-Entry Notes shall no longer be “Book-Entry Notes”.

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non-participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Diversified Energy Company Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries taken as a whole to any Person (including any “person” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Qualifying Owner;

(b) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager;

(c) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that (A) any Person (including any “person” (as defined above)), excluding the Qualifying Owners, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, units or the like and (B) two (2) or more of the members of the Management Team as of immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction resign or are removed from their respective position; or

(d) the occurrence of any event or series of events that results in Manager or Operator ceasing to be Controlled by Diversified Energy Company Plc.

Notwithstanding the preceding, a conversion of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, or any of their direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries from a limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity to a limited liability company, corporation, limited partnership or other form of entity (including by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or liquidation) or an exchange of all of the outstanding capital stock in one form of entity for capital stock in another form of entity or the transfer or redomestication of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, to or in another jurisdiction shall not constitute a Change of Control, so long as following such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication the “persons” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who beneficially owned the capital stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, immediately prior to such transactions, together with Qualifying Owners, beneficially own in the aggregate more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity, or beneficially own sufficient capital stock in such entity to elect a majority of its directors, managers, trustees or other persons serving in a similar capacity for such entity or its general partner, as applicable, and, in either case no “person” (other than a Qualifying Owner) beneficially owns more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity or its general partner, as applicable. References to Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, in the foregoing clauses (a)- (d) shall also refer to the surviving entity after giving effect to such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication.

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in October, 2026 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (if applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to the Payment Date occurring on October, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after the Payment Date occurring in October, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Class A-1 Notes” or “Definitive Notes” means definitive, fully registered 7.50% Class A-1 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class A-2 Notes” or “Global Notes” means, individually and collective, each of the 7.50% Class A-2 Notes, deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean October 27, 2022.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the Initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of Collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, commencing with the first Payment Date following the six month anniversary of the Closing Date, during any Collection Period after which an Operating Expense Suspension Event has occurred, other than any royalties, taxes, and Third Party Post-Production Expenses, Operator shall only be permitted to net Operating Expenses pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement up to the Operating Expense Limit. Operating Expenses (other than royalties, taxes, and Third Party Post-Production Expenses) chargeable to the Issuer’s account in excess of the Operating Expense Limit shall be owed to the Operator and shall be payable in accordance with Section 8.6(i)(L) or Section 8.6(ii)(E), as applicable. Any rights of Operator as against the Issuer, as non-operators, under the Joint Operating Agreement with respect to any non- payment of Operating Expenses (other than royalties, taxes, and Third Party Post-Production Expenses) in excess the Operating Expense Limit will be waived, other than pursuant to payments of such amounts made in accordance with Section 8.6(i)(L) or Section 8.6(ii)(E), as applicable. For clarity, in no event shall third party working interest owner revenues or monies be withheld, not paid to the third parties, or otherwise be subject to the Operating Expense Limit.



“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the Contemplated Transaction or the execution or delivery of the Basic Documents.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents, including: (a)(x) the formation of Diversified Upstream pursuant to the Diversified Separation Agreement and the vesting of the Wellbore Interests in Diversified Upstream by operation of law and (y) the formation of Oaktree Upstream pursuant to the Oaktree Separation Agreement and the vesting of the Wellbore Interests in Oaktree Upstream by operation of law; (b) the formation of each Guarantor pursuant to the Diversified Upstream Operating Agreement and Oaktree Upstream Operating Agreement, respectively; (c) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Asset Vesting Documents; (d) the entering into the Basic Documents by the Diversified Parties and the Oaktree Entities and the performance by the Diversified Parties and the Oaktree Entities of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (e) the Issuer’s and each Guarantor’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer and each Guarantor contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer or any Guarantor is a party.

“Control” and its derivatives shall mean, with respect to any Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to exercise or determine the voting of more than 50% of the voting rights in a corporation, and, in the case of any other type of entity, the right to exercise or determine the voting of more than 50% of the equity interests having voting rights, or otherwise to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Person does not directly or indirectly direct or cause the direction of the investment decisions of another Person, then such Person shall not be deemed to “Control” such other Person for purposes hereof (e.g., the ownership by such Person of equity interests in a portfolio company with respect to which such Person (a) does not direct or cause the direction of the board of directors or other managing body of such portfolio company, if applicable, (b) is part of a consortium or other group of owners that collectively direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company but such Person does not individually direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company, or (c) has only negative consent rights or similar negative control rights and/or only limited affirmative rights without the ability to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company generally).

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s, Diversified Holdings’ and each Guarantor’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, Attn: ABS Structured Finance, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by written notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on October 27, 2022.

“DABS” means Diversified ABS LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“DABS II” means Diversified ABS Phase II LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“DABS III” means Diversified ABS Phase III LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“DABS IV” means Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“DABS V” means Diversified ABS Phase V LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“DABS Upstream VI Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Upstream, dated as of October 19, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Default in Other Agreements” means any Diversified Party or any Affiliate of a Diversified Party shall fail to pay when due any principal or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents); if such failure to pay, breach or default entitles the holder to cause such Indebtedness having an individual principal amount in excess of \$5,000,000 or having an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$10,000,000 to become or be declared due prior to its stated maturity.

“Depository” means initially, the Depository Trust Company, the nominee of which is Cede & Co., and any permitted successor depository.

“Depository Agreement” means, to the extent in existence, any agreement as between the Issuer and the Depository, governing the rights and responsibilities of each party.

“Depository Participant” means a broker, dealer, bank or other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Distribution and Contribution Agreement” means that certain Distribution and Contribution Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, by and among Diversified, DP Tapstone Energy Holdings, LLC, OCM, Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC, Diversified Holdings and the Issuer.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Diversified Companies” shall mean each of Diversified Energy Company Plc and the Diversified Parties.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean Diversified ABS Phase VI Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Diversified Marketing” shall mean Diversified Energy Marketing LLC, an Alabama limited liability company.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Holdings, Diversified Upstream and the Issuer.

“Diversified Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Diversified Separation Agreement.

“Diversified Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated October 19, 2022, by and among DP Tapstone, Diversified Corp, the Issuer and Diversified Upstream.

“Diversified Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Statement of Division” in the Diversified Separation Agreement.

“Diversified Upstream” shall mean Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Diversified Upstream Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Upstream, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Time” in each of the Separation Agreements.

“DP Tapstone” means DP Legacy Tapstone LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2023, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid Note Interest on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount for each of such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to the Quarterly Determination Date.

“Eligible Account” means a segregated account with an Eligible Institution.

“Eligible Collateral” means, for any Hedge Agreement entered into between Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty, cash and no other forms of collateral.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the States thereof (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or, as applicable to any Hedge Collateral Account, the Hedge Counterparties, or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or, as applicable to any Hedge Collateral Account, the Hedge Counterparties, and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, Lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any Law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Body relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Final Scheduled Payment Date, Diversified Holdings’ contribution of equity to the Issuer made by depositing cash into the Collection Account, but not more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes as of the Closing Date in aggregate and no more frequently than (i) twice (in aggregate) per calendar year and (ii) six (in total) until the earlier of maturity or Redemption of Notes; provided that such contribution of equity shall not be made for any consecutive Payment Dates or Collection Periods.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer for purposes of Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA.

“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Escrow Agent” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” means each escrow agreement, dated as of October 26, 2022 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and certain Noteholders referenced therein.

“Escrow Funding Date” shall mean October 26, 2022.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

- (a) (i) If the DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.15 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 0%; or
- (b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80.0%, then 100%, otherwise 0%; or
- (c) If the LTV is greater than 75.0%, then 100%, otherwise 0%.

“Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the Excess Allocation Percentage of the Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (F) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (F) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture).

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (M) thereof.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated Person.

“External Verifier” means an Independent Person engaged by Diversified Corp or any of its Affiliates who in the ordinary course of business evaluates metrics such as the Sustainability Linked Performance Targets and provides limited assurances with respect thereto.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Final Scheduled Payment Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of October 2039.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“Gas Basis Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(b) of the Indenture.

“Gas Basis Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(b) of the Indenture.

“GHG Emissions Performance Target” means attaining Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target set forth in the Sustainability Framework to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity to 2.85 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe for the Observation Period as certified by the External Verifier.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, State, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, State, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a Lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Guarantee” means any guarantee of the Notes, Hedge Agreements and the Obligations by each Guarantor pursuant to Article XIII of the Indenture.

“Guarantors” shall mean each of Diversified Upstream and Oaktree Upstream.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

- (a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;
- (b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;
- (c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or
- (d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreement” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date or thereafter), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty.

“Hedge Agreement Interest Rate” means the Federal Funds (Effective) rate published in N.Y. Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15(519) for that day, or such other recognized source used for the purpose of displaying such rate which shall be applied by the Indenture Trustee (or, if applicable, an Eligible Institution) to all deposits in any one or more Hedge Collateral Accounts.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” means, at any time, for any entity who is a party to a Hedge Agreement, such entity either (A) maintains (i) a long-term debt rating of at least BBB- by Fitch or (ii) a short-term debt rating of at least F3 by Fitch, or (B) if applicable, is subject to and in compliance with such other rating and collateral posting requirements as required by Fitch for purposes of maintaining a rating of at least BBB by Fitch.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.



“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

- (a) its liabilities for borrowed money;
- (b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);
- (c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;
- (d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);
- (e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);
- (f) all its liabilities (including delivery, payment and credit support obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and
- (g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, Manager, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified, OCM, the Indenture Trustee and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any Material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, OCM, the Indenture Trustee or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, OCM, the Indenture Trustee or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or other Person performing similar functions.

“Independent Petroleum Engineer” means (a) Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., (b) Ryder Scott Petroleum Consultants, L.P., (c) DeGolyer and MacNaughton, (d) Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc., (e) Wright & Company, (f) W.D. Von Gonten & Co., and (e) any other independent petroleum engineer reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any Noteholder holding (together with one or more of its Affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any Noteholder.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date for the Notes, the period from and including the immediately preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the Initial Payment Date, from and including the Escrow Funding Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means 7.50% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date” means the Payment Date on May 28, 2027.

“Initial Payment Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Payment Date in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Investment Company Act” means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2023, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the aggregate Note Interest with respect to the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Parties” means the Issuer and the Guarantors.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means that certain Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, 2022, among Diversified, in its capacity as Operator and any successor thereunder, Diversified Upstream, Oaktree Upstream and, solely for purposes of Article XVI.O thereof, DP Tapstone.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, and as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, (a) with respect to any Diversified Company, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer of such entity, and (b) with respect to any Oaktree Entity, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer of such entity.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, State, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof.

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit C to each of the Separation Agreements.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means \$17,608,167.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” means, with respect to (a) first Payment Date, the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, (b) any Payment Date after the first Payment Date and prior to which the Principal Coverage Condition has been achieved, the product of (i) 6 and (ii) the sum of (y) the Note Interest and (z) Senior Transaction Fees (this amount shall not be less than 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit) or (c) any Payment Date on or after which the Principal Coverage Condition has been achieved, \$0.

“LTV” means, as of any applicable date of determination, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account divided by (b) the sum of the PV-10, as of such date of determination.

“Majority Noteholders” means (i) as of any date of determination on which any Notes are Outstanding, Noteholders (other than any Diversified Company and the Oaktree Entity and each of their respective Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes and (ii) as of any date of determination on which no Notes are Outstanding, and any of the Hedge Agreements with Hedge Counterparties remain outstanding or any payments thereunder, including the termination value, remain unpaid, Majority Noteholders shall mean the Hedge Counterparties until such time that all of the Hedge Agreements with the Hedge Counterparties have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Manager, Diversified Corp, OCM and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Management Team” means, at any point in time, those certain individuals serving as officers of Diversified Energy Company Plc as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel.

“Manager” means Diversified, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party or Issuer Party, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, Oaktree Entity, the Manager or the Operator to perform any Material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, Oaktree Entity, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such Person is a party in any Material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, Oaktree Entity, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such Person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Methane Emissions Performance Target” means attaining Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target set forth in the Sustainability Framework to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 methane emissions intensity to 1.12 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe for the Observation Period as certified by the External Verifier.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee, the Secured Parties, on real property of the Issuer or any Guarantor, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe” means metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Natural Gas Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(a) of the Indenture.

“Natural Gas Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(a) of the Indenture.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“NGL Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(c) of the Indenture.

“NGL Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(c) of the Indenture.

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to the Notes on the Outstanding Principal Balance plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid Note Interest from prior Payment Dates, together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Diversified Parties, the Oaktree Entities and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).

“Note Register” and “Note Registrar” have the respective meanings specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Note is registered in the Note Register and, with respect to a Book Entry Note, the Person who is the owner of such Book Entry Note, as reflected on the books of the Depository, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. Federal Income Tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a Person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a Person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes.

“Notification Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Satisfaction Notification in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Novation Agreements” means the (i) Novation Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, among Bank of America, N.A., Diversified Corp and Issuer, (ii) Novation Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, among Bank of America, N.A., Oaktree Opportunities Fund XI Holdings (Delaware) L.P. and Issuer, (iii) Novation Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, among Morgan Stanley & Co. International Plc, Oaktree Opportunities Fund XI Holdings (Delaware), L.P., Bank of America, N.A. and Issuer, (iv) Novation Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, among J. Aron & Company LLC, DP RBL Co LLC and Issuer and (v) Novation Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022, among Oaktree Opportunities Fund XI Holdings (Delaware), L.P., Goldman Sachs International, J. Aron & Company LLC and Issuer.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission and acceptable to the SVO.

“Oaktree Entities” means OCM and Oaktree Upstream.

“Oaktree Separation” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the Oaktree Separation Agreement.

“Oaktree Separation Agreement” means the Separation Agreement, dated October 19, 2022, by and among OCM, the Issuer and Oaktree Upstream.

“Oaktree Statement of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Certificate of Division” in the Oaktree Separation Agreement.

“Oaktree Upstream” shall mean Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Oaktree Upstream Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Oaktree Upstream, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Obligations” means all of the obligations of the Issuer and each Guarantor with respect to the Notes and any other Basic Document, including any Hedge Agreement, owed or owing to Indenture Trustee, a Noteholder, Hedge Counterparty or any other Person, as set forth under any Basic Document (whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising), including, without limitation, the obligation to pay principal, interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any default interest required under the Indenture), any Redemption Price, Change of Control Redemption Price and all actual, reasonable and documented costs, charges and expenses, attorney’s fees and disbursements, and indemnities.

“Observation Period” means the year ended December 31, 2026.

“OCM” means OCM Denali Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Oil and Gas Portfolio” means, as of any date of determination, all Assets then held by the Issuer or the Guarantors.

“Oil Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(d) of the Indenture.

“Oil Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(d) of the Indenture.

“Operating Expense Limit” means, with respect to any Collection Period, 80% of the amount of gross collections from sales of hydrocarbons (net of royalties, taxes, and Third Party Post-Production Expenses) attributable to the Working Interests, ~~plus~~ the aggregate of the Equity Contribution Cures (in the form of cash), if any, deposited in the Collection Account.

“Operating Expense Suspension Event” means, as of any date of Payment Determination Date, (i) the aggregate Operating Expenses (for the avoidance of doubt, without giving effect to royalties and taxes) for the immediately preceding three Collection Periods exceeding (ii) the aggregate Operating Expense Limit over such three Collection Periods.

“Operating Expenses” means the amounts chargeable to the Joint Account (as defined in the Joint Operating Agreement, but in any event including lease operating expenses, transportation expenses and plugging and abandonment expenses) with respect to the Issuer’s interest. Operating Expenses excludes any amounts otherwise paid by the Issuer under the Basic Documents and any internal general and administrative expenses of the Issuer.

“Operator” means Diversified, in its capacity as operator under any Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 or any other applicable provision of the Indenture and shall be in form and, if applicable, substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under State Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the State Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Noteholders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and



(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Noteholders of the requisite Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

"Outstanding Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of all Notes outstanding at the date of determination.

"Outstanding Principal Balance" means, as of any date of determination, the Outstanding Amount of the Notes on the Closing Date, less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Notes.

"P&A Expense Amount" means, for any fiscal year, the actual aggregate net amount of plugging and abandonment expenses attributable to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, which amount shall be determined by the Manager in accordance with the Management Standards (as defined in the Management Services Agreement).

"P&A Reserve Account" means one or more accounts or sub-accounts established on or before the Closing Date on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and maintained by the Securities Intermediary in the name of the Issuer, in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"P&A Reserve Amount" means, with respect to any Payment Date after which a P&A Reserve Trigger occurs, an amount equal to two (2) times the excess, if any, of (a) the P&A Expense Amount for the fiscal year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger over (b) the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

"P&A Reserve Trigger" means the determination as of the Payment Determination Date in March of any fiscal year that the P&A Expense Amount for the Issuer's prior fiscal year exceeded the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

"P&A Reserve Trigger Amount" means (i) for fiscal years 2022 through 2026, an amount equal to \$1,000,000, (ii) for fiscal years 2027 through 2035, an amount equal to \$1,500,000, and (iii) for fiscal years 2036 through 2037 an amount equal to \$2,000,000.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28th day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date for interest only will be November 28, 2022 and the first principal Payment Date will be November 28, 2022.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(f) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer or any Guarantor, as applicable, at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) the aggregate amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 15% of the Assets on the basis of value as of the Closing Date;
- (b) the aggregate amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of Diversified or OCM does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets;
- (c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties;
- (d) the DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the LTV shall not be greater than 75% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any;
- (e) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied;
- (f) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event; and
- (g) the proceeds of any disposition of Collateral shall be sufficient (together with other funds available for such purpose in accordance with Section 8.6(i)) to pay any breakage or termination amounts (including any interest thereon) owing to any Hedge Counterparty as a result of any termination of hedges required by Section 4.28 in connection with such disposition;

provided, however, that notwithstanding the foregoing clauses (a)– (g), any transfer of Assets between the Guarantors shall be in any event be deemed a Permitted Disposition and permitted under the Indenture.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.

“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, Fitch or S&P equal to “Aaa-mf”, “AAAmmf”, or “AAM”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall, with respect to the Wellbore Interests, have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in each of the Separation Agreements, as of the Closing Date.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agents” means BofA Securities LLC, DCMB Securities LLC and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as placement agents.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, State, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Plans of Division” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the applicable Separation Agreement.

“Pledge Agreement” means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Diversified Holdings, the Issuer, the Guarantors, Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as amended from time to time.

“Posted Collateral” shall mean all Eligible Collateral and the proceeds thereof, including all interest accruing on any such sums, that has been received by the Issuer from a Hedge Counterparty under a Hedge Agreement and has been deposited in to an applicable Hedge Collateral Account.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Prepayment Premium” means an amount equal to (i) with respect to any redemption of the Notes prior to October 28, 2023, the sum of (a) the Applicable Premium and (b) two percent (2%) of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then being redeemed, (ii) with respect to any redemption of the Notes after October 28, 2023 and prior to October 28, 2024, the sum of (a) the Applicable Premium and (b) one percent (1%) of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then being redeemed and (iii) with respect to any redemption of the Notes after October 28, 2024 and prior to October 28, 2026, the Applicable Premium.

“Principal Coverage Condition” means the first Payment Date upon which the sum of (a) Available Funds available subsequent to distributions on such Payment Date pursuant to clause 8.6(i)(C) of the Priority of Payments and (b) the amounts available in the Liquidity Reserve Account, is greater than the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (G) of Section 8.6(i) of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

- (b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;
- (c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and
- (d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders' regulatory and self-regulatory bodies (including the SVO) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Proceeds Retention Condition” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of this Indenture.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Semi-Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in January 2023, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“PV-10” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the sum of (i) the projected net cash flows from the Oil and Gas Portfolio categorized as proved, developed and producing, using commodity strip prices and (ii) the positive or negative aggregate mark-to-market value determined as of such date of determination of all Hedge Agreements, calculated in the aggregate for all Hydrocarbons hedged, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Qualifying Owner” means any Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) that directly or indirectly holds or acquires 100% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, and of which no other Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) holds more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock thereof.

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event, (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement, (iv) any Default in Other Agreements, or (v) on or after September, 2028, the LTV as of any Annual Determination Date is greater than forty percent (40%); provided that a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to the foregoing clause (v) may be cured upon delivery of an updated Reserve Report audited or prepared by an Independent Petroleum Engineer on or prior to the date required by Section 8.5 of the Indenture which would result in, as of the next Annual Determination Date or, if earlier, the effective date of such Reserve Report, an LTV less than or equal to 40%.

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long-term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act, that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean [globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com](mailto:globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com).

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, any Payment Date on or after the Closing Date, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, (i) with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (a) prior to October 28, 2026, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Prepayment Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, (b) from October 28, 2026 to October 27, 2027, an amount equal to 102% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, (c) from October 28, 2027 to October 27, 2028, an amount equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date, and (d) on or after October 28, 2028, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date and (ii) with respect to a Change of Control, the Change of Control Redemption Price.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Noteholder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an Affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Separation Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Separation Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer and the Guarantors, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes, Operating Expenses and capital expenditures with respect to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.

“Risk Retained Interest”: The limited liability company interests in the Issuer representing, at the Closing Date, a fair value of not less than five percent (5%) of the fair value of all “ABS interests” (as defined in the Credit Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer, determined using a fair value measurement framework under GAAP.

“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19(a) of the Indenture.

“Satisfaction Notification” means an Officer’s Certificate delivered at least 30 days prior to the Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date (the “Notification Date”) that in respect of the Observation Period: (i) one or both Sustainability Linked Performance Targets have been satisfied and (ii) the satisfaction of each Sustainability Linked Performance Target has been confirmed by the External Verifier in accordance with customary procedures.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit B to each Separation Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date.

“Secured Parties” means, collectively, each Noteholder, the Indenture Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty and the Back-up Manager, and “Secured Party” means any of them individually.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(g) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Oil and Gas Portfolio deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate amount of Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of the Hedge Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Semi-Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January and July.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified Corp, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified Corp.

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Separation Agreements” means the Diversified Separation Agreement and the Oaktree Separation Agreement.

“Separation Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain internal report prepared by DP Tapstone as of July 1, 2022, which is based on that certain evaluation of oil and gas reserves prepared for Diversified Energy Company Plc by Netherland Sewell & Associates, Inc. effective January 1, 2022, with respect to the Oil and Gas Portfolio.

“Settlement Agreement” means the Settlement Agent Services Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2022 between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as settlement agent.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, State, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.



“Statements of Division” means the Diversified Statement of Division and the Oaktree Statement of Division.

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Body within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsequent Rate of Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer, including the Guarantors.

“Sustainability Framework” means the Sustainability Framework adopted by Diversified Energy Company Plc in May 2022.

“Sustainability Linked Performance Targets” means, collectively, the the GHG Emissions Performance Target or the Methane Emissions Performance Target.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Third Party Post-Production Expenses” means Operating Expenses charged by non-Affiliated third parties, including with regard to firm transportation, processing, and gathering.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Company or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Company that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to October 28, 2026; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to October 27, 2026, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

- (a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any State, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;

(d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or

(e) to the extent provided in applicable U.S. Department of Treasury regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“Voting Stock” of any specified Person as of any date means the capital stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the applicable Separation Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the applicable Separation Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

A. Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

B. "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

C. Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

D. Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

E. Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

F. Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

G. UCC References. Terms used herein that are defined in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, unless the context requires otherwise. Any reference herein to a "beneficial interest" in a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, a security entitlement with respect to such security, and any reference herein to a "beneficial owner" or "beneficial holder" of a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, the holder of a security entitlement with respect to such security. Any reference herein to money or other property that is to be deposited in or is on deposit in a securities account shall also mean that such money or other property is to be credited to, or is credited to, such securities account.

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INDENTURE

by and among

DP LION HOLDCO LLC,  
as Issuer,

and

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary

Dated as of November 30, 2023

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THIS INDENTURE dated as of November 30, 2023 (as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time, this "Indenture") is between DP Lion Holdco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Issuer") and UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as indenture trustee and not in its individual capacity (the "Indenture Trustee") and as Securities Intermediary (as defined herein).

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Noteholders of the Issuer's 8.243% Class A Notes, the Noteholders of the Issuer's 12.725% Class B Notes and the Hedge Counterparties:

#### GRANTING CLAUSE

The Issuer hereby Grants to the Indenture Trustee on the Closing Date, as Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties, all of the Issuer's right, title and interest, whether now or hereafter acquired, and wherever located, in and to, as applicable (a) the Assets and all monies received thereon and in respect thereof after the Cutoff Date; (b) the Issuer Accounts and the Hedge Collateral Accounts (but, as to the Hedge Collateral Accounts, only for the benefit of those Secured Parties who are Hedge Counterparties) and all funds on deposit in, and "financial assets" (as such term is defined in the UCC as from time to time in effect), instruments, money, and other property credited to or on deposit in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, from time to time, including the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, and in all investments and proceeds thereof (including all income thereon); (c) the Management Services Agreement; (d) the Hedge Agreements; (e) the Joint Operating Agreement; (f) the Back-up Management Agreement; (g) the Transfer Agreement; (h) the Pledge Agreement; (i) each other Basic Document to which it is a party; (j) all accounts, chattel paper, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents, general intangibles, goods, instruments, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, money, and oil, gas, and other minerals; (k) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all present and future claims, demands, causes of action and choses in action in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets and all payments on or under and all proceeds of every kind and nature whatsoever in respect of any or all of the foregoing insofar as relating to the Assets, including all proceeds of the conversion thereof, voluntary or involuntary, into cash or other liquid property, all cash proceeds, accounts, accounts receivable, notes, drafts, acceptances, chattel paper, checks, deposit accounts, insurance proceeds, condemnation awards, rights to payment of any and every kind and other forms of obligations and receivables, instruments, general intangibles and other property which at any time constitute all or part of or are included in the proceeds of any of the foregoing; (l) all limited liability company interests in the Issuer, including all economic and governance rights/interests; and (m) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing (collectively, the "Collateral").

The foregoing Grant is made in trust to secure the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owing in respect of, the Notes and payments owed or owing to the Hedge Counterparties under the applicable Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed or owing thereunder), equally and ratably without prejudice, priority or distinction, and to secure compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided in this Indenture.

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The Indenture Trustee, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty, acknowledges such Grant, and accepts the trusts under this Indenture in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and agrees to perform its duties required in this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

#### Section 1.1 Definitions.

Certain capitalized terms used in this Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned to them in Part I of Appendix A attached hereto. All references herein to “the Indenture” or “this Indenture” are to this Indenture as it may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, the exhibits hereto and the capitalized terms used herein which are defined in such Appendix A. All references herein to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits are to Articles, Sections, subsections and exhibits contained in or attached to this Indenture unless otherwise specified. All terms defined in this Indenture shall have the defined meanings when used in any certificate, notice, Note or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The rules of construction set forth in Part II of such Appendix A shall be applicable to this Indenture.

## ARTICLE II

### THE NOTES

#### Section 2.1 Form.

(a) The Notes, together with the Indenture Trustee’s certificate of authentication, shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit A to this Indenture with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as may, consistently herewith, be determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of the Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

(b) The Definitive Notes and the Global Notes representing Book-Entry Notes shall be typewritten, printed, lithographed or engraved or produced by any combination of these methods (with or without steel engraved borders), all as determined by the officers of the Issuer executing such Notes, as evidenced by their execution of such Notes.

(c) Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The terms of the Notes set forth in Exhibit A are part of the terms of this Indenture.

(d) The Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture will be divided into classes (each a “Class” of Notes) and allocated into such Classes upon issuance. Two Classes of Notes will be issued on the Closing Date, in the amount and with the designation specified therein. The Notes comprising and bearing a class designation including the letter “A” are referred to herein as the “Class A Notes,” the Notes comprising and bearing a class designation including the letter “B” are referred to herein as the “Class B Notes.”

(e) The ClassA-1 Notes and ClassB-1 Notes will be issued as Definitive Notes and the ClassA-2 Notes and ClassB-2 Notes will be issued as Global Notes.

Section 2.2 Execution, Authentication and Delivery.

(a) The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by any of its authorized officers. The signature of any such authorized officer on the Notes may be manual or facsimile.

(b) Notes bearing the manual or facsimile signature of individuals who were at any time authorized officers of the Issuer shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of such Notes.

(c) The Indenture Trustee shall upon receipt of an Issuer Order authenticate and deliver (i) the ClassA Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$142,000,000 and (ii) the ClassB Notes for original issue in an aggregate initial principal amount of \$20,000,000. The aggregate principal amount of the Notes outstanding at any time may not exceed such amount except as provided in Section 2.6 or in connection with the capitalization of the interest thereon in accordance with Section 2.8(a). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer Order shall specify whether the ClassA Notes and the ClassB Notes shall be issuable as Definitive Notes or as Book-Entry Notes.

(d) Each ClassA Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the ClassA Notes shall be issuable as registered ClassA Notes in minimum denominations of \$1,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the ClassA Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such ClassA Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2(d), provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of ClassA Notes, one ClassA Note may be in a denomination of less than the required minimum denomination.

(e) Each ClassB Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. Except as otherwise described in this paragraph, the ClassB Notes shall be issuable as registered ClassB Notes in minimum denominations of \$250,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture or the Note Purchase Agreement, transfers of ownership or beneficial interests or participations in the ClassB Notes shall not be recognized if the result of such a transfer or participation is the creation of ownership or beneficial ownership of such ClassB Note in a principal amount that is less than the minimum denominations set forth in this Section 2.2(e), provided that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of ClassB Notes to a single assignee, one ClassB Note may be in a denomination of less than the required minimum denomination.

(f) No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Note a certificate of authentication substantially in the form provided for herein executed by the Indenture Trustee by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, and such certificate upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 2.3 Form of Notes.

(a) If the Issuer establishes pursuant to Section 2.2(c) that the Notes are to be issued as Book-Entry Notes, then the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, one or more definitive Global Notes, which (1) will represent, and will be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate initial Note balance to be represented by such Global Note or Notes, or such portion thereof as the Issuer will specify in an Issuer Order, (2) will be registered in the name of the Depository for such Global Note or Notes or its nominee; (3) will be delivered by the Indenture Trustee or its agent to the Depository or pursuant to the Depository's instruction (and which may be held by the Indenture Trustee or an agent of the Indenture Trustee as custodian for the Depository, if so specified in the related Depository Agreement), (4) if applicable, will bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Unless this Note is presented by an authorized representative of the Depository, to the Issuer or its agent for registration of transfer, exchange or payment, and any Note issued is registered in the name of Cede & Co. or in such other name as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository (and any payment is made to Cede & Co. or to such other entity as is requested by an authorized representative of the Depository), any transfer, pledge or other use hereof for value or otherwise by or to any person is wrongful inasmuch as the registered owner hereof, Cede & Co., has an interest herein" and (5) may bear such other legend as the Issuer, upon advice of counsel, deems to be applicable.

(b) The Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the Depository as the sole Noteholder of the Book-Entry Notes except as otherwise provided in this Indenture.

(c) The rights of the Noteholders may be exercised only through the Depository and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between the Noteholders and the Depository and/or its participants under the Depository Agreement.

(d) The Depository will make book-entry transfers among its participants and receive and transmit payments of principal of and interest on the Book-Entry Notes to the participants.

(e) The Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, and the Paying Agent shall have no responsibility or liability for any actions taken or not taken by the Depository.

(f) If this Indenture requires or permits actions to be taken based on instructions or directions of the Noteholders of a stated percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes, the Depository will be deemed to represent those Noteholders only if it has received instructions to that effect from Noteholders and/or the Depository's participants owning or representing, the required percentage of the beneficial interest of the Notes and has delivered the instructions to the Indenture Trustee.

(g) The Issuer in issuing Notes may use “CUSIP” numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee and each Noteholder in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

(h) Transfers of Global Notes only to Depository Nominees. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 2.3 or of Section 2.4, and subject to the provisions of clause (i) below, unless the terms of a Global Note expressly permits such Global Note to be exchanged in whole or in part for individual Notes, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole but not in part and in the manner provided in Section 2.4, only to a nominee of the Depository for such Global Note, or to the Depository, or a successor Depository for such Global Note selected or approved by the Issuer, or to a nominee of such successor Depository.

(i) Limited Right to Receive Definitive Notes. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Noteholders of beneficial interests in Global Notes will not be entitled to receive Definitive Notes. With respect to issued Notes:

(i) If at any time the Depository for a Global Note notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depository for such Global Note, the Issuer will appoint a successor Depository with respect to such Global Note. If a successor Depository for such Global Note is not appointed by the Issuer within ninety (90) days after the Issuer receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.4 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.4 requesting the authentication and delivery of individual Notes of such Series or Class in exchange for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver, individual Notes of such Class of like tenor and terms in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the Global Note in exchange for such Global Note.

(ii) The Issuer may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that the Notes of any Class or portion thereof issued or issuable in the form of one or more Global Notes will no longer be represented by such Global Note or Notes. In such event the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent in accordance with Section 2.4 and with an Officer’s Certificate delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent for the authentication and delivery of individual Notes in exchange in whole or in part for such Global Note, will authenticate and deliver individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of such Global Note or Notes representing such portion thereof in exchange for such Global Note or Notes.

(iii) If specified by the Issuer pursuant to Sections 2.2 and 2.4 with respect to Notes issued or issuable in the form of a Global Note, the Depository for such Global Note may surrender such Global Note in exchange in whole or in part for individual Notes of like tenor and terms in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Issuer and such Depository. Thereupon the Issuer will execute, and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver, without service charge, (A) to each Person specified by such Depository a new Note or Notes of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate initial Note balance equal to the initial Note balance of the portion of the Global Note or Notes specified by the Depository and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Note; and (B) to such Depository a new Global Note of like tenor and terms and in an authorized denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the initial Note balance of the surrendered Global Note and the aggregate initial Note balance of Notes delivered to the Noteholders thereof.

(iv) If any Event of Default has occurred with respect to such Global Notes, and Noteholders evidencing more than 50% of the Global Notes (measured by voting interests) advise the Indenture Trustee and the Depository that a Global Note is no longer in the best interest of the Noteholders, the applicable Purchasers of Global Notes may exchange their beneficial interests in such Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the exchange provisions herein.

(v) In any exchange provided for in any of the preceding four paragraphs, the Issuer will execute and the Indenture Trustee or its agent will, in accordance with Section 2.2 and with the Issuer Order delivered to the Indenture Trustee or its agent under Section 2.2, authenticate and deliver Definitive Notes in definitive registered form in authorized denominations. Upon the exchange of the entire initial Note balance of a Global Note for Definitive Notes, such Global Note will be canceled by the Indenture Trustee or its agent. Except as provided in the preceding paragraphs, Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note pursuant to this Section will be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depository for such Global Note, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, will instruct the Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar. The Indenture Trustee or the Note Registrar will deliver such Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered.

#### Section 2.3A Beneficial Ownership of Global Notes.

Until Definitive Notes have been issued to the applicable Noteholders to replace any Global Notes pursuant to Section 2.3(a):

(a) the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee may deal with the applicable clearing agency or Depository and the Depository Participants for all purposes (including the making of payments) as the authorized representatives of the respective Noteholders; and

(b) the rights of the respective Noteholders will be exercised only through the applicable Depository and the Depository Participants and will be limited to those established by law and agreements between such Noteholders and the Depository and/or the Depository Participants. Pursuant to the operating rules of the applicable Depository, unless and until Definitive Notes are issued pursuant to Section 2.3(a), the Depository will make book-entry transfers among the Depository Participants and receive and transmit payments of principal and interest on the related Notes to such Depository Participants.

For purposes of any provision of this Indenture requiring or permitting actions with the consent of, or at the direction of, Noteholders evidencing a specified percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of Outstanding Notes, such direction or consent may be given by Noteholders (acting through the Depository and the Depository Participants) owning interests in or security entitlements to Notes evidencing the requisite percentage of principal amount of Notes.

Section 2.3B Notices to Depository.

Whenever any notice or other communication is required to be given to Noteholders with respect to which Book-Entry Notes have been issued, unless and until Definitive Notes will have been issued to the related Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee will give all such notices and communications to the applicable Depository, and shall have no obligation to report directly to such Noteholders.

Section 2.4 Transfer Restrictions on Notes.

(a) No transfer of any Note or any interest therein (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) shall be made except in compliance with the restrictions on transfer set forth in this Section 2.4 (including the applicable legend to be set forth on the face of each Note as provided in the Exhibits to this Indenture). Any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Indenture shall be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Note and this Indenture may be amended or supplemented to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resale and other transfers of the Notes to reflect any change in applicable Law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof). Each Noteholder shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to any such amendment or supplement.

(c) As of the date of this Indenture, the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and will not be listed on any exchange. No Note shall be transferred or assigned, and no interest in any Note shall be transferred or assigned, unless the Noteholder and the transferee or assignee, as applicable, comply with the terms and conditions of this Section 2.4. No transfer of a Note shall be made unless such transfer is made pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and any applicable state securities Laws or is exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act and such state securities Laws. Except in a transfer to Diversified or by Diversified to an Affiliate thereof, in the event that a transfer is to be made in reliance upon an exemption from the Securities Act and state securities Laws, in order to assure compliance with the Securities Act and such Laws, the Noteholder desiring to effect such transfer and such Noteholder's prospective transferee shall each certify to the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified in writing the facts surrounding the transfer in substantially the forms set forth in Exhibit B (the "Transferor Certificate") and Exhibit C (the "Investment Letter"). Each Noteholder desiring to effect such a transfer shall, by its acceptance of such Note, have agreed to indemnify the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and Diversified (in any capacity) against any liability that may result if the transfer is not so exempt or is not made in accordance with federal and state securities Laws.



(d) Subject to the other terms and provisions hereof, any Noteholder may at any time grant to any participant participations in all or part of the payments due to it, and its rights under this Indenture and the Note Purchase Agreement, in a minimum amount that is not less than the minimum denominations set forth in Section 2.2. No participant shall be entitled to receive any amount in excess of the amount the participating Noteholder would be entitled to receive hereunder or any of the other Basic Documents. In connection with any such transfer to a participant, such Noteholder, at its sole discretion but subject to the provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement, shall be entitled to distribute to any participant any information furnished to such Noteholder pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement or the Indenture so long as the participant holds a participation or similar interest in the obligation due to such Noteholder in respect of the Noteholder's respective Note. Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges and agrees that any such participation will not alter or affect in any way whatsoever such Noteholder's direct obligations hereunder or under the Note Purchase Agreement and that, other than as set forth in this Section 2.4(d), none of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings, the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or any other Person shall have any obligation to have any communication or relationship whatsoever with any participant of such Noteholder in order to enforce the obligations of such Noteholder hereunder and under the Note Purchase Agreement. Each Noteholder shall provide prior written notice to the Issuer and Diversified in writing of the identity and interest of each participant upon any such participation. Such Noteholder shall provide the Issuer and Diversified with respect to each participant appropriately executed copies of the forms required by this Section 2.4 and Section 2.12 with respect to itself and the related participant, treating the participant as though it were a Noteholder, and including any amendments and resubmissions, (A) prior to or promptly after any such participation and (B) upon the occurrence of any event which would require the amendment or resubmission of any such form previously provided hereunder. Any participation shall be subject to the Noteholder's compliance with, and causing the participant to comply with, the restrictions on transfer of Notes set forth herein as though a participant were a Noteholder, and the purchaser acknowledgements set forth herein, as though such participant were a Noteholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall have any duty to monitor, record or register any participation in a Note or any transfer of such participation, and regardless of whether the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar has knowledge of such a participation, the Indenture Trustee and the Note Registrar shall be entitled to deal solely with the Noteholders for all purposes under this Indenture.

(e) By acquiring a Note, each purchaser, transferee and owner of a beneficial interest in such Note will be deemed to represent that either (1) it is not acquiring the Notes with the assets of any Plan or (2) the acquisition and holding of such Notes will not give rise to a nonexempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a violation of Similar Law. Each Note will bear a legend reflecting such deemed representation.

(f) With respect to the Class B Notes (the "Transfer-Restricted Notes"), such purchaser (including any transferee thereof):

(i) represents and agrees on its own behalf and on behalf of any beneficial owner for which it is purchasing a Transfer-Restricted Note that (1)(A) either (I) the beneficial owner of such Transfer-Restricted Note is not and so long as such person is a beneficial owner of such Transfer-Restricted Note, will not become for U.S. federal income tax purposes a partnership, Subchapter S corporation or grantor trust (each such entity a “flow-through entity”) or (II) if such beneficial owner is or becomes a flow-through entity, then either (x) none of the direct or indirect beneficial owners of any interest in such flow-through entity has or ever will have more than 50% of the value of its interest in such flow-through entity attributable to the aggregate interest of such flow-through entity in the combined value of the Transfer-Restricted Notes, any other interest in the Issuer or any interest created under this Indenture or (y) it is not and will not be a principal purpose of the arrangement involving the investment of such flow-through entity in any Transfer-Restricted Note to permit the Issuer to satisfy the 100 partner limitation of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(h)(1)(ii) necessary for the Issuer not to be classified as a publicly traded partnership under the Code, or (B) it will deliver a written opinion of nationally recognized U.S. tax counsel that such transfer will not cause the Issuer to be treated as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (2) such beneficial owner will not sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise convey any interest in an amount less than 100% of the minimum denomination of the Transfer-Restricted Note or participating interest in any Transfer-Restricted Note, or purchase or enter into any financial instrument or contract that the value of which is determined by reference in whole or in part to any Transfer-Restricted Note and (3) such beneficial owner is not acquiring and will not sell, transfer, assign, participate, pledge or otherwise dispose of or cause to be marketed any Transfer-Restricted Note (or interest therein) on or through an “established securities market” within the meaning of Section 7704(b)(1) of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(b), including, without limitation, an interdealer quotation system that regularly disseminates firm buy or sell quotations;

(ii) will deliver to the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer either (1) a letter of representation in the form of Exhibit C hereto representing to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee that either (I) for so long as it holds such Transfer-Restricted Note (or a beneficial interest therein), it is not, and will not acquire such Transfer-Restricted Note or interest therein on behalf of a beneficial owner that is classified for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a flow-through entity, or (II) if such beneficial owner is or becomes a flow-through entity, then either (x) none of the direct or indirect beneficial owners of any interest in such flow-through entity has or ever will have more than 50% of the value of its interest in such flow-through entity attributable to the aggregate interest of such flow-through entity in the combined value of the Transfer-Restricted Notes, any other interest in the Issuer or any interest created under this Indenture or (y) it is not and will not be a principal purpose of the arrangement involving the investment of such flow-through entity in any Transfer-Restricted Note to permit the Issuer to satisfy the 100 partner limitation of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(h)(1)(ii), or (2) a written opinion of nationally recognized U.S. tax counsel that such transfer will not cause the Issuer to be treated as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes; and

(iii) will deliver a letter of representation to the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer representing in the form of Exhibit C hereto to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee that it will not sell, transfer, assign, participate, pledge or otherwise dispose of or cause to be marketed any Transfer-Restricted Note (or any interest therein), (1) on or through an “established securities market” within the meaning of Section 7704(b)(1) of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(b), including without limitation, an interdealer quotation system that regularly disseminates firm buy or sell quotations, or (2) in an amount less than 100% of the minimum denomination of the Transfer-Restricted Note or purchase or enter into any financial instrument or contract that the value of which is determined by reference in whole or in part to any Transfer-Restricted Note.

Any transfer in violation of clauses (i) through (iii) above shall be null and void *ab initio*.

(g) Other than with respect to (i) CMAC Fund 1, L.P. of \$390,000 in aggregate of Class B Notes on the Closing Date, (ii) Future Fund Board of Guardians for and on behalf of Medical Research Future Fund, of \$250,000 in aggregate of Class B Notes on the Closing Date and (iii) Future Fund Board of Guardians, of \$500,000 in aggregate of Class B Notes on the Closing Date (all such Notes, the “Relevant Transfer-Restricted Notes”), and solely with respect to such purchasers and their respective purchases of the Relevant Transfer-Restricted Notes (and not any subsequent sale or transfer of any Class B Notes or other Transfer Restricted Notes, or any interest therein), each purchaser and their respective transferees represents and agrees on its own behalf and on behalf of any beneficial owner for which it is purchasing such Transfer-Restricted Notes that it is and will remain a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code and will deliver an IRS Form W-9 to the Issuer or its agent. It further agrees that no transfer of the Class B Notes or such other Transfer-Restricted Notes (or any interest therein) will be effective, and no such transfer will be recognized, unless such transferee (or, if, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such transferee is a disregarded entity, its sole regarded tax owner) is a “United States person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code that delivers an IRS Form W-9 to the Issuer or its agent. Any transfer in violation of this clause (g) shall be null and void *ab initio*.

#### Section 2.5 Registration; Registration of Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Issuer shall cause a note registrar (the “Note Registrar”) to keep a register (the “Note Register”) in which the Note Registrar shall provide for the registration of Notes and the registration of transfers of Notes. All Notes shall be maintained in “registered form” under Treasury Regulation Section 5f.103-1(c), proposed Treasury Regulation Section 1.163-5 and any applicable temporary, final or other successor regulations. The name and address of each Noteholder, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be recorded in such Note Register, together with the principal amount (and stated interest) of the Notes owing to the Noteholder of such Notes. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Note Registrar shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. No transfer shall be effective unless recorded in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee initially shall be the Note Registrar for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of Notes as herein provided. Upon any resignation of any Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, if it elects not to make such an appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

(b) If a Person other than the Indenture Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders prompt written notice of the appointment of such Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof, and the Indenture Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Executive Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Noteholders and the principal amounts and number of such Notes; provided that, upon the reasonable request of any Noteholder, the Note Registrar and the Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such certificate to such Noteholder.

(c) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2, the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount.

(d) At the option of the Noteholder, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes in any authorized denominations, of a like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Notes are so surrendered for exchange the Issuer shall execute, and the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and the Noteholder shall obtain from the Indenture Trustee, the Notes which the Noteholder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

(f) Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Noteholder thereof or such Noteholder's attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent's Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

(g) No service charge shall be made to a Noteholder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Issuer or the Note Registrar may require payment by such Noteholder of a sum sufficient to cover any Tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 9.5 not involving any transfer.

(h) The preceding provisions of this Section 2.5 notwithstanding, the Issuer shall not be required to make and the Note Registrar need not register transfers or exchanges of Notes selected for redemption or of any Note for a period of fifteen (15) days preceding the due date for any payment with respect to the Note.

(i) Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this Section 2.5 shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.

(j) Transfers of Ownership Interests in Global Notes. Transfers of beneficial interests in a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes may be made only in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Depository and the transfer restrictions contained in the legend on such Global Note and exchanges or transfers of interests in a Global Note may be made only in accordance with the following:

(i) General Rules Regarding Transfers of Global Notes. Subject to clauses (i) and (ii) of this Section 2.5(j), transfers of a Global Note representing Book-Entry Notes shall be limited to Transfers of such Global Note in whole, but not in part, to nominees of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or such successor's nominee.

(ii) Global Note to Definitive Note. Subject to Section 2.3(i)(i), an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note deposited with or on behalf of a Depository may at any time transfer such interest for a Definitive Note, upon provision to the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer and the Note Registrar of a Transferor Certificate.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the requirements or terms of the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws, ERISA, the Code or any other applicable Law.

#### Section 2.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Notes.

(a) If (i) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Indenture Trustee or Note Registrar, or the Indenture Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (ii) there is delivered to the Indenture Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by it to hold the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Note Registrar or the Indenture Trustee that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute, and upon its request the Indenture Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a replacement Note; provided, however, that if any such destroyed, lost or stolen Note, but not a mutilated Note, shall have become or within seven (7) days shall be due and payable, or shall have been called for redemption, instead of issuing a replacement Note, the Issuer may pay such destroyed, lost or stolen Note when so due or payable or upon the Redemption Date without surrender thereof. If, after the delivery of such replacement Note or payment of a destroyed, lost or stolen Note pursuant to the proviso to the preceding sentence, a protected purchaser of the original Note in lieu of which such replacement Note was issued presents for payment such original Note, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to recover such replacement Note (or such payment) from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking such replacement Note from such Person to whom such replacement Note was delivered or any assignee of such Person, except a protected purchaser, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee in connection therewith.

(b) Upon the issuance of any replacement Note under this Section 2.6, the Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee any reasonable expenses in connection therewith, and the Issuer may require the payment by the Noteholder of each such Note of a sum sufficient to cover any Tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other reasonable expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Indenture Trustee) connected therewith.

(c) Every replacement Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.6 in replacement of any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

(d) The provisions of this Section 2.6 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 2.7 Persons Deemed Owner. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer of any Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered (as of the day of determination) as the owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest, if any, on such Note and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

Section 2.8 Payment of Principal and Interest; Defaulted Interest.

(a) The Notes shall accrue interest during the related Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate, and such interest shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the priorities set forth in Section 8.6. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Any and all accrued interest on the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance that is not paid in full (whether from Available Funds or the Liquidity Reserve Account, if applicable) on any Payment Date shall be added to the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance (any such amounts, the "Designated Unpaid Interest Amount") and shall thereafter be considered principal for all purposes and shall accrue interest at the applicable Interest Rate for the Class B Notes.

(b) The Issuer will pay interest on the Notes at the Interest Rate on each Payment Date on the principal amount of the Notes outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Any installment of interest or principal payable on a Note that is punctually paid or duly provided for by the Issuer on the applicable Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note is registered on the Record Date by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by such person or nominee and except for the final installment of principal payable with respect to such Note on a Payment Date or on the applicable Legal Final Maturity Date (and except for the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any Note called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1) which shall be payable as provided below.

(c) Prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default and a declaration in accordance with Section 5.2 that the Notes have become immediately due and payable, the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes shall be payable in full on the Legal Final Maturity Date and, to the extent of funds available therefor, in installments on the Payment Dates (if any) preceding the Legal Final Maturity Date, in the amounts and in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable, if not previously paid, on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a), (iv) or (v). In such case, principal shall be paid in accordance with the Special Priority of Payments. The Indenture Trustee shall notify the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on the Record Date preceding the Payment Date on which the Issuer expects that the final installment of principal of and interest on such Note will be paid. Such notice shall be mailed or transmitted by email prior to such final Payment Date and shall specify that such final installment will be payable only upon presentation and surrender of such Note and shall specify the place where such Note may be presented and surrendered for payment of such installment. Notices in connection with redemptions of Notes shall be mailed to Noteholders as provided in Section 10.2.

(e) If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on any Note, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner (the “Default Interest”). Such Default Interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

(f) If, as of the Initial Target Date the External Verifier has not confirmed satisfaction of each Emissions Target, the Interest Rate shall be increased by 25 basis points for each Emissions Target that has not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier (the “Initial Subsequent Rate of Interest”). The Initial Subsequent Rate of Interest will apply from and including the Initial Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date up to, and including, the maturity date of the Notes, subject to Section 2.8(g). The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on the Officer’s Certificate delivered by the Issuer with respect to the 2026 Satisfaction Notification and shall have no duty to monitor or confirm the Issuer’s satisfaction of either Emissions Target. This Section 2.8(f) shall apply to both the Class A Interest Rate and the Class B Interest Rate.

(g) If, as of the Second Target Date the External Verifier has not confirmed satisfaction of each Emissions Target, then, as applicable, (A) in the event both Emissions Targets had been confirmed by the External Verifier on the Initial Target Date, the Interest Rate shall be increased once by 25 basis points for each Emissions Target that has not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier or (B) in the event one Emissions Target had not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier on the Initial Target Date, the Interest Rate shall be increased by 25 basis points to the extent such Emissions Target previously met on the Initial Target Date is not met on the Second Target Date (the “Second Subsequent Rate of Interest” and along with the Initial Subsequent Rate of Interest, each a “Subsequent Rate of Interest”). The Second Subsequent Rate of Interest will apply from and including the Second Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date up to, and including, the maturity date of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on the Officer’s Certificate delivered by the Issuer with respect to the 2030 Satisfaction Notification and shall have no duty to monitor or confirm the Issuer’s satisfaction of either Emissions Target. This Section 2.8(g) shall apply to both the Class A Interest Rate and the Class B Interest Rate. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) the Second Subsequent Rate of Interest shall be a maximum of 50 basis points in excess of the Interest Rate on the Closing Date and (ii) in the event both of the Emissions Targets had not been satisfied or confirmed by the External Verifier on the Initial Target Date, this Section 2.8(g) shall not apply and be of no effect.

Section 2.9 Cancellation. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption shall be delivered to the Indenture Trustee and shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation any Notes previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Notes so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Indenture Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes cancelled as provided in this Section 2.9, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All cancelled Notes may be held or disposed of by the Indenture Trustee in accordance with its standard retention or disposal policy as in effect at the time unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order that they be returned to it; provided, that such Issuer Order is timely and the Notes have not been previously disposed of by the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall provide notice to each Rating Agency of all cancelled Notes.

Section 2.10 Release of Collateral. Subject to Section 12.1 and the terms of the Basic Documents, and other than any distribution to the Issuer pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(S), Section 8.6(ii)(H) or Section 8.7(d), the Indenture Trustee shall release property from the lien of this Indenture only in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and upon receipt of (i) an Issuer Request accompanied by an Officer’s Certificate of the Issuer stating that such release is permitted by the terms of this Indenture and that the conditions precedent to such release have been satisfied and (ii) in the event the Issuer requests a release of all or substantially all of the Collateral, a written consent to such release from each Hedge Counterparty and each Noteholder. With respect to clause (ii) in the foregoing sentence, any release of Collateral shall require 10 Business Days advance written notice from the Issuer to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty.

Section 2.11 Definitive Notes. The Class A-1 Notes and Class B-1 Notes, each upon original issuance, will be in the form of Definitive Notes. Upon the issuance of Definitive Notes, the Indenture Trustee shall recognize the Noteholders of the Definitive Notes as Noteholders.



Section 2.12 Tax Treatment.

(a) The Issuer has entered into this Indenture, and the Notes will be issued, with the intention that, for U.S. federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by a change in applicable law or a final determination pursuant to Section 1313 of the Code) for all purposes including U.S. federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

(b) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note agrees to provide to the Person from whom it receives payments on the Notes (including the Paying Agent) the Noteholder Tax Identification Information and, upon request, to the extent FATCA Withholding Tax is applicable, the Noteholder FATCA Information.

(c) Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees that the Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under Law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder or holder of an interest in a Note that fails to comply with the requirements of Section 2.12(b).

Section 2.13 CUSIP Numbers.

(a) The Issuer shall obtain “CUSIP” numbers in connection with the Notes. The Indenture Trustee shall use “CUSIP” numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Noteholders; provided, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such “CUSIP” numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee in writing of any change in the “CUSIP” numbers.

**ARTICLE III**

**REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

The Issuer represents and warrants as of the Closing Date as follows:

Section 3.1 Organization and Good Standing.

(a) The Issuer (i) is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the Laws of the State of Delaware and (ii) will be duly qualified in Ohio within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date, (iii) will be duly qualified in Pennsylvania within five (5) Business Days of the Closing Date and (iv) has full power and authority under its Organizational Documents to conduct its business as it is now being conducted, and to own or use the properties and assets that it purports to own or use.

Section 3.2 Authority; No Conflict.

(a) The execution, delivery, and performance of this Indenture and the Basic Documents and the performance of the Contemplated Transactions have been duly and validly authorized in accordance with the Organizational Documents of the Issuer.

(b) This Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer and all instruments executed and delivered by the Issuer at or in connection with the Closing have been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer.

(c) This Indenture constitutes the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer, enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and or other similar Laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a Proceeding in equity or at Law).

(d) Neither the execution and delivery of this Indenture or the instruments executed in connection herewith by the Issuer nor the consummation or performance of any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents by the Issuer shall, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time or both):

(i) contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of (A) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, as applicable, or (B) any resolution adopted by the board of directors, board of managers, stockholders, members, or partners of the Issuer;

(ii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of, or give any Governmental Body or other Person the right to notification of or to challenge any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents, to terminate, accelerate, or modify any terms of, or to exercise any remedy or obtain any relief under, any Contract or agreement or any Law or Order to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, may be subject;

(iii) in any material respect, contravene, conflict with, or result in a violation of any of the terms or requirements of, or give any Governmental Body the right to revoke, withdraw, suspend, cancel, terminate, or modify, any Governmental Authorization that relates to the Assets; or

(iv) result in the imposition or creation of any Encumbrance or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation, or acceleration under any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any Lease, Contract, note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, or other material agreement with respect to any of the Assets, other than any Encumbrance or Lien arising in favor of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to the Basic Documents.

Section 3.3 Legal Proceedings; Orders. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3 hereto, there is no pending Proceeding against the Issuer or any of its Affiliates (a) that relates to or may affect any of the Assets that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or (b) that challenges, or that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal, or otherwise materially interfering with, any of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents. To the Issuer's Knowledge, (x) no Proceeding of the type referenced above has been Threatened, (y) there is no Order adversely affecting the use or ownership of the Assets to which the Issuer, or any of the Assets, is subject, and (z) there is no Order or Proceeding restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting or making illegal the consummation of the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents or which could reasonably be expected to result in a material diminution of the benefits contemplated by this Indenture or the Contemplated Transactions or Basic Documents.

Section 3.4 Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations.

(a) The Assets have been owned in all material respects in accordance with all Laws of all Governmental Bodies having or asserting jurisdiction relating to the ownership and operation thereof, including the production of Hydrocarbons attributable thereto.

(b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.4(b) hereto, to the Knowledge of the Diversified Companies, all necessary Governmental Authorizations with regard to the ownership of the Issuer's interest in the Assets have been obtained and no violations exist or have been recorded in respect of such Governmental Authorizations.

(c) Neither the Issuer nor any of its Affiliates have received any written notice of any violation of any Laws in any material respect or of any Governmental Authorization in connection with the ownership of the Assets that has not been corrected or settled, and there are no Proceedings pending or, to the Issuer's Knowledge, threatened that might result in any material modification, revocation, termination or suspension of any Governmental Authorization or which would require any material corrective or remedial action by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates.

Section 3.5 Title to Property; Leases. The Issuer has good and sufficient title to its properties that individually or in the aggregate are material, including all such properties purported to have been acquired by the Issuer, as applicable, from DP Legacy pursuant to the Transfer Agreement free and clear of Liens other than Permitted Liens.

Section 3.6 Vesting of Title to the Wellbore Interests. Pursuant to the Asset Vesting Documents, title to the Wellbore Interests will vest in the Issuer, and the Issuer will have valid legal and beneficial title thereto, in each case subject to no prior Lien, mortgage, security interest, pledge, adverse claim, charge or other encumbrance, other than the Permitted Liens. Prior to the execution of the Transfer Agreement, DP Legacy had valid legal and beneficial title to the Wellbore Interests and had not assigned to any Person any of its right, title or interest in any Wellbore Interests, other than in connection with any Liens that are being released on or before the Closing Date or any Permitted Liens.

Section 3.7 Compliance with Leases. The Issuer is in compliance in all material respects with each Lease to the extent relating to an Asset, including all express and implied covenants thereunder. No material written demands or notices of default or non-compliance or dispute (including those received electronically) with respect to a Lease to the extent relating to an Asset have been issued to or received by the Issuer that remain uncured or outstanding.

Section 3.8 Material Indebtedness. The Issuer does not have any material Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness.

Section 3.9 Employee Benefit Plans. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.9 hereto, neither the Issuer nor, to the extent it would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any ERISA Affiliate maintains or has ever maintained any Plans (including any Non-U.S. Plan) or has ever had any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 3.10 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Issuer will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder (i) to finance the acquisition of the Wellbore Interests pursuant to the Transfer Agreement, (ii) to fund the Liquidity Reserve Account in an amount equal to the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, (iii) to pay transaction fees and expenses related to the issuance of the Notes and the acquisition of the Wellbore Interests pursuant to the Transfer Agreement, and (iv) for general limited liability company purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Issuer in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220).

Section 3.11 Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.

(a) The Issuer does not have, and has never had, any outstanding Indebtedness other than Permitted Indebtedness. There are no outstanding Liens on any property of the Issuer other than Permitted Liens.

(b) Except for Permitted Liens, the Issuer has not, at any time, agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Other than the Basic Documents, the Issuer is not a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Issuer, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other Organizational Document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Issuer.

Section 3.12 Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.

(a) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears (or may in the future appear) on a State Sanctions List or (iii) to the Issuer's Knowledge, is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Issuer's Knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Body for possible violation of any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Issuer or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Issuer and its Affiliates have established procedures and controls which they reasonably believe are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable Law) to ensure that the Issuer and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 3.13 Status under Certain Statutes. (i) The Issuer is not subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, or the Federal Power Act and (ii) as to the Issuer under any Hedge Agreement, the Issuer is an "eligible contract participant" as such term is defined in the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

Section 3.14 Single Purpose Entity. The Issuer (i) has been formed and organized solely for the purpose of entering into the Basic Documents to which it is a party, and performing its obligations thereunder (including entering into certain agreements in connection therewith), (ii) has not engaged in any business unrelated to clause (i) above, and (iii) does not have any other assets other than those related to its activities in accordance with clause (i) above.

Section 3.15 Solvency. The Issuer is solvent, has capital not unreasonably small in relation to its business or any contemplated or undertaken transaction and has assets having a value both at fair valuation and at present fair saleable value greater than the amount required to pay its debts as they become due and greater than the amount that will be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and matured. The Issuer does not intend to incur, and does not believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due. The Issuer does not believe that it will be rendered insolvent by the execution and delivery of, and performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party. The Issuer does not intend to hinder, delay or defraud its creditors by or through the execution and delivery of, or performance of its obligations under, this Indenture, the Notes or the other Basic Documents to which it is a party.

Section 3.16 Security Interest. The Indenture, together with the Pledge Agreement and the Mortgages, creates in favor of the Indenture Trustee, as security for the payment of principal of and interest on, and any other amounts owed or owing in respect of, the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed or owing thereunder) and for the performance of the provisions of this Indenture, a security interest in or mortgage or deed of trust on all of the right, title, and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, of the Issuer in, to, and under the Collateral. Upon the filing of the applicable UCC-1 financing statements and the Mortgages, all action has been taken as is necessary to perfect such security interest or mortgage or deed of trust, and such security interest, mortgage or deed of trust is of first priority subject in each case to Permitted Liens.

Section 3.17 Risk Retention: 15G. The Notes are not subject to the legal requirements imposed by Regulation RR of the Securities Act, 17 C.F.R. § 246. The Issuer is not required to file any reports with the SEC pursuant to Rule 15Ga-2 under the Exchange Act.

## ARTICLE IV

### COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of the Notes and this Indenture. Without limiting the foregoing, subject to and in accordance with Section 8.6, the Indenture Trustee shall distribute all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and allocated for distribution to the Noteholders on a Payment Date pursuant to Article VIII hereof for the benefit of the Notes, to the Noteholders. Amounts properly withheld under the Code by any Person from a payment to any Noteholder of interest and/or principal shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to such Noteholder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Issuer will maintain in the United States, an office or agency where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. Such office or agency will initially be at Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, and the Issuer hereby initially appoints the Indenture Trustee to serve as its agent for the foregoing purposes. The Indenture Trustee will give prompt written notice to the Issuer and each Rating Agency of any change in the location of any such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Indenture Trustee with the address thereof, such surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the Indenture Trustee as its agent to receive all such surrenders, notices and demands; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall not be deemed an agent of the Issuer for service of process.

Section 4.3 Money for Payments to Be Held on behalf of the Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes and Hedge Agreements that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee or by another Paying Agent, and no amounts so withdrawn from the Collection Account for payments of Notes and Hedge Agreements shall be paid over to the Issuer except as provided in Section 8.6.

Section 4.4 Compliance With Law. The Issuer will comply with all Laws and regulations to which it is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, and the USA PATRIOT Act) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other Governmental Authorizations necessary to the ownership of its properties or to the conduct of its businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure compliance in all material respects with such Laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations and requirements to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations.

Section 4.5 Insurance. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will maintain (or cause to be maintained), with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to its properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated, and, within thirty (30) days after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause the Indenture Trustee to be named as a loss payee or an additional insured. For the avoidance of doubt, any proceeds received by the Issuer or the Manager for the benefit of the Issuer with respect to any claim under such insurance policy shall be deemed to be Collections with respect to the Collection Period in which such proceeds are received and promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days, deposited into the Collections Account.

Section 4.6 No Change in Fiscal Year. Without the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the Issuer shall not (i) permit its fiscal year to end on a day other than December 31, (ii) change its method of determining fiscal quarters or make or permit any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or in accordance with IFRS or GAAP, or (iii) change its federal employer identification number, except, in each case, for any such changes that are not materially adverse to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 4.7 Payment of Taxes and Claims. The Issuer will file all U.S. federal and state and any other material Tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all Taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other Taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Issuer; provided, that the Issuer need not pay any such Tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested in good faith by the Issuer.

Section 4.8 Existence. Subject to Section 4.17, the Issuer will at all times preserve and keep (i) its limited liability company existence in full force and effect and (ii) all foreign qualifications of the Issuer and all rights and franchises of the Issuer.

Section 4.9 Books and Records. The Issuer will maintain or cause to be maintained proper books of record and account in conformity with IFRS or GAAP, and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Body having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Issuer. The Issuer will keep or cause to be kept books, records and accounts that, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Issuer or one of its Affiliates has devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that each of the Issuer's books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and such a system shall be maintained.

Section 4.10 Performance of Material Agreements. From and after the Closing Date, the Issuer will at all times in all material respects (i) observe and perform all obligations, covenants and agreements to be performed by it under, and comply with all conditions under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party in accordance with the terms thereof and (ii) subject to the terms of this Indenture, diligently exercise, enforce, defend and protect its rights under, and take any action required to collect any and all sums due to it under, each material agreement including each Lease to which it is or becomes a party. The Issuer shall not take any action or permit any action to be taken by others which would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under the Basic Documents or under any instrument or agreement included as part of the Collateral or that would result in the amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge of, or impair the validity or effectiveness of, any such instrument or agreement, except (i) such amendment, hypothecation, subordination, termination or discharge in the ordinary course of business or that does not have a material detriment to the value of the Collateral or (ii) as expressly provided in this Indenture, the other Basic Documents or such other instrument or agreement or as ordered by a bankruptcy or other court.

Section 4.11 Maintenance of Lien. From and after the Closing Date and for so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements are outstanding, the Issuer will, at its expense, timely take or cause to be taken all action required to maintain and preserve the perfection and first priority of the Lien on the Collateral granted under this Indenture and the Mortgages (subject to Permitted Liens).

Section 4.12 Further Assurances. From time to time the Issuer will perform or cause to be performed any other act as required by Law and will execute or cause to be executed any and all further instruments that may be required by Law or reasonably necessary (or reasonably requested by the Indenture Trustee) in order to create, perfect and protect the Lien of the Indenture Trustee on or in the Collateral. The Issuer will promptly do, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be promptly done, executed, acknowledged and delivered, all such further acts, deeds, conveyances, mortgages, assignments, transfers and assurances as the Indenture Trustee or any Noteholder may reasonably require for the creation, perfection and priority of the Liens being herein provided for (subject to Permitted Liens). The Issuer will pay or cause to be paid all filing, registration and recording Taxes and fees incident to such filing, registration and recording, and all expenses incident to the preparation, execution and acknowledgment of this Indenture, and of any instrument of further assurance, and all federal or state stamp Taxes and other material Taxes, duties, imposts, assessments and charges arising out of or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the other Basic Documents and such instruments of further assurance. The Issuer hereby authorizes, but does not obligate, the Indenture Trustee to file one or more financing or continuation statements, and amendments thereto, relative to all or any part of the Collateral without the signature of the Issuer. The Issuer acknowledges and agrees, on behalf of itself, that any such financing statement may describe the Collateral as "all assets", "all personal property" or "all assets and all personal property of Debtor, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising, wherever located, together with all products and proceeds thereof, substitutions and replacements therefor, and additions and accessions thereto" of the applicable Person or words of similar effect as may be required by the Indenture Trustee.



Section 4.13 Use of Proceeds. The Issuer shall apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes solely as provided in Section 3.10.

Section 4.14 Separateness.

(a) The Issuer will pay its debts and liabilities (including, as applicable, shared personnel, overhead expenses and any compensation due to its Independent manager or member) solely from its own assets as the same shall become due and payable, except for expenses paid on its behalf pursuant to arm's length contractual arrangements providing for operating, maintenance or administrative services.

(b) The Issuer will observe all limited liability company or organizational formalities, maintain books, records, financial statements and bank accounts separate from those of its Affiliates, except as permitted by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents. None of the Issuer's assets will be listed as assets on the financial statement of any other entity except as required by IFRS or GAAP; provided, however, that appropriate notation shall be made on any consolidated statements to indicate its separateness from any Affiliates and to indicate that its assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debt and other obligations of such Affiliate or any other Person except as otherwise contemplated by the Basic Documents.

(c) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other entity (including any Affiliate). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(d) Other than as contemplated in the Joint Operating Agreement, the Issuer will hold all of its assets in its own name and will not commingle its funds and other assets with those of any Affiliate.

(e) The Issuer will not conduct the business of or act on behalf of any other Person (except as required by the Basic Documents).

(f) The Issuer (i) will at all times have at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member and (ii) so long as the Notes and Hedge Agreements remain outstanding, shall not remove or replace any Independent manager or member without cause and only after providing the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty with no less than three (3) days' prior written notice of (A) any proposed removal of such Independent manager or member, and (B) the identity of the proposed replacement, together with a certification that such replacement satisfies the requirements for an Independent manager or member in the organizational documents for the Issuer and this Indenture. The Issuer will not institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or file, or consent to, a petition seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state Law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Issuer or any substantial part of its property, or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or take limited liability company action in furtherance of any such action without the affirmative vote of at least one (1) duly elected Independent manager or member; provided, however, irrespective of such affirmative vote, the occurrence of any of the foregoing is subject to Section 5.1(a)(iv), Section 5.1(a)(v), and any other terms herein or any of the Basic Documents.

(g) The Issuer will be, and at all times will hold itself out to the public and all other Persons as, a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person (including any Affiliate), correct any known misunderstanding regarding its status as a separate entity, conduct business solely in its own name, and not identify itself as a division of any of its Affiliates or any of its Affiliates as a division of the Issuer (except for income tax purposes). The Issuer will conduct and operate its business and in its own name.

(h) The Issuer will not permit its name to be used by any Affiliate of the Issuer in the conduct of such Affiliate's business, and will not use the name of any Affiliate in the conduct of the Issuer's business.

(i) The Issuer will file its own tax returns, if any, as may be required under applicable Law, to the extent (1) not part of a consolidated group filing a consolidated return or returns or (2) not treated as a division for tax purposes of another taxpayer, and pay any taxes required to be paid under applicable Law.

(j) The Issuer will maintain its assets, including the Collateral, in such a manner that it would not be costly or difficult to identify, segregate or ascertain its assets from those of any other Person.

(k) Subject to Section 4.15, the Issuer will maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, and not enter into any transaction with any Affiliate unless such transaction is (i) on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to amounts paid thereunder) as would be generally available if such business transaction were with an entity that was not an Affiliate in comparable transactions, and (ii) pursuant to enforceable agreements.

(l) The Issuer will not hold out its credit or assets as being available to satisfy the obligations of others nor guarantee the obligation of any Person.

(m) The Issuer will maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business purpose, transactions, and liabilities (provided, that no member of the Issuer shall have any obligation to make any contribution of capital to the Issuer).

(n) The Issuer will not grant a security interest in its assets to secure the obligations of any other Person.

(o) The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, engage in any business or activity other than the actions that are both (i) required or permitted to be performed under Section 3.1 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the terms of the Basic Documents.

(p) The Issuer will not incur any indebtedness, liability, obligation, or expense, or own any assets, other than in each case those that are both (i) necessary to achieve the purposes set forth in Section 7 of its limited liability company agreement and (ii) permitted by the Basic Documents;

(q) The Issuer will not make or permit to remain outstanding any loan or advance to, or own or acquire any stock or securities of, any Person, other than as permitted by the Basic Documents;

(r) The Issuer will maintain complete records of all transactions (including all transactions with any Affiliate);

(s) The Issuer will comply with all requirements of applicable Law regarding its operations and shall comply with the provisions of this Indenture and its Organizational Documents; and

(t) the Issuer will not form, acquire, or hold any Subsidiary.

Section 4.15 Transactions with Affiliates. The Issuer will not enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate, except as contemplated by the Basic Documents and except in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Issuer's business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Issuer than would be obtainable in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate.

Section 4.16 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. The Issuer shall not consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person unless:

(a) the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent entity organized and existing under the Laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Issuer is not such entity, (i) such corporation or limited liability company shall have executed and delivered to each Holder of any Notes, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty a supplemental indenture, Guarantee or other agreement evidencing its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture, the Notes and, as applicable, any other Basic Documents, and (ii) such entity shall have caused to be delivered to the Majority Noteholders, the Indenture Trustee and each Hedge Counterparty an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption and the supplemental indenture or other agreement are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof, that all conditions in this Indenture with respect to such merger, consolidation, conveyance, transfer or lease have been satisfied and that such consolidation, merger, conveyance, transfer or lease of assets shall not have a material adverse effect on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements;

(b) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or each transaction in any such series of transactions, (i) no Rapid Amortization Event, Material Manager Default, Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (ii) the Indenture Trustee shall have, for its own benefit and the equal and ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a legal, valid and enforceable first priority Lien on all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) and (iii) the Issuer shall not be in breach of Section 4.14; and

(c) the Issuer shall (i) have delivered, or caused to be delivered an update to each rating letter from each applicable Rating Agency evidencing that there has been, and shall be, no downgrade in the rating then assigned to the Notes as a result of such transaction and (ii) have received the written consent of each Hedge Counterparty to such transaction or series of transactions.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit, limit or restrict the foreclosure of the Liens of this Indenture in connection with the exercise of remedies in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 4.17 Lines of Business. The Issuer will not at any time engage in any business other than those related to the ownership of the Assets and the transactions contemplated by this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party and other activities reasonably incidental thereto; provided, however, that the Issuer shall not engage in any business or activity or enter into any contractual arrangement (other than any business or activity in which the Issuer is engaged on the Closing Date) that would (i) subject the Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to regulation or oversight by any Governmental Body (other than the Governmental Bodies which regulate companies engaged in the oil and gas industry, insurance companies and, following foreclosure, regulations applicable to assets held as a result of such foreclosure) or cause the Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to breach any Law or regulation or guideline of any Governmental Body or require Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparty to obtain a consent, waiver or clarification by any Governmental Body or (ii) cause any of the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained in any of the Basic Documents to be inaccurate as of the date made or deemed made.

Section 4.18 Economic Sanctions, Etc. Neither the Issuer nor any Controlled Entity will (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Noteholder, any Hedge Counterparty or any Affiliate of such Noteholder or Hedge Counterparty to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

Section 4.19 Liens. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any of its property or assets (including the Collateral), whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except for Permitted Liens.

Section 4.20 Sale of Assets, Etc. The Issuer will not sell, transfer, convey, assign, exchange or dispose of any of its properties or assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions of any individual asset, or group of related assets, other than Permitted Dispositions; provided, however, that in the event any Permitted Disposition could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any Hedge Counterparty or any Noteholder or the Noteholders, the Issuer shall obtain the prior written consent of each Hedge Counterparty and Noteholder to such Permitted Disposition.

Section 4.21 Permitted Indebtedness. The Issuer will not create, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, or in any manner be or become liable in respect of, any Indebtedness of any kind or character, other than the following (such Indebtedness being referred to as "Permitted Indebtedness"):

(a) Indebtedness owing under this Indenture, the Notes or any other Basic Document, including the Hedge Agreements;

(b) obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its business specified in Section 4.17 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for the Issuer at any one time; and

(c) other Indebtedness with the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders; provided, however, any such Indebtedness is subordinate to the Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders, in all respects.

Section 4.22 Amendment to Organizational Documents. The Issuer will not, and will not permit any Person to, amend, modify or otherwise change (i) any provision of the Organizational Documents of the Issuer, except to the extent such amendment, modification or change would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Secured Parties or result in a Material Adverse Effect (as evidenced by an Officer's Certificate of such entity certifying thereto) or (ii) its jurisdiction of organization, its location of principal place of business or its name, in each case, without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) and unless all actions have been taken to maintain the perfection of the security interest in the Collateral in favor of the Indenture Trustee; provided, however, that the Issuer may amend, modify or otherwise change any provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents to: (a) cure any ambiguity, (b) correct or supplement any provision in a manner consistent with the intent of the Issuer's Organizational Documents and the other Basic Documents or (iii) otherwise amend, modify or change any immaterial provision of the Issuer's Organizational Documents, in each case, without obtaining the consent of the Majority Noteholders, but with delivery of an Officer's Certificate to the Indenture Trustee stating that such amendment is so permitted under one or more of the foregoing clauses (i)-(iii) of this proviso. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any amendment of the Holdings Operating Agreement in connection with, or in order to effect, a sale of up to 80% of the voting or economic interests of Diversified Holdings (the "Equity Transaction") shall not require consent from any Noteholder nor satisfaction of the Rating Agency Condition; provided that no amendment, modification, alternation or supplement to Section 7, 9(j) (except 9(j)(ii)), 10, 16, 23(b), 26, 29, 31, 34(b) of the Holdings Operating Agreement and the definitions of "Independent Director" and "Special Purpose Provisions" of the Holdings Operating Agreement shall be permitted in connection with the Equity Transaction without the prior written consent of the Majority Noteholders and unless the Rating Agency Condition is satisfied. For the avoidance of doubt, the Holdings Operating Agreement and the Issuer Operating Agreement shall only be amended in accordance with the provisions thereof, including Section 31 of each of the Holdings Operating Agreement and the Issuer Operating Agreement.

Section 4.23 No Loans. The Issuer will not, directly or indirectly, make any loan or advance to any Person, other than Permitted Investments.

Section 4.24 Permitted Investments; Subsidiaries. The Issuer will not make any Investments other than (a) any Investment in Permitted Investments of monies in any Issuer Account and (b) obligations of account debtors to the Issuer arising in the ordinary course of business, and (c) Investments received as consideration from any Permitted Disposition. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Issuer will not create any Subsidiaries or enter into any partnership or joint venture.

Section 4.25 Employees; ERISA. The Issuer will not maintain any employees or maintain any Plan or incur or suffer to exist any obligations to make any contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

Section 4.26 Tax Treatment. Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having the authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, make the election described in Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-3(a) to treat the Issuer as an association taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or a similar election under any U.S. state or local Law. The Issuer will treat the Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an “expanded group” with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by a change in applicable law or a final determination pursuant to Section 1313 of the Code) and this Indenture as indebtedness, and not as an equity interest in the Issuer, for all purposes (including U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes).

Section 4.27 Replacement of Manager, Back-up Manager and Operator. In the event that the Manager shall be terminated due to a Material Manager Default, or if an Event of Default has occurred or is continuing, the Majority Noteholders will have the right but not the obligation to appoint, a replacement manager as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of termination and notify the Issuer of such appointment. In the event that the Manager shall resign, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement manager by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed). In addition, if the first sentence of this Section 4.27 is not applicable, in the event that the Manager shall resign, be terminated or otherwise removed, the Issuer shall appoint a replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Majority Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such delivery of notice of any such resignation, termination or removal and notify the Noteholders of such appointment; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement back-up manager or operator by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders may have the right to appoint the replacement back-up manager with the consent of the Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed).

Section 4.28 Hedge Agreements.

(a) Natural Gas Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] and (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and fixing the price exposure with respect to) at least 80% but, at all times, including after the Natural Gas Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Natural Gas Hedge Percentage"), including by way of an initial hedging strategy consisting of one or more NYMEX-Henry Hub swap transactions and/or swaptions and/or collars which establish a minimum price level based on a Reserve Report updated on at least a [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided, however*, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Natural Gas Hedge Percentage shall be determined after giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided* that Rating Agency consent shall not be required (other than in accordance with the Hedge Agreements and other Basic Documents) and nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Natural Gas Hedge Period or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; provided, however, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the Aggregate LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

(b) Gas Basis Hedging. The Issuer shall enter into on or prior to the Closing Date, and thereafter maintain until the earlier of (i) [\*\*\*] or (ii) [\*\*\*], Hedge Agreements with an aggregate notional volume of (and hedging the basis exposure with respect to) at least 80% but, at all times including after the Gas Basis Hedge Period, no more than 95% of the projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for each month classified as "proved, developed and producing" and as described in the Reserve Report (the "Gas Basis Hedge Percentage"); *provided, however*, that, in each case, the Issuer shall not enter into or maintain any Hedge Agreements for purposes of speculation or investment; *provided, however*, nothing shall prevent Issuer from novating hedges to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein even in cases where such novated hedges may differ from prevailing market prices, *provided further*, (i) for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not prohibit Issuer from selling call options or swaptions and (ii) the Issuer's compliance with the 95% limit in the Gas Basis Hedge Percentage shall be determined after giving effect to any offsetting or similar Hedge Agreements that result in a position that is opposite and equivalent to all or a portion of an existing Hedge Agreement (including any transaction thereunder). Neither the Issuer, nor any party otherwise having authority to act on behalf of the Issuer, is authorized to, or will, enter into an amendment to any Hedge Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of each Rating Agency; *provided that* nothing in this sentence shall restrict the Issuer: (i) from entering into Hedge Agreements during and after the Gas Basis Hedge Period or terminating Hedge Agreements, in part or in whole, in order to maintain compliance with the terms set forth herein; or (ii) from optimizing, novating, transferring, rolling or terminating Hedge Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on or prior to each Quarterly Determination Date after the Closing Date, the Issuer shall enter into one or more gas basis Hedge Agreements, as needed, sufficient to cover at least 85% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for each month for a period of the lesser of (a) [\*\*\*] and (b) [\*\*\*]; *provided, however*, that, the foregoing requirement to enter into additional gas basis Hedge Agreements shall reduce to 50% of projected natural gas output from the Issuer's Assets for [\*\*\*] if the following conditions are satisfied on such Quarterly Determination Date: (a) no Principal Distribution Amount remains unpaid on any of the three (3) Payment Dates immediately preceding such Quarterly Determination Date; and (b) the Aggregate LTV is less than or equal to 35%.

(c) Hedge Terminations. The Issuer shall not early terminate or unwind any Hedge Agreement other than (i) in the Issuer's discretion in connection with an "Event of Default" (where the relevant Hedge Counterparty is the "Defaulting Party") or "Termination Event" (where the Issuer is a party permitted to terminate pursuant to the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement) under a Hedge Agreement, as applicable or (ii) as a result of a good faith determination by the Issuer or Manager that such Hedge Counterparty or Hedge Agreement should be replaced or terminated, but not primarily to recognize a gain, provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that the Issuer remains subject to its obligations to maintain compliance with the hedging requirements set forth in Section 4.28(a), 4.28(b) and any supplemental indenture, in connection with any early termination or unwind of any Hedge Agreement. Any amounts received by the Issuer in connection with any termination of a Hedge Agreement (an "Issuer Hedge Termination Receipt") shall be either (A) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days, applied to the acquisition of a replacement Hedge Agreement or (B) to the extent not applied pursuant to clause (A), transferred to the Collection Account at the direction of the Issuer for treatment as Available Funds and applied in accordance with the Priority of Payments; provided that, to the extent an amount up to such Issuer Hedge Termination Receipt would otherwise be distributed to the Issuer pursuant to clause (S) of the Priority of Payments (after application of clauses (A) through (R) inclusive of the Priority of Payments), then such amount (up to such Issuer Hedge Termination Receipt) (such amount, the "Excess Hedge Amount") shall be applied in accordance with Section 8.6(iv). For the avoidance of doubt, any determination of the amounts owing pursuant to the foregoing proviso (and paid pursuant to Section 8.6(iv)) shall be determined after giving effect to amounts owing pursuant to clauses (A) through (R) (inclusive) of the Priority of Payments on the applicable Payment Date.



**ARTICLE V**

**REMEDIES**

Section 5.1 Events of Default.

(a) “Event of Default,” wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and, subject to Sections 5.1(a)(iv) and 5.1(a)(v), whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of Law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (i) the failure to pay the Notes in full by the Legal Final Maturity Date;

(ii) default in the payment of interest due on the Class A Notes when the same becomes due and payable that continues unremedied for two (2) Business Days;

(iii) default in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party (other than a covenant or agreement, a default in the observance or performance of which is specifically dealt with elsewhere in this [Section 5.1\(a\)](#)), or any representation or warranty of any Diversified Party made in any Basic Document to which it is a party or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith proving to have been incorrect in any material respect as of the time when the same shall have been made, and such default shall continue or not be cured, or the circumstance or condition in respect of which such representation or warranty was incorrect shall not have been eliminated or otherwise cured, for a period of thirty (30) days (subject to [Section 5.1\(c\)](#) below) after the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such default or incorrect representation or warranty or (ii) receipt by the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee from a Noteholder or a Hedge Counterparty, a written notice specifying such default or incorrect representation or warranty and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail;

(iv) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or any substantial part of the Collateral in an involuntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of any such parties' affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days;

(v) the commencement by any of the Issuer or Diversified Holdings of a voluntary case under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by any of the Issuer or Diversified Holdings to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such Law, or the consent by the Issuer or Diversified Holdings to the appointment or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or for any substantial part of the Collateral, or the making by the Issuer or Diversified Holdings of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by the Issuer or Diversified Holdings generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer or Diversified Holdings in furtherance of any of the foregoing;

(vi) the failure of the Issuer to cause the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) by no later than the time under which filings are required under Section 2(g) of the Management Services Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vi) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes;

(vii) other than as contemplated by Section 5.1(a)(vi), the failure of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to have a valid first-priority perfected security interest in any portion of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) that is not cured within ten (10) days of the earlier of (i) Knowledge of a Diversified Company of such failure or (ii) receipt by the Issuer from the Indenture Trustee a written notice specifying such failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a notice of Default hereunder, delivered by registered or certified mail; provided, that it will not be an Event of Default under this clause(a)(vii) if the value of all of the Collateral for which the Indenture Trustee does not have a valid first-priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) is equal to or less than 1% of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes;

(viii) the Issuer becomes a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

(ix) the filing of a non-appealable decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of the Issuer or Diversified Holdings in excess of \$500,000 in aggregate and not discharged, satisfied or stayed within thirty (30) days;

(x) the adoption in final form of a statute, rule or regulation by a competent legislative or governmental rule-making body that becomes effective following the Closing Date, or the entry of a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that is rendered following the Closing Date, which has a material adverse effect on (a) the validity or enforceability of any of the Basic Documents, or (b) the ability of the Issuer to make payments on the Notes or its obligations under any of the Hedge Agreements;

(xi) an ERISA or tax lien is created that secures the payment of money owed by the Issuer in excess of \$500,000;

(xii) any of the Issuer, Diversified Holdings or the Collateral is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act;

(xiii) any transactions under any Hedge Agreements remain outstanding as of the date that all principal and interest upon the Notes are paid in full, excluding only any Hedge Agreements for which the Hedge Counterparty thereunder has agreed in writing to accept cash collateral or other security immediately prior to the date of such payment in full;

(xiv) the failure of the Notes to be redeemed upon the occurrence of a Change of Control as required by Section 10.1(b); or

(xv) any of the Manager, the Operator, the Indenture Trustee or the Back-up Manager shall be terminated or removed or shall resign, and a replacement manager, operator, indenture trustee or back-up manager satisfactory to the Majority Noteholders shall not have been engaged within sixty (60) days following any such resignation, removal or termination; *provided, however*, that, with respect to the Indenture Trustee, only the termination or removal of the Indenture Trustee shall constitute an Event of Default under this Section 5.1(a)(xv) and no resignation or recusal by the Indenture Trustee itself shall constitute an Event of Default.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee, (2) each Noteholder, (3) each Hedge Counterparty and (4) each Rating Agency, within five (5) Business Days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officer's Certificate of any event that with the giving of notice and the lapse of time could become an Event of Default under clause (a)(iii) above, its status and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a breach of any covenant or agreement or representation or warranty of the Issuer referred to under clause (a)(iii) above shall not constitute an Event of Default after such thirty (30) day period (and the notice described under clause (b) above need not be delivered) if (x) the Issuer has commenced in a diligent manner a cure of such breach and (y) such remedial action could not reasonably have been expected to fully cure such breach within such thirty (30) days, but could reasonably be expected to be implemented and fully cure such breach within an additional thirty (30) days (but in no event shall the total cure period exceed a total of ninety (90) days). Upon the occurrence of any such event, each of the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall not be relieved from using its best efforts to perform its obligations in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, as applicable, shall provide the Indenture Trustee (if such delay or failure is a result of a delay or failure by the Issuer), the Noteholders, and the Hedge Counterparties prompt notice of such failure or delay by it, together with a description of its efforts to so perform its obligations.

Section 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default should occur and be continuing, then and in every such case the Indenture Trustee at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the Indenture Trustee's indemnification rights set forth herein) or the Majority Noteholders may declare all the Notes to be immediately due and payable, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee if given by Noteholders) (a copy of which shall be provided by the Issuer to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), and upon any such declaration the unpaid principal amount of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of acceleration, shall become immediately due and payable; *provided*, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) all the Notes shall be automatically deemed to be immediately due and payable and upon such event the unpaid principal of such Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the date of such Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v), shall become immediately due and payable, in each case, without notice, declaration or demand by the Indenture Trustee or the Noteholders, all of which are hereby waived by the Issuer.

At any time after such declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the Indenture Trustee as provided hereinafter in this Article V, the Majority Noteholders, by written notice to the Issuer and a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee (with a copy to each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency), may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

(i) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Indenture Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:

(A) all payments of principal of and interest on all Notes and all other amounts that would then be due hereunder or upon such Notes if the Event of Default giving rise to such acceleration had not occurred; and

(B) all sums paid or advanced by the Indenture Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel; and

(ii) all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the principal of the Notes that has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.12.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right or any exercise of remedies consequent thereto nor shall such rescission in and of itself serve as a waiver of any of the Events of Default.

Section 5.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Issuer covenants that if (i) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(i) has occurred and is continuing or (ii) an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(ii) has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Indenture Trustee, pay to the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as applicable, (1) the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and, to the extent payment at such rate of interest shall be legally enforceable, on overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Notes, (2) any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, including any termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, and, in addition thereto, and (3) such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee and its agents and counsel, and all other amounts due and owing to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7.

(b) In case the Issuer shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Indenture Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and Hedge Agreements and collect in the manner provided by Law out of the property of the Issuer or other obligor upon such Notes and Hedge Agreements, wherever situated, the monies adjudged or decreed to be payable.

(c) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, as more particularly provided in Section 5.4, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, by such appropriate Proceedings as the Indenture Trustee may deem necessary to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Indenture Trustee by this Indenture or by Law.

(d) In case there shall be pending, relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or any Person having or claiming an ownership interest in the Collateral, Proceedings under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar Law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, or liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or Person, or in case of any other comparable judicial Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or to the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Indenture Trustee, irrespective of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Indenture Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

(i) to file and prove a claim or claims (A) for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and (B) any amounts owed and unpaid with respect to any of the Hedge Agreements and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee, except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Indenture Trustee), the Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties allowed in such Proceedings;

(ii) unless prohibited by applicable Law and regulations, to vote as directed in writing by the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties in any election of a trustee, a standby trustee or Person performing similar functions in any such Proceedings;

(iii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties and the Indenture Trustee on their behalf; and

(iv) to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer, its creditors and its property;

and any trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official in any such Proceeding is hereby authorized by each of such Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties to make payments to the Indenture Trustee and, in the event that the Indenture Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to such Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, to pay to the Indenture Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Indenture Trustee and each predecessor Indenture Trustee except as a result of gross negligence or willful misconduct of such party.

(e) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Indenture Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Noteholder thereof or the Hedge Agreements or the rights of any Hedge Counterparty thereof, or to authorize the Indenture Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty in any such Proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

(f) All rights of action and of asserting claims under this Indenture, or under any of the Notes, may be enforced by the Indenture Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceedings relative thereto, and any such action or Proceedings instituted by the Indenture Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment, subject to the payment of the expenses, disbursements and compensation of the Indenture Trustee, each predecessor Indenture Trustee and their respective agents and attorneys, shall be for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties.

(g) In any Proceedings brought by the Indenture Trustee (and also any Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Indenture Trustee shall be a party), the Indenture Trustee shall be held to represent all the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, and it shall not be necessary to make any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty a party to any such Proceedings.

#### Section 5.4 Remedies; Priorities.

(a) If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, or at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders (subject to the terms hereof) shall do one or more of the following (subject to Section 5.5):

(i) declare the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon and all other amounts payable under this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to become immediately due and payable in accordance with Section 5.2;

(ii) institute Proceedings in its own name and as trustee of an express trust for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes and the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder) or under this Indenture with respect thereto, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained and collect from the Issuer and any other obligor upon such Notes monies adjudged due;

(iii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Collateral;

(iv) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the exercise of any remedies available under the Basic Documents; and

(v) sell the Collateral or any portion thereof or rights or interest therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by Law; provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee may not sell or otherwise liquidate the Collateral following an Event of Default, other than an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a)(i) or (ii), unless (A) the Majority Noteholders consent thereto, (B) the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Secured Parties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due and unpaid upon such Notes for principal and interest and all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale) or (C) the Indenture Trustee determines that the Collateral will not continue to provide sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes as they would have become due if the Notes had not been declared immediately due and payable, and the Indenture Trustee obtains the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Notes; *provided* a sale under clause (A) or clause (C) will not be permitted unless the proceeds of such sale or liquidation distributable to the Secured Parties are sufficient to discharge in full all amounts then due under the Hedge Agreements or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder or that would be due and payable if the Hedge Agreements were terminated on the date of such sale). In determining such sufficiency or insufficiency with respect to clauses (B) and (C), the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.



(b) If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, it shall, within two (2) Business Days, deposit such money or property to the Collection Account as Collections to be applied pursuant to Article VIII hereof.

If the Indenture Trustee collects any money or property pursuant to this Article V, the Indenture Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties pursuant to this Section 5.4. At least fifteen (15) days before such record date, the Issuer shall mail, by overnight mail (or transmit electronically, to the extent Notes are held in book-entry form), to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty and the Indenture Trustee a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount to be paid.

The Indenture Trustee shall incur no liability as a result of any sale (whether public or private) of the Collateral or any part thereof pursuant to this Section 5.4 that is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby waives any claim against the Indenture Trustee arising by reason of the fact that the price at which the Collateral may have been sold at such sale (whether public or private) was less than the price that might have been obtained otherwise, even if the Indenture Trustee accepts the first offer received and does not offer the Collateral to more than one offeree, so long as such sale is conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Each of the Issuer and the Noteholders hereby agree that in respect of any sale of the Collateral pursuant to the terms hereof, the Indenture Trustee is authorized to comply with any limitation or restriction in connection with such sale as it may be advised by counsel is necessary in order to avoid any violation of applicable Law, or in order to obtain any required approval of the sale or of the purchaser by any governmental authority or official, and the Issuer and the Noteholders further agree that such compliance shall not, in and of its self, result in such sale being considered or deemed not to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner, nor shall the Indenture Trustee be liable or accountable to the Issuer or any Noteholders for any discount allowed by reason of the fact that the Collateral or any part thereof is sold in compliance with any such limitation or restriction.

Section 5.5 Optional Preservation of the Assets. If the Notes have been declared to be immediately due and payable under Section 5.2 following an Event of Default and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, elect to maintain possession of the Collateral. In the event that the Indenture Trustee elects to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee shall provide written notice of such election to each such Rating Agency. It is the desire of the parties hereto and the Secured Parties that there be at all times sufficient funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and payment of any amounts due under the Hedge Agreements (including any termination payments and any other amounts owed thereunder), and the Indenture Trustee shall take such desire into account when determining whether or not to maintain possession of the Collateral. In determining whether to maintain possession of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may, but need not, obtain (at the expense of the Issuer) and rely upon an opinion of an Independent investment banking or accounting firm of national reputation as to the feasibility of such proposed action and as to the sufficiency of the Collateral for such purpose.

Section 5.6 Limitation of Suits. No Noteholder of any Note shall have any right to institute any Proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Noteholder has previously given written notice to the Indenture Trustee of a continuing Event of Default;
- (ii) the Majority Noteholders have consented to or made written request to the Indenture Trustee to institute such Proceeding in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Indenture Trustee hereunder;
- (iii) such Noteholder or Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such request;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee for sixty (60) days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute such Proceedings; and
- (v) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Indenture Trustee during such sixty (60) day period by the Majority Noteholders.

It is understood and intended that no one or more Noteholders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties (provided, however, that the Indenture Trustee shall not have an affirmative obligation to determine whether any such direction affects, disturbs or prejudices the rights of any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties), or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other Noteholders or any Hedge Counterparties, or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided.

Section 5.7 Unconditional Rights of Hedge Counterparties and Noteholders to Receive Principal, Interest, and Payments of Other Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Indenture, (a) the Noteholders of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in such Note or in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date), (b) each Hedge Counterparty shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of any obligations of the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements (including the termination amounts and any other amounts owed thereunder, including all applicable Posted Collateral) on or after the respective due dates thereof expressed in the applicable Hedge Agreement or in this Indenture, and (c) each Noteholder and Hedge Counterparty shall have the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment or return Posted Collateral, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Noteholder or the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.8 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Indenture Trustee, to such Noteholder or to such Hedge Counterparty, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.

Section 5.9 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at Law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 5.10 Delay or Omission Not a Waiver. No delay or omission of the Indenture Trustee, any Noteholder of any Note or any Hedge Counterparty to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article V or by Law to the Indenture Trustee, to the Noteholders or to the Hedge Counterparties may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Indenture Trustee, by the Noteholders or by the Hedge Counterparties, as the case may be.

Section 5.11 Control by Noteholders. The Majority Noteholders shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Indenture Trustee with respect to the Notes or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Indenture Trustee; provided, that:

- (i) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of Law or with this Indenture;
- (ii) such rights shall be subject to the express terms of Section 5.4(a)(v);
- (iii) if the conditions set forth in Section 5.5 have been satisfied and the Indenture Trustee elects to retain the Collateral pursuant to such Section, then any written direction to the Indenture Trustee by Noteholders representing less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes to sell or liquidate the Collateral shall be of no force and effect;
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Indenture Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; and
- (v) the Majority Noteholders have offered to the Indenture Trustee indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in complying with such direction.

Notwithstanding the rights of Noteholders set forth in this Section 5.11, subject to Section 6.1, the Indenture Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or might adversely affect the rights of any Noteholders not consenting to such action or the rights of any Hedge Counterparties.

Section 5.12 Waiver of Past Defaults. Prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Notes as provided in Section 5.2, the Majority Noteholders may waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences except a Default or Event of Default (a) in payment of principal of or interest on any of the Notes, (b) arising under any Hedge Agreement, (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Noteholder of each Note, or (d) occurring as a result of an event specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v). In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

Upon any such waiver, such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist and be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured and not to have occurred, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly give written notice of any such waiver to each Rating Agency.

Section 5.13 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Noteholder of a Note by such Noteholder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Indenture Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Indenture Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable expenses, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 5.13 shall not apply to (a) any suit instituted by the Indenture Trustee, (b) any suit instituted by any Noteholder, or group of Noteholders, in each case holding Notes evidencing in the aggregate more than 10% of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes or (c) any suit instituted by any Noteholder for the enforcement of the payment of principal of or interest on any Note on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Note and in this Indenture (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date).

Section 5.14 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension Law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such Law, and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Indenture Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such Law had been enacted.

Section 5.15 Action on Notes or Hedge Agreements. The Indenture Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or the Hedge Agreements or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking, obtaining or application of any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Indenture Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Collateral or upon any of the assets of the Issuer. Any money or property collected by the Indenture Trustee shall be applied in accordance with Section 5.4(b).

Section 5.16 Performance and Enforcement of Certain Obligations.

(a) The Issuer shall take all such lawful action as the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, shall request to compel or secure the performance and observance by the Manager of its obligations to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of their obligations under or in connection with the Transfer Agreement, and to exercise any and all rights, remedies, powers and privileges lawfully available to the Issuer under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement or the Transfer Agreement to the extent and in the manner directed by the Indenture Trustee, at the direction of the Majority Noteholders, including the transmission of notices of default under the Management Services Agreement on the part of the Manager thereunder, claims for indemnification by the Issuer against any of the Diversified Parties the Transfer Agreement and the institution of legal or administrative actions or proceedings to compel or secure performance by the Manager of its obligations under the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties of its obligations under the Transfer Agreement.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee may, and at the direction (which direction shall be in writing) of the Majority Noteholders, shall, (subject to the terms hereof) exercise all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims of the Issuer against the Manager under or in connection with the Management Services Agreement, against any of the Diversified Parties under or in connection with the Transfer Agreement, including the right or power to take any action to compel or secure performance or observance by the Manager, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Management Services Agreement, by any of the Diversified Parties, of its obligations to the Issuer under the Transfer Agreement and to give any consent, request, notice, direction, approval, extension or waiver under the Management Services Agreement, the Transfer Agreement, and any right of the Issuer to take such action shall be suspended.

**ARTICLE VI**

**THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE**

Section 6.1 Duties of Indenture Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Indenture Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except as directed in writing by the Majority Noteholders or any other percentage of Noteholders required hereby, the Indenture Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Indenture and the other Basic Documents to which it is a party (and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture or such other Basic Documents against the Indenture Trustee). In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Indenture Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein; however, in the case of certificates or opinions specifically required by any provision of this Indenture to be furnished to it, the Indenture Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of any mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(c) The Indenture Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own grossly negligent action, its own grossly negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 6.1;

(ii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by the Indenture Trustee unless it is proved that the Indenture Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 5.11.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Indenture Trustee is subject to this Section 6.1 and Section 6.2.

(e) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Indenture Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer.

(f) Money held on behalf of the Noteholders by the Indenture Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by Law, the terms of this Indenture or the Management Services Agreement or under any Hedge Agreement by a Hedge Counterparty.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Indenture Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds to believe that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it, and none of the provisions contained in this Indenture shall in any event require the Indenture Trustee to perform, or be responsible for the performance of, any of the obligations of the Manager or the Back-up Manager under this Indenture or the Basic Documents.

(h) The Indenture Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any agreement referred to herein or any financing statement or continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording or filing or depositing or to any re-recording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or otherwise to monitor the perfection, continuation of perfection or the sufficiency or validity of any security interest related to the Collateral, (ii) to see to any insurance or (iii) subject to the other provisions of this Indenture and the Basic Documents, to see to the payment or discharge of any tax, assessment, or other governmental charge or any lien or encumbrance of any kind owing with respect to, assessed or levied against, any part of the Collateral.

(i) The Indenture Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty unless either (1) a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee shall have actual knowledge of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty or (2) written notice of such Default, Event of Default, Material Manager Default or breach of representation or warranty shall have been given to a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. For the avoidance of doubt, receipt by the Indenture Trustee of a Payment Date Report shall not constitute actual knowledge of any breach of representation or warranty.

Section 6.2 Rights of Indenture Trustee.

(a) The Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely on any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person.

(b) Before the Indenture Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Indenture Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys or a custodian or nominee, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of, or for the supervision of, any such agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed absent gross negligence or willful misconduct by it hereunder.

(d) The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers; provided, that the Indenture Trustee's conduct does not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

(e) The Indenture Trustee may consult with counsel, accountants and other experts of its own selection (which may include counsel to the Issuer, the Noteholders and/or the Hedge Counterparties), and the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts with respect to legal or other matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect to any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel, accountants and other experts.

(f) The Indenture Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture or to institute, conduct or defend any litigation hereunder or in relation hereto or to honor the request or direction of any of the Noteholders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Noteholders shall have offered to the Indenture Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the reasonable costs, expenses, disbursements, advances and liabilities which might be incurred by it, its agents and its counsel in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, approval, bond or other paper or document (including electronic communications), unless requested in writing to do so by the Noteholders representing the Majority Noteholders; provided, that if the payment within a reasonable time to the Indenture Trustee of the costs, expenses or liabilities likely to be incurred by it in the making of such investigation is, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee, not reasonably assured to the Indenture Trustee by the security afforded to it by the terms of this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee may require indemnity satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee in its reasonable discretion against such cost, expense or liability as a condition to taking any such action. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee have any responsibility to monitor Diversified's compliance with or be charged with knowledge of the Credit Risk Retention Rules, nor shall it be liable to any Noteholder or any party whatsoever for violation of such rules or requirements or such similar provisions now or hereafter in effect.

(h) The right of the Indenture Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party shall not be construed as a duty or obligation, and the Indenture Trustee shall not be answerable under this Indenture or any other Basic Document to which it is a party for anything other than its gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of such act.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Indenture Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Indenture Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person engaged by the Indenture Trustee to act hereunder. In connection with its actions under any other Basic Document to which it is a party, the Indenture Trustee shall also be afforded all of the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to it herein, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, as if set forth in full therein, *mutatis mutandis*.

(j) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, any act or provision of any present or future law or regulation or governmental authority, strikes, work stoppages, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (hardware or software) systems and services, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility; it being understood that the Indenture Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

(k) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable (i) for special, consequential, indirect or punitive damages (including lost profits), (ii) for the acts or omissions of its nominees, correspondents, clearing agencies or securities depositories and (iii) for the acts or omissions of brokers or dealers even if the Indenture Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.



(l) In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be liable for the failure to perform its duties hereunder if such failure is a direct or proximate result of another party's failure to perform its obligations hereunder.

(m) As to any fact or matter the manner of ascertainment of which is not specifically described herein, the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to receive and may for all purposes hereof conclusively rely on a certificate, signed by an officer of any duly authorized Person, as to such fact or matter, and such certificate shall constitute full protection to the Indenture Trustee for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith reliance thereon.

(n) Any Opinion of Counsel requested by the Indenture Trustee shall be an expense of the party requesting the Indenture Trustee to act or refrain from acting or otherwise shall be an expense of the Issuer.

(o) The Indenture Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Indenture Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder servicing agent, custodian or sub-custodian, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain investments (if directed) and (iii) effecting transactions in certain investments (if directed). Such compensation shall not be considered an amount that is reimbursable or payable to the Indenture Trustee as part of the compensation hereunder.

(p) Neither the Indenture Trustee nor the Issuer shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other, it being understood that this Indenture shall not be construed to render them partners, joint venturers or agents (unless expressly set forth herein) of one another.

(q) The Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation or liability to take any action or to refrain from taking any action hereunder that requires written direction in the absence of such written direction as provided hereunder.

(r) The Indenture Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety with respect to the execution of the trust created hereby or the powers granted hereunder.

(s) The Indenture Trustee may, from time to time, request that the Issuer deliver a certificate (upon which the Indenture Trustee may conclusively rely) setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or any other Basic Document together with a specimen signature of such authorized officers; provided, however, that from time to time, the Issuer may, by delivering to the Indenture Trustee a revised certificate, change the information previously provided by it pursuant to this Section 6.2(s), but the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the then current certificate until receipt of a superseding certificate.

(t) Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties by the Indenture Trustee hereunder, the Indenture Trustee shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Noteholder with any information concerning the transaction contemplated hereby, the Issuer, the servicer or any other parties to any other Basic Document which may come into the possession of the Indenture Trustee or any of its officers, directors, employees, representatives or attorneys in fact.

If at any time the Indenture Trustee is served with any arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process which in any way affects this Indenture, the Notes, the Collateral or any part thereof or funds held by it (including, but not limited to, orders of attachment or garnishment or other forms of levies or injunctions), it shall be authorized to comply therewith in any manner as it or its legal counsel of its own choosing deems appropriate; and if the Indenture Trustee complies with any such arbitral, judicial or administrative order, judgment, award, decree, writ or other form of arbitral, judicial or administrative process, the Indenture Trustee shall not be liable to any of the parties hereto or to any other person or entity even though such order, judgment, award, decree, writ or process may be subsequently modified or vacated or otherwise determined to have been without legal force or effect

Section 6.3 Individual Rights of Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Indenture Trustee. Any Paying Agent, Note Registrar, co-registrar or co-paying agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Indenture Trustee must comply with Sections 6.11 and 6.12.

Section 6.4 Indenture Trustee's Disclaimer. The Indenture Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes, and it shall not be responsible for any statement of the Issuer in the Indenture or in any document issued in connection with the sale of the Notes or in the Notes other than the Indenture Trustee's certificate of authentication.

Section 6.5 Notice of Material Manager Defaults or Events of Default. Unless provided by Issuer (or the Manager on its behalf) on an earlier date, if a Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing and if it is known to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 6.1(i), the Indenture Trustee shall mail and email to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency notice of the Material Manager Default, Warm Trigger Event, Rapid Amortization Event, Default or Event of Default within five (5) days after receipt of such knowledge.

Section 6.6 Reports by Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee shall make available within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year to each Noteholder and each Hedge Counterparty such information furnished to the Indenture Trustee as may be required to enable such Noteholder or such Hedge Counterparty to prepare its U.S. federal and state income tax returns. On or before each Payment Date, the Indenture Trustee will post a copy of the statement or statements provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 8.8 hereof with respect to the applicable Payment Date on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee shall post copies of the items provided to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 7.1 hereof and the Reserve Report provided pursuant to Section 8.5 hereof on its internet website promptly following its receipt thereof (*provided* that within three (3) Business Days of posting, the Indenture Trustee will provide e-mail notice of such posting), for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and Rating Agencies, and upon written request provide a copy thereof to each Noteholder, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and the Rating Agencies. The Indenture Trustee's internet website shall initially be located at "[www.debt.com](http://www.debt.com)." The Indenture Trustee may change the way the statements and information are posted or distributed in order to make such distribution more convenient and/or accessible for the Noteholders, the Back-up Manager, the Hedge Counterparties and the Rating Agencies, and the Indenture Trustee shall provide on the website timely and adequate notification to all parties regarding any such change. As currently configured, the Indenture Trustee's website will automatically issue an email notification to any Noteholder who has registered its email address with the Indenture Trustee of any posting of information to such website. Promptly after the Closing Date, the Indenture Trustee will send by email a registration link for such website to each Noteholder with an email address listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement at such email address. Each Noteholder shall be responsible for its own registration for such website and the Indenture Trustee shall not have any obligation to monitor any Noteholder's registration status. The Indenture Trustee shall not have any liability in connection with its website failing to automatically deliver the email notifications referenced in this Section 6.6 absent gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part.

Section 6.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Indenture Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services as agreed between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee in writing from time to time. The Indenture Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any Law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Indenture Trustee for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred or made by it, including costs of collection, in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses, disbursements and advances of the Indenture Trustee's agents, counsel, accountants and experts; provided, that, reimbursement for expenses and disbursements of any legal counsel to the Indenture Trustee may be subject to any limitations separately agreed upon in writing before the date hereof between the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall indemnify the Indenture Trustee for, and hold it and its officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents harmless against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage or expense, including reasonable and documented legal and consulting fees and expenses and including, without limitation, any legal fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with any enforcement (including any action, claim or suit brought by the Indenture Trustee of any indemnification or other obligation of the Issuer or the Manager), incurred by it in connection with the administration of this Indenture and the performance of its duties hereunder, including with respect to any Environmental Liabilities, compliance with Environmental Laws and the generation, use, presence or release of Hydrocarbons or Hazardous Materials. The Indenture Trustee shall, to the extent practicable and not prohibited by a court order or other operation of law, notify the Issuer and the Manager promptly of any claim of which the Indenture Trustee has received written notice for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Indenture Trustee to so notify the Issuer and the Manager shall not relieve the Issuer or the Manager of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer may defend any such claim, and the Indenture Trustee may have separate counsel in connection with the defense of any such claim and the Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Indenture Trustee through the Indenture Trustee's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

The Issuer's payment obligations to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section shall survive the resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and the discharge of this Indenture. When the Indenture Trustee incurs fees or expenses after the occurrence of a Default specified in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or 5.1(a)(v) with respect to the Issuer, the expenses are intended to constitute expenses of administration under Title 11 of the United States Code or any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar Law.

Section 6.8 Replacement of Indenture Trustee.

(a) No resignation or removal of the Indenture Trustee and no appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8. The Indenture Trustee may resign at any time with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Issuer (with a copy to each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency). The Majority Noteholders may remove the Indenture Trustee with thirty (30) days' prior written notice by so notifying the Indenture Trustee, Diversified and the Hedge Counterparties and may appoint a successor Indenture Trustee. The Issuer shall remove the Indenture Trustee if:

- (i) the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11;
- (ii) the Indenture Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent;
- (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Indenture Trustee or its property; or
- (iv) the Indenture Trustee otherwise becomes incapable of acting.

(b) If no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and the Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Indenture Trustee for any reason (the Indenture Trustee in such event being referred to herein as the retiring Indenture Trustee), the Issuer shall appoint a replacement indenture trustee with the consent of the Majority Noteholders and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days following such event; provided that if the Issuer shall not have appointed a replacement indenture trustee by the end of such thirty (30) day period other than as a result of the failure of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties to have reasonably consented, the Majority Noteholders shall have the right to appoint the replacement with the consent of the Issuer and of the Hedge Counterparties (in either case, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed), and the Issuer shall notify Diversified and each Rating Agency of such appointment. If a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any replacement of the Indenture Trustee hereunder shall be done by the Majority Noteholders.

(c) A successor Indenture Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty. Thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Indenture Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Indenture Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Indenture Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties. The retiring Indenture Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Indenture Trustee to the successor Indenture Trustee.

(d) If a successor Indenture Trustee does not take office within thirty (30) days after the retiring Indenture Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Indenture Trustee, the Issuer or the Majority Noteholders may, at the expense of the Issuer, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(e) If the Indenture Trustee fails to comply with Section 6.11, any Noteholder or any Hedge Counterparty may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Indenture Trustee and the appointment of a successor Indenture Trustee.

(f) Notwithstanding the replacement of the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Section 6.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 6.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Indenture Trustee.

Section 6.9 Successor Indenture Trustee by Merger. If the Indenture Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all its corporate trust business or assets to, another corporation or banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or banking association without any further act shall be the successor Indenture Trustee; provided, that such corporation or banking association shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 6.11. The Indenture Trustee shall provide Diversified, the Noteholders and each Rating Agency with prior written notice of any such transaction.

Section 6.10 Appointment of Co-Indenture Trustee or Separate Indenture Trustee.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, at any time, for the purpose of meeting any legal requirement of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Collateral may at the time be located, the Indenture Trustee shall have the power and may execute and deliver all instruments to appoint one or more Persons to act as a co-trustee or co-trustees, or separate trustee or separate trustees, of all or any part of the Issuer, and to vest in such Person or Persons, in such capacity and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, such title to the Collateral, or any part hereof, and, subject to the other provisions of this Section 6.10, such powers, duties, obligations, rights and trusts as the Indenture Trustee may consider necessary or desirable. No co-trustee or separate trustee hereunder shall be required to meet the terms of eligibility as a successor trustee under Section 6.11 and no notice to Noteholders of the appointment of any co-trustee or separate trustee shall be required under Section 6.8 hereof.

(b) Every separate trustee and co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by Law, be appointed and act subject to the following provisions and conditions:

(i) all rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred or imposed upon the Indenture Trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Indenture Trustee and such separate trustee or co-trustee jointly (it being understood that such separate trustee or co-trustee is not authorized to act separately without the Indenture Trustee joining in such act), except to the extent that under any Law of any jurisdiction in which any particular act or acts are to be performed the Indenture Trustee shall be incompetent or unqualified to perform such act or acts, in which event such rights, powers, duties and obligations (including the holding of title to the Collateral or any portion thereof in any such jurisdiction) shall be exercised and performed singly by such separate trustee or co-trustee, but solely at the direction of the Indenture Trustee;

(ii) no trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of any other trustee hereunder; and

(iii) the Indenture Trustee may at any time accept the resignation of or remove any separate trustee or co-trustee.

(c) Any notice, request or other writing given to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to have been given to each of the then separate trustees and co-trustees, as effectively as if given to each of them. Every instrument appointing any separate trustee or co-trustee shall refer to this Indenture and the conditions of this Article VI. Each separate trustee and co-trustee, upon its acceptance of the trusts conferred, shall be vested with the estates or property specified in its instrument of appointment, either jointly with the Indenture Trustee or separately, as may be provided therein, subject to all the provisions of this Indenture, specifically including every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct of, affecting the liability of, or affording protection to, the Indenture Trustee. Every such instrument shall be filed with the Indenture Trustee.

(d) Any separate trustee or co-trustee may at any time constitute the Indenture Trustee, its agent or attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, to the extent not prohibited by Law, to do any lawful act under or in respect of this Indenture on its behalf and in its name. If any separate trustee or co-trustee shall die, become incapable of acting, resign or be removed, all of its estates, properties, rights, remedies and trusts shall vest in and be exercised by the Indenture Trustee, to the extent permitted by Law, without the appointment of a new or successor trustee.

Section 6.11 Eligibility; Disqualification. The Indenture Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and the time deposits of the Indenture Trustee shall be rated at least A- (or equivalent) by Fitch and one other NRSRO, to the extent that Fitch rates the Notes, and otherwise, two NRSROs.

Section 6.12 Representations and Warranties of the Indenture Trustee. The Indenture Trustee hereby makes the following representations and warranties on which the Issuer, Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties shall rely:

(a) the Indenture Trustee is a national banking association duly organized and validly existing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its formation;

(b) the Indenture Trustee has full power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver, and perform this Indenture and shall have taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of this Indenture;

(c) the execution, delivery and performance by the Indenture Trustee of this Indenture (i) shall not violate any provision of any Law or regulation governing the banking and trust powers of the Indenture Trustee or any order, writ, judgment or decree of any court, arbitrator, or governmental authority applicable to the Indenture Trustee or any of its assets, (ii) shall not violate any provision of the corporate charter or bylaws of the Indenture Trustee and (iii) shall not violate any provision of, or constitute, with or without notice or lapse of time, a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien on any properties included in the Collateral pursuant to the provisions of any mortgage, indenture, contract, agreement or other undertaking to which it is a party, which violation, default or lien could reasonably be expected to have a materially adverse effect on the Indenture Trustee's performance or ability to perform its duties under this Indenture or on the transactions contemplated in this Indenture;

(d) no consent, license, approval or authorization of, or filing or registration with, any governmental authority, bureau or agency is required to be obtained that has not been obtained by the Indenture Trustee in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Indenture Trustee of the Basic Documents; and

(e) this Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Indenture Trustee and constitutes the legal, valid and binding agreement of the Indenture Trustee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUER

#### Section 7.1 Financial and Business Information.

(a) *Annual Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, duplicate copies of the audited consolidated financial statements of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries by an independent public accountant, which such independent public accountant shall be PricewaterhouseCoopers or another independent public accountant reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders; provided, that upon receipt of such audited consolidated financial statements, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

(b) *Quarterly Statements* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, within sixty (60) days after the end of the first, second and third quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal quarter of the Issuer ended March 31, 2024, duplicate copies of the following reports; provided, that upon receipt of such reports, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make them available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website:

- (i) an unaudited consolidated balance sheet of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) unaudited consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of Diversified Corp and its consolidated subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter, in each case setting forth, starting with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024, in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with IFRS, or, to the extent Diversified Corp or its direct or indirect parent prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP, in accordance with GAAP, applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer of Diversified Corp as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments.

(c) *Notice of Material Events* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, the Manager or Diversified becomes aware of the existence of (i) any Rapid Amortization Event, (ii) Material Manager Default, (iii) Default, (iv) Event of Default, (v) any default under any Basic Document, (vi) any event that can be reasonably expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (vii) information that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or (viii) Warm Trigger Event, an Officer's Certificate (with a copy to each Rating Agency) specifying the nature and period of existence and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Issuer shall, at the Issuer's expense (in accordance with [Section 8.6](#)), promptly provide the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, the Manager (or Back-up Manager) and the Rating Agencies with such additional information as any such party may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the matters so reported, and the actions so taken or contemplated to be taken.

(d) *Notices from Governmental Body* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within ten (10) days of receipt thereof, copies of any material notice to the Issuer from any Governmental Body (with a copy to each Rating Agency) relating to any order, ruling, statute or other Law or regulation.

(e) *Notices under Material Agreement* — The Issuer shall deliver, or cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, and each Hedge Counterparty promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) days after delivery or receipt by the Issuer, copies of all notices of termination, default or event of default, suspension of performance or any force majeure event given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party or any other material notices or documents given or received pursuant to or in respect of any material agreement to which it is a party (with a copy to each Rating Agency).

(f) *Payment Date Compliance Certificates* — On or before the third (3rd) Business Day prior to each Payment Date, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee, each Noteholder, each Hedge Counterparty, and each Rating Agency, an Officer's Certificate to the effect that, except as provided in a notice delivered pursuant to [Section 7.1\(c\)](#), no potential Rapid Amortization Event or Rapid Amortization Event, no potential Material Manager Default or Material Manager Default, no potential Warm Trigger Event or Warm Trigger Event, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (each, a "Payment Date Compliance Certificate").



(g) *Ratings* — Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2023, the Issuer shall annually obtain a ratings letter from at least one Rating Agency in accordance with Section 9.17 of the Note Purchase Agreement; provided, that upon receipt of such ratings letter from the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee shall promptly make such ratings letter available to Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Rating Agencies on the Indenture Trustee's internet website.

Section 7.2 Visitation.

(a) If no Default or Event of Default then exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each Noteholder that is an Institutional Investor to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, at such time as may be reasonably requested in writing; provided, however, that in no event shall the Issuer be required to permit the representatives of a Noteholder to visit more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(a) shall be at the sole expense of the requesting party.

(b) If a Default or Event of Default exists, the Issuer shall permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor, at the expense of the Issuer, upon reasonable prior notice, to visit and inspect the offices or properties of the Issuer, to examine all its books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and independent certified public accountants, all at such times as may be reasonably requested and as often as may be requested. Any visits contemplated by this Section 7.2(b) shall be at the sole expense of the Issuer and not limited in number.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**ACCOUNTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND RELEASES**

Section 8.1 Deposit of Collections. The Issuer and the Manager on its behalf, shall direct that all payments with respect to the Assets and all payments received under the Hedge Agreements be made to the Collection Account in accordance with the Basic Documents; provided that amounts posted by a Hedge Counterparty as collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall not be deposited in the Collection Account and shall not constitute Available Funds. The Issuer, and in the event any Collections are received by any Affiliate of the Issuer (other than the Operator, solely in its capacity as such), if applicable, shall remit or cause such Affiliate to remit to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of receipt and identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets. The Operator, solely in its capacity as such, shall remit to the Collection Account within sixty (60) days of receipt and initial identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment) all Collections received with respect to the Assets (subject in any case to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement); provided, that, to the extent that the Operator definitively identifies Collections attributable to the Issuer pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement subsequent to the application of funds from such Collection pursuant to the expense and reimbursement provisions thereof, the Operator shall remit such funds to the Collection Account within two (2) Business Days of definitive identification thereof (including receipt of proper instructions regarding where to allocate such payment). Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee and the Paying Agent shall be authorized to accept instructions from the Manager (which shall be in writing) on behalf of the Issuer on a daily basis regarding withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, to the extent such funds have been mistakenly deposited into the Collection Account (including without limitation funds representing amounts due and payable on wells not part of the Assets). In the case of any withdrawal or transfer pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall provide the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, the Paying Agent and the Indenture Trustee with notice of such withdrawal or transfer, together with reasonable supporting details regarding such withdrawal or transfer and the mistaken deposit related thereto, on such date of withdrawal to be delivered by the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer (or in such earlier written notice as may be required by the Indenture Trustee from the Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, from time to time). Notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary, the Indenture Trustee and the Paying Agent shall be entitled to make withdrawals or order transfers of funds from the Collection Account, in the amount of all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Indenture Trustee or the Paying Agent in connection with any misdirected funds described in the second foregoing sentence.

Section 8.2 Establishment of Accounts.

(a) On or before the Closing Date, the Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Collection Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall deposit, or cause its Affiliate to deposit, any and all funds received pursuant to any Hedge Agreement into the Collection Account, subject only to the terms of the Joint Operating Agreement; provided, however, any such amounts received as "Posted Collateral" pursuant to the terms of a Hedge Agreement as in effect on the date hereof or subsequently put into effect shall be deposited into the Hedge Collateral Account.

(b) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Asset Disposition Proceeds Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(c) The Issuer, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Liquidity Reserve Account"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(d) The Issuer or Manager (acting upon the direction of the Issuer), for the benefit of one or more of the Secured Parties who are Hedge Counterparties, may from time to time by written direction to the Indenture Trustee cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary one or more accounts or sub-accounts on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the "Hedge Collateral Accounts"), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Hedge Counterparty for whose benefit the Hedge Collateral Account has been established. Amounts posted as Posted Collateral to the Issuer under an applicable Hedge Agreement shall be deposited in such accounts and held therein in accordance with the terms of the applicable Hedge Agreement, including those terms related to the interest rate applicable to and accrual of interest at such rate on all such Posted Collateral. The Issuer and the Manager shall each have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee by written notice to make withdrawals and returns of Posted Collateral from any Hedge Collateral Account for purposes of satisfying the Issuer's obligations under each applicable Hedge Agreement (the Indenture Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon any such written direction as conclusive evidence of such duties under the relevant Hedge Agreement). The Issuer shall at all times ensure the Manager complies with its obligations under Section 8.8(f) as to each Hedge Collateral Account. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any Hedge Counterparty's right to the return of any excess Posted Collateral posted under the Hedge Agreement, as determined in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedge Agreement, and held in the Hedge Collateral Account, shall be senior in all respects to any rights or interests in each such Hedge Collateral account of the (i) Indenture Trustee, (ii) any Secured Parties who are not Hedge Counterparties and (iii) to the extent any Hedge Collateral Account is a segregated account, any Hedge Counterparties who are not the Hedge Counterparty for whose benefit the Hedge Collateral Account has been established.

(e) The Issuer or Manager (acting upon the direction of the Issuer), for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall cause to be established and maintained with the Securities Intermediary a non-interest bearing trust account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and in the name of the Indenture Trustee an Eligible Account (the “P&A Reserve Account”), bearing a designation clearly indicating that the funds deposited therein are held for the benefit of the Secured Parties. To the extent a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer’s most recently completed fiscal year, Available Funds shall be deposited into the P&A Reserve Account in an amount equal to the P&A Reserve Amount in accordance with Section 8.6. On each Payment Date, all amounts then on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account shall be deposited into the Collection Account, where they will be considered part of Available Funds and distributed on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.6.

(f) Funds on deposit in each of (i) the Collection Account, (ii) the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account, (iii) the Liquidity Reserve Account, and (iv) the P&A Reserve Account (together, the “Issuer Accounts”) shall be invested by the Securities Intermediary in Permitted Investments as directed in writing by the Manager. In the absence of written direction from the Manager, such funds shall remain uninvested. All such Permitted Investments shall be held by the Securities Intermediary for the benefit of the Secured Parties; provided, that on each Payment Determination Date all interest and other Investment Earnings on funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and shall be deemed to constitute a portion of Available Funds for the related Payment Date. Other than as permitted by the Majority Noteholders (with prompt notice to the Hedge Counterparties), funds on deposit in the Issuer Accounts shall be invested in Permitted Investments that will mature (A) not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date or (B) on or before 10:00 a.m. on such next Payment Date if such investment is held in the corporate trust department of the institution with which the Issuer Accounts are then maintained and is invested either (i) in a time deposit of the Indenture Trustee with a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies (such account being maintained within the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee), or (ii) in the Indenture Trustee’s common trust fund so long as such fund has a credit rating in one of the generic rating categories that signifies investment grade of at least one of the Rating Agencies; provided, further, that Permitted Investments shall be available for redemption and use by the Indenture Trustee on the relevant Payment Date. In no event shall the Indenture Trustee be held liable for investment losses in Permitted Investments pursuant to this Section 8.2(f), except to the extent it is acting separately in its capacity as obligor thereunder.

(g) The Indenture Trustee shall possess all right, title and interest in all funds on deposit from time to time in the Issuer Accounts and, subject to the limitations in Section 8.2(d), Hedge Collateral Accounts and in all proceeds thereof (including all income thereon) and all such funds, investments, proceeds and income shall be part of the Collateral. The Issuer Accounts shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties. If, at any time, any of the Issuer Accounts and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts cease to be an Eligible Account, the Indenture Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days (or such longer period, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days with the prior written consent the Majority Noteholders, or, as applicable, the Hedge Counterparties) establish a new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, as an Eligible Account and shall transfer any cash and/or any investments to such new Issuer Account and/or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable. The Indenture Trustee, Paying Agent or the other Person holding the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts as provided in this Section 8.2(g), shall be the “Securities Intermediary.” On the date hereof, the Securities Intermediary is the Indenture Trustee. If the Securities Intermediary shall be a Person other than the Indenture Trustee, the Manager shall obtain the express written agreement of such Person to the obligations of the Securities Intermediary set forth in this Section 8.2.

(i) The Securities Intermediary agrees, by its acceptance hereof, that:

(A) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts are “securities accounts” within the meaning of Section 8-501 of the New York UCC and are accounts to which Financial Assets will be credited.

(B) All securities or other property underlying any Financial Assets credited to the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be registered in the name of the Securities Intermediary, indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank or credited to another securities account maintained in the name of the Securities Intermediary and in no case will any Financial Asset credited to any of the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts be registered in the name of the Issuer or the Manager, payable to the order of the Issuer or the Manager or specially indorsed to the Manager or Diversified except to the extent the foregoing have been specially indorsed to the Securities Intermediary or in blank.

(C) All property delivered to the Securities Intermediary pursuant to this Indenture will be promptly credited to the appropriate Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable.

(D) Each item of property (whether investment property, Financial Asset, security, instrument or cash) credited to an Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, shall be treated as a “financial asset” within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the New York UCC.

(E) If at any time the Securities Intermediary shall receive any order from the Indenture Trustee directing transfer or redemption of any Financial Asset relating to the Issuer Accounts or any other entitlement order, or Hedge Collateral Accounts, as applicable, the Securities Intermediary shall comply with such entitlement order without further consent by the Issuer, the Manager or any other Person.

(F) The Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York, regardless of any provision in any other agreement. For purposes of the UCC, New York shall be deemed to be the Securities Intermediary’s jurisdiction and the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts (as well as the securities entitlements (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC) related thereto) shall be governed by the Laws of the State of New York.

(G) The Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with any other Person relating to the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Financial Assets credited thereto pursuant to which it has agreed to comply with entitlement orders (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the New York UCC) of such other Person and the Securities Intermediary has not entered into, and until the termination of this Indenture will not enter into, any agreement with the Issuer, the Manager or the Indenture Trustee purporting to limit or condition the obligation of the Securities Intermediary to comply with entitlement orders as set forth in Section 8.2(g)(i) (E) hereof.

(H) Except for the claims and interest of the Indenture Trustee and of the Issuer in the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts, the Securities Intermediary knows of no claim to, or interest in, the Issuer Accounts or Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset credited thereto. If any other Person asserts any lien, encumbrance or adverse claim (including any writ, garnishment, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process) against the Issuer Accounts, Hedge Collateral Accounts or in any Financial Asset carried therein, the Securities Intermediary will promptly notify the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Issuer, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency.

(I) The Securities Intermediary will promptly send copies of all statements, confirmations and other correspondence concerning the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts and/or any Issuer Account Property simultaneously to each of the Manager and the Indenture Trustee.

(J) The Securities Intermediary (A) shall be a corporation or national bank that in the ordinary course of its business maintains securities accounts for others and is acting in that capacity hereunder, (B) shall not be an Affiliate of the Issuer, (C) shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$500,000,000, (D) shall be subject to supervision or examination by United States federal or state authority and (E) shall have a rating of at least "Baa1" or better by Moody's, "A-" or better by S&P, and "A-" or better by Fitch (if such entity is rated by Fitch).

(K) The Securities Intermediary shall treat the Indenture Trustee as entitled to exercise the rights that comprise each financial asset credited to any Issuer Account and any Hedge Collateral Account.

(L) The Securities Intermediary shall not change the name or the account number of any Issuer Account or Hedge Collateral Account without the prior written consent of the Indenture Trustee (acting at the written direction of the Majority Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties, as applicable).

(M) The Securities Intermediary shall not be a party to any agreement that is inconsistent with this Indenture, or that limits or conditions any of its obligations under this Indenture. The Securities Intermediary shall not take any action inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture applicable to it.

(N) Each item of property credited to each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall not be subject to, and the Securities Intermediary hereby waives, any security interest, lien, claim, encumbrance, or right of setoff in favor of the Securities Intermediary or anyone claiming through the Securities Intermediary (other than the Indenture Trustee).

(O) For purposes of Article 8 of the UCC, the jurisdiction of the Securities Intermediary with respect to the Collateral shall be the State of New York.

(P) It is the intent of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer that each Issuer Account and Hedge Collateral Account shall be a securities account on behalf of the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties and not an account of the Issuer.

(ii) The Manager shall have the power to instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing to make withdrawals and payments from the Issuer Accounts and Hedge Collateral Accounts for the purpose of permitting the Manager to carry out its respective duties under the Management Services Agreement or hereunder or permitting the Indenture Trustee to carry out its duties under the Indenture; provided, that the Indenture Trustee shall have no responsibility for monitoring the Manager's duties and shall rely exclusively on such written direction to determine if a withdrawal or payment should be made.

Section 8.3 Collection of Money. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Indenture Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all money and other property payable to or receivable by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this Indenture. The Indenture Trustee shall apply all such money received by it as provided in this Indenture. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, if any default occurs in the making of any payment or performance under any agreement or instrument that is part of the Collateral, the Indenture Trustee may take such action as may be appropriate to enforce such payment or performance, including the institution and prosecution of appropriate Proceedings. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture and any right to proceed thereafter as provided in Article V.

Section 8.4 Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(a) In the event that the Issuer shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Assets in a Permitted Disposition or any Assets shall be purchased by the Manager from the Issuer pursuant to Section 2(c)(iii) of the Management Services Agreement (i) a portion of such proceeds equal to the amount, if any, required to be paid by the Issuer pursuant to the termination, in whole or in part, of any Hedge Agreement in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of this Indenture shall be deposited into the Collection Account and used for such purpose, and (ii) if, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale, the repayment of the Notes and any required hedge termination payment with the remaining proceeds, the Aggregate DSCR would be equal to or greater than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the Aggregate LTV shall be equal to or less than 75% and the IO DSCR would be equal to or greater than 2.00 to 1.00 (the "Proceeds Retention Condition"), then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing to deposit the remaining proceeds (net of the amounts paid pursuant to subsection (i) above, together with any other applicable "net" amounts) ("Asset Disposition Proceeds") into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account. In the event that clause (ii) of the Proceeds Retention Condition is not satisfied and such Permitted Disposition is otherwise permitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Indenture, including the prior receipt of any required written consent of the Majority Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties, then the Issuer shall instruct the Paying Agent, on behalf of the Indenture Trustee, in writing (A) to effectuate a Redemption with such proceeds up to the total amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds required to satisfy clause (ii) of the Proceeds Retention Condition after giving effect to such Redemption and (B) following such Redemption of the Notes, to deposit any remaining net proceeds from such disposition into the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account. For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts deposited in the Asset Proceeds Disposition Account pursuant to the immediately preceding clause (B) shall constitute Asset Disposition Proceeds.

(b) During the Asset Purchase Period, the Issuer shall be permitted to acquire Additional Assets (to the extent such purchase satisfies the requirements under clauses (c) through (e) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions). In the event of such a purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer shall provide written direction to the Indenture Trustee to make payment of the purchase price to such Person no later than five (5) Business Days prior to such acquisition; provided, that the Issuer certifies to the Indenture Trustee that (i) no Warm Trigger Event, Material Manager Default, Rapid Amortization Event exists, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) no selection procedures materially adverse to the Noteholders or any of the Hedge Counterparties were used in selecting such Additional Assets for purchase, (iii) the Proceeds Retention Condition shall be satisfied (each on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such contemplated purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any, with any remaining amounts), and (iv) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied with respect thereto.

(c) In the event that any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets by the Payment Determination Date of the Collection Period following 180 days subsequent to the end of the Collection Period in which such Asset Disposition Proceeds were deposited into the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account (the "Asset Purchase Period"), the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, shall direct the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account; provided, however, that the Issuer, or Manager on its behalf, may, in its sole discretion, direct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to deposit such remaining amounts into the Collection Account prior to the end of the Asset Purchase Period; provided, further, that, during the Asset Purchase Period, to the extent any Asset Disposition Proceeds on deposit in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account are not applied to the purchase of Additional Assets, the Issuer, or the Manager on its behalf, at any time during the Asset Purchase Period may, but at the end of the Asset Purchase Period shall direct any funds to redeem Notes such that after such redemption, the Aggregate DSCR shall not be less than 1.30 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the Aggregate LTV shall not be greater than 75%, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any; but (other than with respect to the Designated Asset Disposition Proceeds Amount) in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of Notes so redeemed be less than the product of (i) 125% and (ii) 55% of the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds not used to purchase Additional Assets, and any remaining amounts shall be deposited into the Collection Account and be deemed Available Funds for the next Payment Date.

#### Section 8.5 Asset Valuation.

(a) Reserve Reports. The Issuer will be required to deliver, or to cause the Manager to deliver, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency (i) an updated Reserve Report within ninety (90) days of the commencement of each calendar year (which report shall be audited or prepared by an Independent Petroleum Engineer) and (ii) an updated Reserve Report within sixty (60) days of June 30 of each year (which report shall be internally prepared by the Issuer); provided, that the Issuer must deliver an updated Reserve Report within forty-five (45) days of any Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions of an aggregate amount of Assets exceeding 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date (it being understood that (i) such updated Reserve Report may be the same report as the most recently delivered Reserve Report, rolled forward by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager and (ii) to the extent a Reserve Report with respect to a Permitted Disposition or combination of related Permitted Dispositions has been so delivered to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and each Rating Agency, the foregoing shall not require the delivery of an additional Reserve Report upon additional related Permitted Dispositions unless and until the aggregate amount of such additional related Permitted Dispositions exceeds 5% of the PV-10 of the Assets as of the Closing Date) (and, following any fiscal year for which the P&A Expense Amount exceeds the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount, such updated Reserve Report shall include a separate schedule identifying the estimated net capital expenditures associated with plugging and abandonment liabilities with respect to the Wellbore Interests), and, to the extent the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, will be required to deliver each such updated Reserve Report to such persons promptly upon its receipt thereof. The Reserve Report shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Chief Operating Officer (or similarly titled position) of the Manager, who shall certify such Reserve Report to be true and accurate and to have been prepared in accordance with the procedures used in the immediately preceding Reserve Report (and, with respect to the first Reserve Report delivered by the Issuer under this Indenture, the Transfer Agreement Reserve Report). With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Manager certifying that in all material respects the information contained in the Reserve Report and any other information delivered in connection therewith is true and correct, the Issuer owns good and defensible title to the Assets evaluated in such Reserve Report, such Assets are free of all Liens except for Permitted Liens and that, to the extent there has been a change in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest, that change is identified in an exhibit to the certificate. With the delivery of each Reserve Report, the Issuer shall provide to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager, each Hedge Counterparty and each Rating Agency a report that shows any change, set forth to the eighth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest relating to the prior year or Working Interest relating to the prior year with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest provided in the previous Reserve Report, and except to the extent already included in a report under this Section 8.5. The Indenture Trustee shall promptly make any such Reserve Reports, certificates and other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5 available to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties by posting any such Reserve Reports, certificates or other reports delivered pursuant to this Section 8.5, to its internet website referenced in Section 6.6 hereof subject to the terms thereof.



Section 8.6 Distributions.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii) below, on each Payment Date, the Issuer, or the Manager on the Issuer's behalf, shall instruct the Indenture Trustee in writing (based solely on the information contained in the Payment Date Report delivered on the related Payment Determination Date pursuant to this Section 8.6) to apply all Available Funds for payments of the following amounts in the following order of priority (the "Priority of Payments"); *provided*, that, with respect to the Payment Dates on January 28, 2024 and February 28, 2024, amounts shall be applied from amounts deposited from the Liquidity Reserve Account into the Collection Account:

(A) (1) to the Indenture Trustee, the Indenture Trustee's (x) fees and any accrued and unpaid fees of the Indenture Trustee with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus (y) any Administrative Expenses owed to the Indenture Trustee; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount paid to the Indenture Trustee pursuant to this clause (A)(1) exceed \$150,000 in any calendar year (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein or pursuant to Section 8.6(i)(Q) shall remain due and owing to the Indenture Trustee and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); *provided, however*, that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply; and (2) to the Back-up Manager, the Back-up Management Fee and any accrued and unpaid Back-up Management Fees or indemnity amounts with respect to prior Payment Dates, plus any Administrative Expenses payable to the Back-up Manager; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of payments paid pursuant to this clause (A)(2) exceed (i) \$150,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager does not perform any Warm Back-up Management Duties or Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$150,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), (ii) \$550,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Warm Back-up Management Duties (but not Hot Back-up Management Duties) (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$550,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full), and (iii) \$1,000,000 in any calendar year during which the Back-up Manager performs Hot Back-up Management Duties (provided, that any amounts in excess of \$1,000,000 which are unpaid pursuant to the cap herein shall remain due and owing to the Back-up Manager and payable in the following year and each subsequent year thereafter until repaid in full); *provided, however*, that in the event of a liquidation following an Event of Default, no such cap shall apply;

(B) to the Manager, the Administration Fee and any accrued and unpaid Administration Fees with respect to prior Payment Dates; *provided*, that, in no event shall the cumulative aggregate amount of Administration Fees paid pursuant to this clause (B) exceed \$360,000 in any calendar year; *provided* that to the extent the Manager is terminated pursuant to Section 4.27 hereof, such cap shall be increased to an amount, in the Issuer's good faith judgment, that is commensurate with similar arrangements for management services by third party providers, to be approved by the Majority Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed);

(C) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any net payments due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements, in each case, other than termination amounts, and (2) to the Class A Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due on the Class A Notes, the Note Interest on the Class A Notes for such Payment Date;

(D) to the Liquidity Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the Liquidity Reserve Account to equal the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount;

(E) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, termination payments arising from reductions in the notional amount under the related Hedge Agreements in order to maintain compliance with Section 4.28 of the Indenture;

(F) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Class A Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Class A Notes, the Class A Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date, and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any termination payments owed as a result of an event of default under Sections 5(a)(i) (Failure to Pay) or 5(a)(vii) (Bankruptcy), in each case where the Issuer is the Defaulting Party (as defined therein) of the related Hedge Agreement;

(G) to the Class A Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance, the Class A Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Class A Excess Allocation Percentage is 25% or 50%;

(H) *pro rata and pari passu* to the Class A Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance, (1) in the case of a Redemption, *pro rata*, the applicable Redemption Price and (2) the Class A Excess Amortization Amount (if any) with respect to such Payment Date where the Class A Excess Allocation Percentage is 100%;

(I) to the Class B Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Note Interest due on the Class B Notes, the Note Interest on the Class B Notes for such Payment Date;

(J) to the Class B Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance, as payment of principal on the Class B Notes, the Class B Principal Distribution Amount with respect to such Payment Date;

(K) *pro rata and pari passu* (1) to the Class B Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance, the Class B Excess Amortization Amount with respect to such Payment Date where the Class B Excess Allocation Percentage is 25% or 50% and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable by the Issuer under the related Hedge Agreements but not paid in accordance with clauses (C), (E) or (F) above;

(L) *pro rata and pari passu* to the Class B Noteholders, *pro rata*, based on the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance, (i) in the case of a Redemption, *pro rata*, the applicable Redemption Price and (ii) the Class B Excess Amortization Amount with respect to such Payment Date where the Class B Excess Allocation Percentage is 100% and the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance is \$0;

(M) if a P&A Reserve Trigger has occurred with respect to the Issuer's prior fiscal year, to the P&A Reserve Account, the amount necessary to cause the balance in the P&A Reserve Account to equal the P&A Reserve Amount;

(N) *pro rata and pari passu* (1) to the Noteholders, *pro rata*, any remaining amounts owed to Noteholders under the Basic Documents and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any remaining amounts owed to the Hedge Counterparties under the Basic Documents;

(O) to the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above;

(P) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Manager, any unpaid AFE Cover Amounts and any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (B) above;

(Q) *pro rata and pari passu* to DP Legacy, any indemnity amount due and payable under the Transfer Agreement;

(R) to the Manager, the Excess Management Fee; and

(S) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture, any remaining Available Funds, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture; provided, that, during the continuance of any event or condition that, with notice, the lapse of time, or both, that does or would constitute a Rapid Amortization Event, a Warm Trigger Event, an Event of Default or a Material Manager Default, any remaining amounts shall remain on deposit in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account or the P&A Reserve Account, as applicable, for application as Available Funds.

(ii) On each Payment Date (a) as of which the Notes have been accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, (b) on which a Redemption is scheduled to occur or (c) that is on or after the Legal Final Maturity Date, in each case as specified solely in the Payment Date Report, Available Funds and all amounts in the Collection Account, the Liquidity Reserve Account, the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account and the P&A Reserve Account shall be distributed by the Indenture Trustee in the following order and priority of payments (the “Special Priority of Payments”):

(A) all payments required and in the order required by clauses (A) and (B) of the Priority of Payments, in each case without giving effect to the provisos stated therein, along with the fees and expenses incurred by Noteholders in connection with their enforcement of remedies under this Indenture;

(B) *first*, (1) *pro rata and pari passu*, to (x) the Class A Noteholders, the Note Interest on the Class A Notes for such Payment Date (other than Default Interest); and (y) to each Hedge Counterparty, *pro rata*, any net payments under the Hedge Agreement (other than any termination amounts) and *then*, (2) *pro rata and pari passu*, to (x) the Class A Noteholders, *pro rata*, the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance, plus in the case of a Redemption, the Redemption Price for the Class A Notes and (y) to each Hedge Counterparty, *pro rata*, any amounts due and payable under the Hedge Agreements that have not been paid pursuant to clause (B)(1)(y) above;

(C) *first*, (1) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Class B Noteholders, the Note Interest on the Class B Notes for such Payment Date (other than Default Interest) and *then*, (2) *pro rata and pari passu*, to the Class B Noteholders, the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance, plus in the case of a Redemption, the Redemption Price for the Class B Notes;

(D) *first*, (1) to the Class A Noteholders, Default Interest on the Class A Notes for such Payment Date, and *then*, (2) to the Class B Noteholders, Default Interest on the Class B Notes for such Payment Date;

(E) *pro rata and pari passu*, (1) to the Class A Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed to the Class A Noteholders under the Basic Documents, other than enforcement fees and expenses contemplated in clause (A) of the Special Priority of Payments and (2) to the Hedge Counterparties, *pro rata*, any remaining amounts owed to the Hedge Counterparties under the Basic Documents;

(F) to the Class B Noteholders, any remaining amounts owed under the Basic Documents, other than enforcement fees and expenses contemplated in clause (A) of the Special Priority of Payments;

(G) *pro rata* and *pari passu*, to the Indenture Trustee, the Back-up Manager and the Manager, any amounts owed but not paid in accordance with clause (A) above; and

(H) to the Issuer, all remaining amounts, free and clear of the lien of the Indenture.

(iii) On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Manager shall calculate all amounts required to be withdrawn from the Issuer Accounts (as applicable) and distributed in accordance with the Priority of Payments and Special Priority of Payments and shall provide such calculation to the Indenture Trustee as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Diversified Party other than the Issuer (i) with respect to any matters arising out of or relating to a breach of contract or indemnification obligation under any Basic Document or (ii) under the Transfer Agreement, those amounts less, with respect to subclause (i), the sum of (A) any amounts paid or payable by the Issuer to any third parties as of the time of receipt with respect to the applicable breach or indemnification obligation and (B) any amounts reinvested or reasonably expected to be reinvested by the Issuer (including to cure or remedy any breach or liability) to the extent permitted by the Basic Documents, shall be paid to the Noteholders in a redemption of the Notes in accordance with clause (H) or clause (L) of the Priority of Payments (as applicable) set forth above without premium or penalty. In addition, any Excess Hedge Amounts shall be paid to the Noteholders in a redemption of the Notes in accordance with clause (H) or clause (L) of the Priority of Payments (as applicable) set forth above without premium or penalty.

#### Section 8.7 Liquidity Reserve Account

(a) On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause an amount not less than the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit to be deposited by the Indenture Trustee into the Liquidity Reserve Account.

(b) If the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account on any Payment Date (after giving effect to all deposits thereto or withdrawals therefrom on such Payment Date) is greater than the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Indenture Trustee to withdraw such amount from the Liquidity Reserve Account and apply it as Available Funds for such Payment Date as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(c) Without duplication, in the event that the Available Funds for a Payment Date are not sufficient to make the full amount of the payments and deposits required pursuant to clauses (A) through (C) of the Priority of Payments on such Payment Date, the Manager shall instruct the Paying Agent on behalf of the Indenture Trustee to withdraw from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Date an amount equal to such shortfall, to the extent of funds available therein, and pay or deposit such amount according to the priorities set forth in clauses (A) through (C) of the Priority of Payments. In addition, if the Special Priority of Payments applies, all amounts shall be withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account and applied as provided in the Special Priority of Payments, as set forth in the Payment Date Report.

(d) Following the payment in full of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes and termination or expiration of all Hedge Agreements and payment in full of all obligations due and payable in connection therewith (including any early termination amounts due thereunder) and of all other amounts owing or to be distributed hereunder to Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, any amount remaining on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account shall be distributed to the Issuer free and clear of the lien of this Indenture upon written direction to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager.

Section 8.8 Statements to Noteholders. On or prior to the close of business on each Payment Determination Date, the Issuer shall cause the Manager to provide to the Indenture Trustee for the Indenture Trustee to (x) post on its internet website pursuant to Section 6.6 of the Indenture or (y) provide to each Hedge Counterparty who does not then have access to such website pursuant to Section 6.6 hereof, a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit D hereto, setting forth at least the following information as to the Notes, to the extent applicable:

- (a) the amount of Collections and Asset Disposition Proceeds, if any, received in the Collection Account with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (b) confirmation of compliance with the terms of the Indenture and the other Basic Documents;
- (c) other reports received or prepared by the Manager in respect of the Wellbore Interests and the Hedge Agreements, along with a summary of all Hedge Agreements in place, including volumes and percentage of production that is hedged, along with a calculation of the hedge ratio;
- (d) the amount of Administrative Expenses, Direct Expenses and indemnity payments paid to each party or withheld by the Operator pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement or the Manager pursuant to the Management Services Agreement during the most recent Collection Period;
- (e) the amount of any fees and expenses paid to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager or the Back-up Manager with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (f) if any, the amount of (i) any payment (including breakage or termination payments) paid to the Hedge Counterparties with respect to the related Collection Period, (ii) all deposits into and payments out of each Hedge Collateral Account from or to each Hedge Counterparty during the Collection Period, and (iii) the balance of each Hedge Counterparty's deposits on such Payment Determination Date, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the name of each Hedge Counterparty entitled to the balance identified by the Manager in clause (ii) above; *provided, however*, if a segregated Hedge Collateral Account is maintained for any one or more of the Hedge Counterparties, the information set out in clauses (ii) and (iii) need only be provided to each such Hedge Counterparty, individually, the Indenture Trustee and the Securities Intermediary and will not be required to be posted on the Indenture Trustee's website;

- (g) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the Liquidity Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date;
- (h) the amount deposited in or withdrawn from the P&A Reserve Account on such Payment Determination Date, the amount on deposit in the P&A Reserve Account after giving effect to such deposit or withdrawal and the P&A Reserve Account Target Amount for such Payment Date, to the extent applicable;
- (i) the Outstanding Principal Amount, the Principal Distribution Amount, the Class A Excess Amortization Amount (if any) and the Class B Excess Amortization Amount (if any), with respect to such Payment Determination Date;
- (j) the Note Interest, including any Subsequent Rate of Interest, with respect to such Payment Date;
- (k) as of each of the Initial Target Date and Second Target Date, confirmation as to whether a Subsequent Rate of Interest shall go into effect with, if applicable, a copy of the 2026 Satisfaction Notification or 2030 Satisfaction Notification, as applicable;
- (l) the Class A Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) and Class B Excess Allocation Percentage (if any) with respect to such Payment Date;
- (m) the amount of the Aggregate DSCR, the Senior DSCR, the IO DSCR, the Aggregate LTV, the Senior LTV, the Production Tracking Rate and the Securitized Net Cash Flow, in each case with respect to the related Collection Period;
- (n) the amounts on deposit in each Issuer Account as of the related Payment Determination Date;
- (o) amounts due and owing and paid to the Noteholders under the Note Purchase Agreement and other Basic Documents;
- (p) identification of any Assets repurchased by DP Legacy by Well number with respect to such Asset (as specified in the Schedule of Assets), to the extent applicable;
- (q) a listing of all Permitted Indebtedness outstanding as of such date;
- (r) the amount of any Excess Funds and AFE Cover Amounts utilized to participate in AFE Operations during the related Collection Period;
- (s) a listing of any Additional Assets acquired by the Issuer;
- (t) any reports regarding greenhouse gas or other carbon emissions associated with the Issuer's operations or the products, to the extent publicly disclosed by the Issuer or any of its Affiliates;

(u) the amount of Asset Disposition Proceeds deposited in the Asset Disposition Proceeds Account;

(v) on an annual basis, on the Payment Determination Date occurring in March such report shall include the aggregate P&A Expense Amount for the preceding year and the excess, if any, of the P&A Expense Amount in excess of the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount;

(w) on an annual basis such report shall include any change, set forth to the fourth decimal place, in the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest with respect to any Well from the Net Revenue Interest or Working Interest reflected in the most recent Reserve Report, except to the extent already expressly identified in a report under this Section 8.8;

(x) reasonably detailed information regarding any Title Failure (as defined in the Transfer Agreement) of which the Issuer has Knowledge and all documentation with respect to any actions, claims or Proceedings under the Transfer Agreement;

(y) any material Environmental Liability of which Issuer, Operator, Manager or any Affiliate thereof obtained Knowledge since the most recent report delivered under this Section 8.8;

(z) the filing or commencement of, or the threat in writing of, any action, suit, investigation, arbitration or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Body against Issuer, or any material adverse development in any action, suit, proceeding, investigation or arbitration (whether or not previously disclosed), that, in either case, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$250,000;

(aa) a reasonably detailed description of any Permitted Dispositions; and

(bb) on the first Payment Determination Date where either Emissions Target has been met, a statement to that effect, together with copies of the confirmation from the External Verifier.

Deliveries pursuant to this Section 8.8 or any other Section of this Indenture may be delivered by electronic mail.

Section 8.9 [Reserved].

Section 8.10 [Reserved].

Section 8.11 Original Documents. The Indenture Trustee agrees to hold any assignments of mortgage or deeds of trust that are part of the Collateral received by it. The Indenture Trustee shall keep such documents in its possession separate and apart from all other property that it is holding in its possession and from its own general assets. The Indenture Trustee shall keep records showing that it is holding such documents pursuant to this Indenture. Such documents shall be released by the Indenture Trustee to or at the direction of the Issuer upon the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.



## ARTICLE IX

### SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

Section 9.1 Supplemental Indentures Not Requiring Consent of Noteholders. The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, without the consent of any of the Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties, if the rights of such Noteholders or Hedge Counterparty would not be adversely affected in any material respect and written confirmation from any Rating Agency currently rating the Notes that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, enter into any indenture or indentures supplemental to this Indenture for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Indenture;
- (b) to grant to or confer upon the Indenture Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties any additional benefits, rights, remedies, powers or authorities;
- (c) to subject to this Indenture additional revenues, properties or collateral (other than Additional Assets);
- (d) in connection with the Issuer consolidating with or merging with any other Person or conveying, transferring or leasing all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person pursuant to Section 4.16, to evidence the assumption by such Person of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Indenture and any other changes necessary to effect such transaction and the administration of this Indenture;
- (e) to modify, amend or supplement this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto in such manner as to permit the qualification hereof and thereof under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or any similar federal statute hereafter in effect or to permit the qualification of the Notes for sale under the securities laws of the United States of America or of any of the states of the United States of America, and, if they so determine, to add to this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto such other terms, conditions and provisions as may be permitted by said Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or similar federal statute;
- (f) to evidence the appointment of a separate or co-Indenture Trustee or a co-registrar or transfer agent or the succession of a new Indenture Trustee hereunder; or
- (g) to make any changes necessary to comply with or obtain more favorable treatment under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall permit, or be construed as permitting, any modification of the trusts, powers, rights, duties, remedies, indemnities, immunities and privileges of the Indenture Trustee without the prior written approval of the Indenture Trustee, which approval shall be evidenced by execution of a Supplemental Indenture; provided further, that a copy of such supplemental indenture or amendment shall be provided to the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties within two (2) Business Days of the effectiveness of such supplemental indenture or amendment.

For any supplemental indenture or amendment pursuant to this Section 9.1, no such supplemental indenture or amendment shall be effective unless (i) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied and (ii) the Issuer furnishes to the Indenture Trustee, the Noteholders and the Hedge Counterparties, at the Issuer's expense, an Opinion of Counsel stating that, or Officer's Certificate of the Issuer certifying that (a) such action is authorized or permitted by the Indenture, (b) all conditions precedent under the Indenture for the taking of such action have been complied with and (c) such action will not materially adversely affect the interests of any Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties.

Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.1, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

#### Section 9.2 Supplemental Indentures with Consent of Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties.

(a) The Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, when authorized by an Issuer Order, may, with the consent of the Majority Noteholders by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, and with notice to each Hedge Counterparty (and the consent of any Hedge Counterparty if the rights of such Hedge Counterparty would be adversely affected in any material respect), and written confirmation from any Rating Agency currently rating the Notes that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then-current rating of any class of rated Notes will occur as a result, by Act of the Noteholders delivered to the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to, or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of, this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Noteholders under this Indenture; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Noteholder of each Outstanding Note or the Hedge Counterparty of each Hedge Agreement affected thereby:

(i) change the Legal Final Maturity Date or the date of payment of any installment of principal of or interest on any Note, or reduce the principal amount thereof, the Interest Rate thereon or the Applicable Premium or Change of Control Applicable Premium or Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, with respect thereto, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of collections on, or the proceeds of the sale of, the Collateral to payment of principal of or interest on the Notes or any payments or priority of payments to any Hedge Counterparty under the Hedge Agreements, or change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, any Note or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of the provisions of this Indenture requiring the application of funds available therefor, as provided in Article V, to the payment of any such amount due on the Notes or under the Hedge Agreements on or after the respective due dates thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date);

(ii) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes, the consent of the Noteholders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of the Noteholders of which is required for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) modify or alter the provisions of the proviso to the definition of the term “Outstanding”;

(iv) modify or alter the definitions of the terms “Available Funds,” “ClassA Excess Allocation Percentage,” “ClassA Excess Amortization Amount,” “ClassA Principal Distribution Amount,” “ClassB Excess Allocation Percentage,” “ClassB Excess Amortization Amount,” “ClassB Principal Distribution Amount,” “Equity Contribution Cure,” “Excess Funds,” “GHG Emissions Performance Target,” “Hedge Agreements,” “Hedge Counterparty,” “Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirement,” “Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount,” “Majority Noteholders,” “Methane Emissions Performance Target,” “P&A Reserve Amount,” “Permitted Dispositions,” “Permitted Liens,” “Principal Distribution Amount,” “Production Tracking Rate,” “Rapid Amortization Event,” “Redemption Price,” “Reserve Report,” “Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount,” “Securitized Net Cash Flow,” “Warm Trigger Event,” “Senior DSCR,” “Aggregate DSCR,” “IO DSCR,” “Senior LTV” or “Aggregate LTV”;

(v) reduce the percentage of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes required to direct the Indenture Trustee to direct the Issuer to sell or liquidate the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.4;

(vi) modify any provision of this Section 9.2 except to increase any percentage specified herein or to provide that certain additional provisions of this Indenture or the Basic Documents (excluding the Hedge Agreements) cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Noteholder of each Outstanding Note affected thereby or, if any Hedge Agreements are to be affected thereby, without the consent of the Hedge Counterparties;

(vii) modify Section 8.6 or modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal due on any Note on any Payment Date (including the calculation of any of the individual components of such calculation) or to affect the rights of the Noteholders to the benefit of any provisions for the optional or mandatory redemption of the Notes contained herein;

(viii) permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Collateral (other than Permitted Liens) or, except as otherwise permitted or contemplated herein, terminate the lien of this Indenture on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Noteholder of any Note or the Hedge Counterparty to any Hedge Agreement of the security provided by the lien of this Indenture; or

(ix) except as provided in Section 5.4(a)(v), liquidate the Assets when the proceeds of such sale would be insufficient to fully pay the Notes and the obligations of Issuer under the Hedge Agreements.

(b) The Indenture Trustee shall rely exclusively on an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel to determine whether any such action would require the consent of the Majority Noteholders, the consent of all of the Noteholders or the consent of all Hedge Counterparties. The Indenture Trustee shall not be liable for reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) Reserved.

(d) Promptly after the execution by the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee of any supplemental indenture pursuant to this Section 9.2, the Indenture Trustee shall transmit to the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, and each Rating Agency a notice (to be provided by the Issuer) setting forth in general terms the substance of such supplemental indenture and a copy of such supplemental indenture. Any failure of the Indenture Trustee to transmit such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.

Section 9.3 Execution of Supplemental Indentures. In executing, or permitting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article IX or the modification thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Indenture Trustee shall be provided with and, subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.2, shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture (i) is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent under this Indenture for the execution of the supplemental indenture have been complied with, (ii) will not cause the Issuer to become a corporation or another entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (iii) will not cause the Notes that were characterized as indebtedness at issuance to be treated as other than indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided, that the Opinion of Counsel described in clause (ii) and clause (iii) will be subject to the same conditions, exclusions and limitations as any Opinion of Counsel with respect to such matters given upon the issuance of the Notes. The Indenture Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture that affects the Indenture Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. The Indenture Trustee shall notify each Rating Agency of the execution of any Supplemental Indentures. The Issuer shall notify the Back-up Manager of any amendment to the Basic Documents that (x) modifies the duties of the Manager or Operator and (y) adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager. No amendment to a Basic Document that adversely affects or increases the duties of the Back-up Manager will be effective without the consent of the Back-up Manager.

Section 9.4 Effect of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions hereof, this Indenture shall be and shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith with respect to the Notes affected thereby, and the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties, liabilities and immunities under this Indenture of the Indenture Trustee, the Issuer, the Hedge Counterparties, and the Noteholders shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 9.5 Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures. If the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee shall so determine, new Notes so modified as to conform, in the opinion of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, to any such supplemental indenture may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Indenture Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE X

### REDEMPTION OF NOTES

#### Section 10.1 Redemption.

(a) Subject to Section 10.1(b), the Outstanding Notes are subject to redemption in whole, but not in part, at the direction of the Issuer on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(a), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Business Day of the month in which the Redemption Date occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Noteholder of the Notes.

(b) Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Outstanding Notes are subject to mandatory redemption in whole, but not in part, on the Redemption Date at the Change of Control Redemption Price. If the Outstanding Notes, or some portion thereof, are to be redeemed pursuant to this Section 10.1(b), the Issuer shall furnish notice of such election to the Indenture Trustee not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day subsequent to the date on which the Change of Control occurs and the Issuer shall deposit by 10:00 A.M. New York City time on the Redemption Date with the Paying Agent in the Collection Account the Change of Control Redemption Price of the Notes to be redeemed, whereupon all such Notes shall be due and payable on the Redemption Date upon the furnishing of a notice complying with Section 10.2 to each Noteholder.

Section 10.2 Form of Redemption Notice. Following receipt by the Indenture Trustee of the Issuer's notice of redemption in accordance with Section 10.1, such notice of redemption shall be posted to the Indenture Trustee's website for distributing information to the Noteholders and given by the Indenture Trustee by first-class mail, overnight mail or postage prepaid not later than thirty (30) days prior to the applicable Redemption Date to each Noteholder affected thereby and each Hedge Counterparty, as of the close of business on the Record Date preceding the applicable Redemption Date, at such Noteholder's address appearing in the Note Register. The Indenture Trustee shall provide a copy of such notice to each Rating Agency.

All notices of redemption shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable; and
- (c) the place where such Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable (which shall be the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in Section 4.2).

Notice of redemption of the Notes shall be given by the Indenture Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Noteholder shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Article X. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full.

Section 10.3 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. The Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed shall, following notice of redemption as required by Section 10.2, on the Redemption Date become due and payable at the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, and (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable) no interest shall accrue on the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable, for any period after the date to which accrued interest is calculated for purposes of calculating the Redemption Price or Change of Control Redemption Price, as applicable. On or before such Redemption Date, Issuer shall cause the aggregate Redemption Price to be deposited to the Collection Account, and such amount shall be paid in accordance with the Special Priority of Payments.

## ARTICLE XI

### SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 11.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture With Respect to the Notes. This Indenture shall cease to be of further effect with respect to the Notes except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Noteholders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents, (iv) Sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.8, 4.11, 4.12, Section 4.14 and 4.18, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Indenture Trustee hereunder (including the rights of the Indenture Trustee under Section 6.7 and the obligations of the Indenture Trustee under Section 11.2) and (vi) the rights of Noteholders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property so deposited with the Indenture Trustee payable to all or any of them, and the Indenture Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, when:

(A) either:

(1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (i) Notes that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 2.6 and (ii) Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust, as provided in Section 4.3) have been delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation; or

(2) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation:

(I) have become due and payable, or

(II) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Indenture Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer,

and the Issuer, in the case of (I) or (II) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited with the Indenture Trustee cash or direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (which will mature prior to the date such amounts are payable), in trust for such purpose, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Indenture Trustee for cancellation when due to the applicable Legal Final Maturity Date or Redemption Date (if Notes shall have been called for redemption pursuant to Section 10.1), as the case may be;

(B) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by the Issuer hereunder; and

(C) the Issuer has delivered to the Indenture Trustee an Officer's Certificate, an Opinion of Counsel and, each meeting the applicable requirements of Section 12.1(a) and, subject to Section 12.2, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the foregoing satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture only applies to the Notes and the Noteholders subject to the terms in this Section 11.1. The Indenture shall not terminate and cease to be of further effect with respect to any of the Hedge Counterparties or any of the Hedge Agreements until and unless all of the Hedge Agreements have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full. At any time that the Notes are no longer outstanding, the Hedge Counterparties shall be entitled to exercise any rights and remedies set forth herein and in the Basic Documents otherwise afforded to the Noteholders or Majority Noteholders.

Section 11.2 Application of Trust Money. All monies deposited with the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Section 11.1 hereof shall be held on behalf of the Noteholders and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Indenture Trustee may determine, (i) to the Noteholders of the particular Notes for the payment or redemption of which such monies have been deposited with the Indenture Trustee, of all sums due and to become due thereon for principal and interest plus all other amounts due under the Basic Documents and (ii) to the Hedge Counterparties, of all sums, if any, due or to become due to the applicable Hedge Counterparty under and in accordance with the Hedge Agreements; but such monies need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required herein or in the Management Services Agreement or required by Law.

Section 11.3 Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Indenture Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture with respect to such Notes shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Indenture Trustee to be held and applied according to Section 4.3 and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such monies.

## ARTICLE XII

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 12.1 Compliance Certificates and Opinions, etc.

(a) Upon any application or request by the Issuer to the Indenture Trustee to take any action under any provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Indenture Trustee (i) an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with, and (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent, if any, have been complied with, except that, in the case of any such application or request as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

Every certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:



(i) a statement that each signatory of such certificate or opinion has read or has caused to be read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;

(ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such signatory, such signatory has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such signatory to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(iv) a statement as to whether, in the opinion of each such signatory, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 12.2 Form of Documents Delivered to Indenture Trustee. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

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

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

(c) Whenever in this Indenture, in connection with any application or certificate or report to the Indenture Trustee, it is provided that the Issuer shall deliver any document as a condition of the granting of such application, or as evidence of the Issuer's compliance with any term hereof, it is intended that the truth and accuracy, at the time of the granting of such application or at the effective date of such certificate or report (as the case may be), of the facts and opinions stated in such document shall in such case be conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer to have such application granted or to the sufficiency of such certificate or report. The foregoing shall not, however, be construed to affect the Indenture Trustee's right to rely upon the truth and accuracy of any statement or opinion contained in any such document as provided in Article VI.

Section 12.3 Acts of Noteholders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Noteholders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Noteholders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing; and except as herein otherwise expressly provided such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Indenture Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the “Act of the Noteholders” signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 6.1) conclusive in favor of the Indenture Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 12.3.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner that the Indenture Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Noteholder of any Notes shall bind the Noteholder of every Note issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Indenture Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

Section 12.4 Notices, etc., to Indenture Trustee and Issuer. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or Hedge Counterparties or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture shall be in writing and if such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or act of Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties is to be made upon, given or furnished to or filed with:

(i) the Indenture Trustee by any Noteholder, by the Issuer or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing (which may be made via e-mail transmission, pdf or overnight delivery) to or with a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office, or

(ii) the Issuer by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: DP Lion Holdco LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 300 Colorado Street, Suite 2400, Austin, Texas 78701, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Issuer or the Manager. The Issuer shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iii) the Manager by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 300 Colorado Street, Suite 2400, Austin, Texas 78701, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Manager. The Manager shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

(iv) the Operator by the Indenture Trustee, by any Noteholder or by any Hedge Counterparty shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and sent by facsimile or email, in each case with a copy to follow via first-class mail, postage prepaid to the Issuer addressed to: Diversified Production LLC, at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242, facsimile: (205) 408-0870, email: legalnotice@dgoc.com, with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to (i) Benjamin M. Sullivan, 414 Summers Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, email: bsullivan@dgoc.com, and (ii) Latham & Watkins LLP, Attention: David J. Miller, at 300 Colorado Street, Suite 2400, Austin, Texas 78701, email: david.miller@lw.com, or, in each case, at any other address previously furnished in writing to the Indenture Trustee by the Operator. The Operator shall promptly transmit any notice received by it from the Noteholders to the Indenture Trustee.

The Issuer's obligation to deliver or provide any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to any Person shall be satisfied if such demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction is posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website or such other website or distribution service or provider as the Issuer shall designate by written notice to the other parties; provided, however, that any demand, delivery, notice, communication or instruction to the Indenture Trustee shall be provided at its Corporate Trust Office in accordance with Section 12.4(i) hereof.

The Indenture Trustee shall promptly transmit (which may be via electronic mail) any written notice or material communication received by it from the Noteholders to the Issuer, the Manager and the Hedge Counterparties.

Section 12.5 Notices to Noteholders and Hedge Counterparties; Waiver.

(a) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Noteholders of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Noteholder affected by such event, at such Noteholder's address as it appears on the Note Register, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Noteholders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Noteholder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Noteholders, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(b) Where this Indenture provides for notice to Hedge Counterparties of any event, such notice shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if posted to the Indenture Trustee's investor reporting website, by electronic transmission or in writing and mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to each Hedge Counterparty affected by such event, at such Hedge Counterparty's address as it appears on the Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement to which such Hedge Counterparty is a party, not later than the latest date, and not earlier than the earliest date, prescribed for the giving of such notice. In any case where notice to Hedge Counterparties is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Hedge Counterparty shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Hedge Counterparties, and any notice that is mailed in the manner herein provided shall conclusively be presumed to have been duly given.

(c) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice.

(d) In case, by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity, it shall be impractical to mail notice of any event to Noteholders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then any manner of giving such notice as shall be satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee shall be deemed to be a sufficient giving of such notice.

Section 12.6 Alternate Payment and Notice Provisions. Notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture or any of the Notes to the contrary, the Issuer may enter into any agreement with any Noteholder providing for a method of payment, or notice by the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent to such Noteholder, that is different from the methods provided for in this Indenture for such payments or notices. The Issuer will furnish to the Indenture Trustee a copy of each such agreement and the Indenture Trustee will cause payments to be made and notices to be given in accordance with such agreements.

Section 12.7 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 12.8 Successors and Assigns. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture and the Notes by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not. All agreements of the Indenture Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors, co-trustees and agents.

Section 12.9 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 12.10 Benefits of Indenture. Nothing in this Indenture or in the Notes, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, and the Noteholders, each Hedge Counterparty and any other party secured hereunder, and any other Person with an ownership interest in any part of the Collateral, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture. Each Hedge Counterparty shall be a third-party beneficiary to this Indenture, but only to the extent this it has any rights expressly specified herein or in the other Basic Documents.

Section 12.11 Payment Date Not A Business Day. In any case where the date on which any payment is due (or, with respect to a Hedge Collateral Account, a transfer is to be made under the Hedge Agreement) shall not be a Business Day, then (i) notwithstanding any other provision of the Notes or this Indenture payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the date on which nominally due and (ii) payments or transfers under the Hedge Agreement will be made in accordance with the provisions of such Hedge Agreement.

Section 12.12 GOVERNING LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THIS INDENTURE SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHERWISE APPLICABLE CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS, AND THE OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH LAWS; PROVIDED THAT ANY MATTERS THAT RELATE TO REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE SUCH PROPERTY IS LOCATED. EACH PARTY TO THIS INDENTURE AND EACH NOTEHOLDER BY PURCHASING A NOTE SUBMITS FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, OR FOR RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT IN RESPECT THEREOF, TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE GENERAL JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY, THE COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND APPELLATE COURTS FROM ANY THEREOF. EACH PARTY (a) CONSENTS TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO THE PERSONAL JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS FOR SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS, (b) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO DENY OR DEFEAT SUCH PERSONAL JURISDICTION BY MOTION OR OTHER REQUEST FOR LEAVE FROM ANY SUCH COURT, AND (c) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT BRING ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY COURT OTHER THAN SUCH COURTS. EACH PARTY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN CONNECTION WITH ITS PROPERTIES, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE AND IRREVOCABLE JURISDICTION AND VENUE OF THE AFORESAID COURTS AND WAIVES ANY DEFENSE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, AND IRREVOCABLY AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ANY NON- APPEALABLE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREBY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS. A COPY OF ANY SERVICE OF PROCESS SERVED UPON THE PARTIES SHALL BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE RESPECTIVE PARTY EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY FAILURE TO MAIL SUCH COPY SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF SERVICE OF PROCESS. IF ANY AGENT APPOINTED BY A PARTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT SERVICE, EACH PARTY AGREES THAT SERVICE UPON THE APPROPRIATE PARTY BY REGISTERED MAIL SHALL CONSTITUTE SUFFICIENT SERVICE. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF A PARTY TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

Section 12.13 Counterparts. This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts (including electronic PDF), each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Each of the parties hereto agrees that the transactions consisting of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents (other than the Notes) may be conducted by electronic means. Each party agrees, and acknowledges that it is such party's intent, that if such party signs this Indenture or any other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature, it is signing, adopting, and accepting this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) and that signing this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) using an electronic signature is the legal equivalent of having placed its handwritten signature on this Indenture or such other Basic Document (other than the Notes) on paper. Each party acknowledges that it is being provided with an electronic or paper copy of this Indenture and the other Basic Documents in a usable format.

Section 12.14 Recording of Indenture. If this Indenture is subject to recording in any appropriate public recording offices, such recording is to be effected by the Issuer and at its expense accompanied by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such recording is necessary either for the protection of the Noteholders, the Hedge Counterparties, or any other Person secured hereunder or for the enforcement of any right or remedy granted to the Indenture Trustee under this Indenture.

Section 12.15 No Petition. The Indenture Trustee, by entering into this Indenture, and each Noteholder, by accepting a Note, hereby covenant and agree that they will not at any time institute against the Issuer, or join in any institution against the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar Law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, this Indenture or any of the Basic Documents.

Section 12.16 Inspection. The Issuer agrees that, on reasonable prior notice, it will permit any representative of the Indenture Trustee, during the Issuer's normal business hours, to examine all the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Issuer, to make copies and extracts therefrom, to cause such books to be audited by Independent certified public accountants, and to discuss the Issuer's affairs, finances and accounts with the Issuer's officers, employees and Independent certified public accountants, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested. The Indenture Trustee shall, and shall cause its representatives to, hold in confidence all such information except to the extent disclosure may be required by Law (and all reasonable applications for confidential treatment are unavailing) and except to the extent that the Indenture Trustee may reasonably determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder.

Section 12.17 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH OF THE ISSUER, EACH NOTEHOLDER AND THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 12.18 Rating Agency Notice. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to each Rating Agency pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Manager to, upon written request, provide to each Rating Agency all information or reports delivered to the Indenture Trustee hereunder and such additional information as each Rating Agency may from time to time reasonably request. Any Act of the Noteholders or other documents provided or permitted by this Indenture, to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with each Rating Agency shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided if in writing to the applicable Rating Agency Contact).

Section 12.19 Rule 17g-5 Information. To the extent required by Rule 17g-5 under the Exchange Act ("Rule 17g-5"), the Company has provided a 17g-5 Representation to the Rating Agency and will comply with the 17g-5 Representation and requirements of Rule 17g-5, other than any breach of the 17g-5 Representation that would not have a Material Adverse Effect on the Notes. For purposes of this Agreement, "17g-5 Representation" means a written representation provided to the Rating Agency, which satisfies the requirements of Rule 17g-5(a)(3)(iii) under the Exchange Act.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee have caused this Indenture to be duly executed by their respective officers, thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

DP LION HOLDCO LLC

By: /s/ Bradley G. Gray  
Name: Bradley G. Gray  
Title: President & Chief Financial Officer

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

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UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: /s/ Michele Voon  
Name: Michele Voon  
Title: Vice President

UMB BANK, N.A., as Securities Intermediary

By: /s/ Michele Voon  
Name: Michele Voon  
Title: Vice President

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

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**SCHEDULE A**

**Schedule of Assets**

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Sch. A

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**SCHEDULE B**

**Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts**

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Sch. B

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**SCHEDULE 3.3**

**Schedule of Legal Proceedings and Orders**

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Sch. 3.3

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**SCHEDULE 3.4(b)**

**Schedule of Compliance with Laws and Governmental Authorizations**

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Sch. 3.4(b)

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**SCHEDULE 3.9**

**Schedule of Employee Benefit Plans**

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Sch. 3.9

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**EXHIBIT A**

FORM OF NOTE

[THIS NOTE IS BEING ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES. FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUE PRICE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT, THE ISSUE DATE, AND THE YIELD TO MATURITY OF THIS NOTE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER BY CALLING +1 (205) 408-0909.]<sup>1</sup>

THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND WILL NOT BE LISTED ON ANY EXCHANGE. THIS NOTE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND NO INTEREST IN THIS NOTE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, UNLESS THE NOTEHOLDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OR ASSIGNEE, AS APPLICABLE, COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SECTION 2.4 OF THE INDENTURE. NO TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE SHALL BE MADE UNLESS SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR IS EXEMPT FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH STATE SECURITIES LAWS. EXCEPT IN A TRANSFER TO DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC (“DIVERSIFIED”) OR BY DIVERSIFIED TO AN AFFILIATE THEREOF, IN THE EVENT THAT A TRANSFER IS TO BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SECURITIES ACT AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS, THE NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH TRANSFER AND SUCH NOTEHOLDER’S PROSPECTIVE TRANSFEREE SHALL EACH CERTIFY TO THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED IN WRITING THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORMS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT B TO THE INDENTURE (THE “TRANSFEROR CERTIFICATE”) AND EXHIBIT C TO THE INDENTURE (THE “INVESTMENT LETTER”). EACH NOTEHOLDER DESIRING TO EFFECT SUCH A TRANSFER SHALL, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH NOTE, HAVE AGREED TO INDEMNIFY THE ISSUER, THE INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND DIVERSIFIED (IN ANY CAPACITY) AGAINST ANY LIABILITY THAT MAY RESULT IF THE TRANSFER IS NOT SO EXEMPT OR IS NOT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE SECURITIES LAWS. [NO TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE OF THE CLASS B NOTES SHALL BE PERMITTED EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT SUCH CLASS B NOTE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO AND IS OWNED BY A BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS A “UNITED STATES PERSON” WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 7701(A)(30) OF THE CODE AND WILL DELIVER AN IRS FORM W-9 TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH TRANSFER OR EXCHANGE. ANY TRANSFER TO A PURCHASER OR ANY EXCHANGE IN VIOLATION OF THIS PARAGRAPH WILL BE VOID AB INITIO.

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<sup>1</sup> NTD: To be included for Class B Notes.

THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE AGREES ON ITS OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ANY OTHER PERSON'S ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT HAS PURCHASED THIS NOTE THAT (A)(1) EITHER (I) THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF SUCH NOTE IS NOT AND WILL NOT BECOME FOR U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES A PARTNERSHIP, SUBCHAPTER S CORPORATION OR GRANTOR TRUST (EACH SUCH ENTITY A "FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY") OR (II) IF SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER IS OR BECOMES A FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY, THEN EITHER (X) NONE OF THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF ANY INTEREST IN SUCH FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY HAS OR EVER WILL HAVE MORE THAN 50% OF THE VALUE OF ITS INTEREST IN SUCH FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE AGGREGATE INTEREST OF SUCH FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY IN THE COMBINED VALUE OF THE NOTE, ANY OTHER INTEREST IN THE ISSUER OR ANY INTEREST CREATED UNDER THE INDENTURE DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023, BY AND AMONG THE ISSUER AND UMB BANK, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE AND AS SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY OR (Y) IT IS NOT AND WILL NOT BE A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH FLOW-THROUGH ENTITY IN THIS NOTE TO PERMIT THE ISSUER TO SATISFY THE 100 PARTNER LIMITATION OF TREASURY REGULATIONS SECTION 1.7704-1(H)(1)(II) NECESSARY FOR THE ISSUER NOT TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLICLY TRADED PARTNERSHIP UNDER THE CODE, OR (2) IT WILL DELIVER A WRITTEN OPINION OF NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED U.S. TAX COUNSEL THAT SUCH TRANSFER WILL NOT CAUSE THE ISSUER TO BE TREATED AS A PUBLICLY TRADED PARTNERSHIP TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION FOR U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES, (B) SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER WILL NOT SELL, ASSIGN, TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHERWISE CONVEY ANY INTEREST IN AN AMOUNT LESS THAN 100% OF THE MINIMUM DENOMINATION OF THE NOTE OR PARTICIPATING INTEREST IN THIS NOTE, OR PURCHASE OR ENTER INTO ANY FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT OR CONTRACT THE VALUE OF WHICH IS DETERMINED BY REFERENCE IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO THIS NOTE AND (C) SUCH BENEFICIAL OWNER IS NOT ACQUIRING AND WILL NOT SELL, TRANSFER, ASSIGN, PARTICIPATE, PLEDGE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF OR CAUSE TO BE MARKETED THIS NOTE (OR INTEREST THEREIN), ON OR THROUGH AN "ESTABLISHED SECURITIES MARKET" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 7704(B) OF THE CODE AND TREASURY REGULATIONS SECTION 1.7704-1(B), INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, AN INTERDEALER QUOTATION SYSTEM THAT REGULARLY DISSEMINATES FIRM BUY OR SELL QUOTATIONS.<sup>2</sup>

THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS NOTE IS PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS AS SET FORTH HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF THIS NOTE AT ANY TIME MAY BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ON THE FACE HEREOF.

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<sup>2</sup> NTD: To be included for Class B Notes.



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No.: \_\_\_\_

CUSIP/PPN: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: [A / B]-[1 / 2]

DP LION HOLDCO LLC

[8.243 / 12.725]% CLASS [A / B]-[1 / 2] NOTE

DP Lion Holdco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (herein referred to as the “Issuer”), for value received, hereby promises to pay to [PURCHASER], or its registered assigns, the principal sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable on each Payment Date from the Available Funds on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture, dated as of November 30, 2023 (the “Indenture”), among the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (the “Indenture Trustee”) and as securities intermediary; *provided, however*, that the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the earlier of November 30, 2043 (the “Legal Final Maturity Date”) and the Redemption Date, if any, pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in Appendix A of the Indenture, which also contains rules as to construction that shall be applicable herein.

The Issuer will pay interest on this Note at the rate per annum shown above on each Payment Date until the principal of this Note is paid or made available for payment, on the principal amount of this Note outstanding on the preceding Payment Date (after giving effect to all payments of principal made on the preceding Payment Date). Interest on this Note will accrue for each Payment Date from and including the most recent Payment Date on which interest has been paid (in the case of the initial Payment Date, from the Escrow Funding Date) to but excluding such current Payment Date. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Such principal of and interest on this Note shall be paid in the manner specified on the reverse hereof. [Any and all accrued interest on the Outstanding Principal Balance of this Class B[-1][-2] Note that is not paid in full (whether from Available Funds or the Liquidity Reserve Account, if applicable) on any Payment Date shall be added to the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance (any such amounts, the “Designated Unpaid Interest Amount”), and shall thereafter be considered principal for all purposes and shall accrue interest at the applicable Interest Rate for this Class B[-1][-2] Note.]<sup>3</sup>

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, the Issuer shall pay defaulted interest (plus interest on such defaulted interest to the extent lawful) at the Interest Rate, plus an additional rate of 2.00% per annum default rate to the Interest Rate, in any lawful manner (the “Default Interest”). Such Default Interest will be due and payable on the immediately succeeding Payment Date.

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<sup>3</sup> NTD: To be included for Class B Notes.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. All payments made by the Issuer with respect to this Note shall be applied first to interest due and payable on this Note as provided above and then to the unpaid principal of this Note.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof, which shall have the same effect as though fully set forth on the face of this Note.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Indenture Trustee whose name appears below by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be signed, manually or in facsimile, by its Responsible Officer, as of the date set forth below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DP LION HOLDCO LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

Title:

INDENTURE TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Notes designated above and referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

UMB BANK, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

[REVERSE OF NOTE]

This Note is the duly authorized issue of Notes of the Issuer, designated as its [8.243 / 12.725]% Class [A / B]-[1 / 2] Notes (herein called the “Notes”), all issued under the Indenture, to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights and obligations thereunder of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders.

The Notes are and will be secured by the collateral pledged as security therefor as provided in the Indenture and subject to the subordination provisions set forth therein.

Principal of the Notes will be payable on each Payment Date and, if the Notes have not been paid in full prior to the Legal Final Maturity Date, on the Legal Final Maturity Date, in an amount described on the face hereof. “Payment Date” means the 28<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date will be January 28, 2024.

As described above, the entire unpaid principal amount of this Note shall be due and payable on the Legal Final Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the entire unpaid principal amount of the Notes shall be due and payable on the date on which an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either (i) the Indenture Trustee (at the direction of the Majority Noteholders) or the Majority Noteholders have declared the Notes to be immediately due and payable in the manner provided in Section 5.2 of the Indenture or (ii) such Event of Default arises as a result of an event set forth in Section 5.1(a)(iv) or (v) of the Indenture. All principal payments on the Notes shall be made pro rata to the Noteholders entitled thereto.

Payments of interest on this Note due and payable on each Payment Date, together with the installment of principal, if any, to the extent not in full payment of this Note, shall be made by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account designated by the Person in whose name this Note (or one or more Predecessor Notes) is registered on the Note Register as of the close of business on each Record Date. Any reduction in the principal amount of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) effected by any payments made on any Payment Date shall be binding upon all future Noteholders and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof, whether or not noted hereon. If funds are expected to be available, as provided in the Indenture, for payment in full of the then remaining unpaid principal amount of this Note on a Payment Date, then the Indenture Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the Issuer, will notify the Person in whose name this Note is registered as of the Record Date preceding such Payment Date by notice mailed or transmitted by facsimile prior to such Payment Date, and the amount then due and payable shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of this Note at the Indenture Trustee’s principal Corporate Trust Office.

The Issuer shall pay interest on overdue installments of interest at the Note Interest Rate to the extent lawful.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and on the face hereof, the transfer of this may be registered on the Note Register upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer at the office or agency designated by the Issuer pursuant to the Indenture, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by, the Noteholder hereof or such Noteholder’s attorney duly authorized in writing, with such signature guaranteed by an “eligible guarantor institution” meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agent’s Medallion Program (“STAMP”) or such other “signature guarantee program” as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, and thereupon one or more new Notes of authorized denominations and in the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees. No service charge will be charged for any registration of transfer or exchange of this Note, but the transferor may be required to pay a sum sufficient to cover any Tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any such registration of transfer or exchange.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees that no recourse may be taken, directly or indirectly, with respect to the obligations of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee on the Notes or under the Indenture or any certificate or other writing delivered in connection therewith, against (i) the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, (ii) any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or (iii) any partner, owner, beneficiary, agent, officer, director or employee of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, any holder of a beneficial interest in the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee or of any successor or assign of the Indenture Trustee in its individual capacity, except as any such Person may have expressly agreed and except that any such partner, owner or beneficiary shall be fully liable, to the extent provided by applicable law, for any unpaid consideration for stock, unpaid capital contribution or failure to pay any installment or call owing to such entity.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder will not at any time institute against Diversified or the Issuer, or join in any institution against Diversified or the Issuer of, any involuntary bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under any United States federal or state bankruptcy or similar law in connection with any obligations relating to the Notes, the Indenture or the Basic Documents.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that if it is acquiring such Note, or any interest or participation therein, as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the acknowledgments, representations and agreements contained herein on behalf of each such account.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, represents and agrees that it is purchasing such Notes for its own account, or for one or more investor accounts for which it is acting as fiduciary or agent, in each case for investment, and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution thereof in violation of the Securities Act, subject to any requirements of law that the disposition of its property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within its or their control and subject to its or their ability to resell such Notes, or any interest or participation therein pursuant to the provisions of this Note or the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that transfers of such Notes or any interest or participation therein shall otherwise be subject in all respects to the restrictions applicable thereto contained in this Note and the Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note or a beneficial interest therein, acknowledges that interest on the Notes will be treated as United States source interest, and, as such, United States withholding tax may apply. If such withholding tax does apply, the Indenture Trustee or Paying Agent may withhold such payments in accordance with applicable law. Each such Noteholder that claims exemption from, or eligibility for a reduced rate of, withholding tax further agrees, upon request, to provide any certifications that may be required under applicable law, regulations or procedures to evidence such status and understands that if it ceases to satisfy the foregoing requirements or provide requested documentation, payments to it under the Notes may be subject to United States withholding tax (without any corresponding gross-up). Without limiting the foregoing, if any payment made under this Note or the Indenture would be subject to United States federal withholding tax, including any withholding tax imposed by FATCA, if the recipient of such payment were to fail to comply with applicable law (including the requirements of Code Sections 1471(b) or 1472(b), as applicable), such recipient shall deliver to the Issuer, with a copy to the Indenture Trustee (or if the recipient fails to so deliver, the Issuer shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee any such withholding information, to the extent the Issuer shall have previously received such information), at the time or times prescribed by the Code and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee, such documentation prescribed by the Code (including as prescribed by Code Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i)) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee to comply with their respective obligations under FATCA, to determine that such recipient has complied with such recipient's obligations, including under FATCA, or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. For these purposes, "FATCA" means Section 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or official interpretations thereof (including any revenue ruling, revenue procedure, notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such Sections, regulations and interpretations), any agreements entered into pursuant to Code Section 1471(b)(1), any intergovernmental agreements entered into in connection with any of the foregoing and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or generally accepted practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreements, and any amendments made to any of the foregoing after the date of this Indenture.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note covenants and agrees that any resale, pledge or other transfer of any of the Notes contrary to the restrictions set forth above and elsewhere in this Note and the Indenture will be deemed void ab initio by the Issuer and Indenture Trustee.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, acknowledges that the Indenture Trustee, the Note Registrar, the Issuer and others will rely on the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgments, representations, warranties and covenants and agrees that if any of the foregoing are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer.

The Issuer has entered into the Indenture and this Note is issued with the intention that, for U.S. federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes, the Notes will qualify as indebtedness secured by the Collateral. Each Noteholder, by its acceptance of a Note, agrees to treat Notes (other than Notes held by any equity holder of the Issuer (including any entity whose separate existence from the Issuer or the equity holder of the Issuer is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes), any other persons who are members of an "expanded group" with the Issuer within the meaning of the Treasury Regulations under Section 385 of the Code, but only so long as such Notes are held by such person, or as otherwise required by a change in applicable law or a final determination pursuant to Section 1313 of the Code) for all purposes including U.S. federal, state and local income, single business and franchise tax purposes as indebtedness of the Issuer.

Each Noteholder, by acceptance of a Note, covenants and agrees by accepting the benefits of the Indenture that such Noteholder shall timely furnish the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, (1) any applicable IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY (with any applicable attachments) and (2) any documentation that is required under FATCA to enable the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any other agent of the Issuer to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any Taxes they may be required to withhold in respect of such Note or the Noteholder of such Note or beneficial interest therein, in each case, prior to the first Payment Date after such Noteholder's acquisition of Notes and at such time or times required by law or that the Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Issuer or their respective agents may reasonably request, and shall update or replace such IRS form or documentation in accordance with its terms or its subsequent amendments. Each Noteholder will provide the applicable replacement IRS Form W-8 or documentation every three (3) years (or sooner if there is a transfer to a new Noteholder or if required by applicable law). In each case above, the applicable IRS form or documentation shall be properly completed and signed under penalty of perjury. The Indenture Trustee has the right to withhold any amounts (properly withholdable under law and without any corresponding gross-up) payable to a Noteholder that fails to comply with the requirements of the preceding sentence.

Prior to the due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note, the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any agent of the Issuer or the Indenture Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this Note (as of the day of determination or as of such other date as may be specified in the Indenture) is registered as the owner hereof for all purposes, whether or not this Note be overdue, and none of the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee or any such agent shall be affected by notice or knowledge to the contrary.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Noteholders under the Indenture at any time by the Issuer with the consent of the Majority Noteholders. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Majority Noteholders, on behalf of the Noteholders of all the Notes, to waive compliance by the Issuer with certain provisions of the Indenture and certain past defaults under the Indenture and their consequences. Any such consent or waiver by the Noteholder of this Note (or any one or more Predecessor Notes) shall be conclusive and binding upon such Noteholder and upon all future Noteholders of this Note and of any Note issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange hereof or in lieu hereof whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this Note. The Indenture also permits the Indenture Trustee to amend or waive certain terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture without the consent of Noteholders.

The term “Issuer” as used in this Note includes any successor to the Issuer under the Indenture.

The Issuer is permitted by the Indenture, under certain circumstances, to merge or consolidate, subject to the rights of the Indenture Trustee and the Noteholders under the Indenture.

The Notes are issuable only in registered form in denominations as provided in the Indenture, subject to certain limitations therein set forth.

This Note and the Indenture shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder and thereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, none of the Indenture Trustee, in its individual capacity, any owner of a beneficial interest in the Issuer, or any of their respective partners, beneficiaries, agents, officers, directors, employees or successors or assigns shall be personally liable for, nor shall recourse be had to any of them for, the payment of principal of or interest on this Note or performance of, or omission to perform, any of the covenants, obligations or indemnifications contained in the Indenture. The Noteholder by its acceptance hereof agrees that, except as expressly provided in the Basic Documents, in the case of an Event of Default under the Indenture, the Noteholder shall have no claim against any of the foregoing for any deficiency, loss or claim therefrom; *provided, however*, that nothing contained herein shall be taken to prevent recourse to, and enforcement against, the assets of the Issuer for any and all liabilities, obligations and undertakings contained in the Indenture or in this Note.



**ASSIGNMENT**

Social Security or taxpayer I.D. or other identifying number of assignee:

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto:

\_\_\_\_\_

(name and address of assignee)

the within Note and all rights thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_, attorney, transfer said Note on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Signature Guaranteed: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

\* NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears on the face of the within Note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatever. Such signature must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements may include membership or participation in STAMP or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP.

**EXHIBIT B**

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**EXHIBIT C**

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**EXHIBIT D**

FORM OF STATEMENT TO NOTEHOLDERS

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## APPENDIX A

### PART I - DEFINITIONS

All terms used in this Appendix shall have the defined meanings set forth in this Part I when used in the Basic Documents, unless otherwise defined therein.

“17g-5 Representation” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19 of the Indenture.

“2026 Satisfaction Notification” means an Officer’s Certificate delivered within 120 days after December 31, 2026 (the “Initial Target Date”) as of such date: (A) one or both Emissions Targets have been satisfied and (B) the satisfaction of each such satisfied Emissions Target has been confirmed by the External Verifier in accordance with customary procedures.

“2030 Satisfaction Notification” means an Officer’s Certificate delivered within 120 days after December 31, 2030 (the “Second Target Date”) that as of such date: (A) one or both Emissions Targets have been satisfied and (B) the satisfaction of each such satisfied Emissions Target has been confirmed by the External Verifier in accordance with customary procedures.

“ABS Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Act of the Noteholders” has the meaning specified in Section 12.3(a) of the Indenture.

“Additional Assets” means additional assets (that are upstream assets similar to the Wellbore Interests, in the good faith determination of the Issuer) purchased and acquired by the Issuer (or any Subsidiary thereof) from any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Diversified or any Affiliate thereof) for a mutually-agreeable purchase price substantially equivalent to the fair market value of such assets pursuant to an executed asset purchase agreement with representations, warranties and indemnification obligations of Diversified substantially the same as those in the Transfer Agreement; provided that the terms of such asset purchase agreement are on the whole not materially less favorable than those (a) that would be reasonably expected to be available from third parties on an arm’s-length basis or (b) to the extent such Person is an Affiliate of the Issuer, contained in the Transfer Agreement, in each case as determined in good faith by the Issuer.

“Administration Fees” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement as of the Closing Date.

“Administrative Expenses” means, for any Payment Date, the expenses of the Issuer consisting of out-of-pocket expenses and indemnification amounts payable or reimbursable to the Indenture Trustee, the Manager, the Back-up Manager, any Rating Agency, and any third-party service provider hired by or on behalf of the Issuer (including, without limitation, amounts payable to any Back-up Manager and insurance premiums related to the Collateral), but not including any fees payable or expenses reimbursable to any third party in relation to the operation of the Wellbore Interests.

“AFE Cover Amounts” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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“AFE Operations” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

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

“Aggregate DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2024, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow over the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, (ii) the aggregate Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount over such three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, and (iii) any unpaid Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts on the Payment Date three (3) months prior to such Quarterly Determination Date.

“Aggregate LTV” means, as of any applicable date of determination, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account *divided by* (b) the sum of the PV-10 as of such date of determination. The Aggregate LTV shall be determined on each Annual Determination Date; provided that, if the PV-10 shall have been re-calculated as a result of an updated reserve report being obtained prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated reserve report (as described in the definition of “PV-10”), then the Aggregate LTV shall be re-calculated giving effect to such re-calculation of the PV-10 and on the basis of the then-current amounts specified in the preceding clause (a).

“Annual Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Date in the month of November.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any Law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in November, 2027 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (as applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f)-(g) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 50 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of the Indenture.

“Asset Disposition Proceeds Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(b) of the Indenture.

“Asset Purchase Period” has the meaning specified in Section 8.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Asset Vesting Documents” means, in respect of the Wellbore Interests and related Additional Assets, the Transfer Agreement.

“Assets” means the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, collectively.

“Available Funds” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the sum of the following amounts, without duplication, with respect to the Assets in respect of the Collection Period preceding such Payment Date: (a) all Collections received and deposited into and available for withdrawal from the Collection Account prior to the applicable Payment Determination Date relating to production in the calendar month that is two months or more prior to the Collection Period and adjustments relating to prior Collection Periods, (b) amounts on deposit in the Liquidity Reserve Account after giving effect to all other deposits and withdrawals thereto or therefrom on the Payment Date relating to such Collection Period in excess of the Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount, (c) amounts transferred from the P&A Reserve Account to the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(e) of the Indenture, (d) Investment Earnings for the related Payment Date, (e) all amounts received by the Indenture Trustee pursuant to Article V of the Indenture, (f) the net amount, if any, paid to the Issuer under the Hedge Agreements, and (g) the amount of any Equity Contribution Cure; provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, any Posted Collateral in any Hedge Collateral Account shall not be a part of and is expressly excluded from being a part of Available Funds.

“Back-up Management Agreement” means the Back-up Management Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Manager, the Indenture Trustee and the Back-up Manager.

“Back-up Management Fee” means the fee payable to the Back-up Manager for services rendered during each Collection Period, determined pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Back-up Manager” means Opportune LLP, in its capacity as back-up manager under the Back-up Management Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Basic Documents” means the Indenture, the Joint Operating Agreement, the Transfer Agreement, the Notes, the Management Services Agreement, the Back-up Management Agreement, the Note Purchase Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the Hedge Agreements, the ABS Operating Agreement, the Holdings Operating Agreement, the Novation Agreement, the Settlement Agreement, each Mortgage, each Escrow Agreement and other documents and certificates delivered in connection with any of the foregoing.

“Beneficial Owner” has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such “person” will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such “person” has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms “Beneficially Owns” and “Beneficially Owned” have a corresponding meaning.

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“Book-Entry Notes” means a note registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, ownership of which is reflected on the books of the Depository or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly or as an indirect participant in accordance with the rules of such Depository); provided, that after the occurrence of a condition whereupon Definitive Notes are to be issued to Noteholders, such Book-Entry Notes shall no longer be “Book-Entry Notes”.

“Burden” shall mean any and all royalties (including lessors’ royalties and non-participating royalties), overriding royalties, reversionary interests, net profits interests, production payments and other burdens upon, measured by or payable out of production.

“Business Day” means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking institutions or trust companies in the State of New York or the state in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee is located and are required or authorized by Law, regulation or executive order to be closed.

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Change of Control” means the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Diversified Energy Company Plc and its direct and indirect subsidiaries taken as a whole to any Person (including any “person” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than a Qualifying Owner or a Qualified Buyer;

(b) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Diversified Energy Company Plc or the Operator;



(c) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that (A) any Person (including any “person” (as defined above)), excluding the Qualifying Owners and Qualified Buyers, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, units or the like and (B) two (2) or more of the members of the Management Team as of immediately prior to the consummation of such transaction resign or are removed from their respective position;

(d) the occurrence of any event or series of events that results in Operator ceasing to be Controlled by Diversified Energy Company Plc;

(e) the failure of Diversified Energy Company Plc to own (directly or indirectly) at least 20% of the voting and economic interests in Diversified Holdings; or

(f) the failure of Diversified Holdings to own 100% of the equity interests of the Issuer;

Provided, however, that, notwithstanding the preceding, a conversion of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, or any of their direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries from a limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other form of entity to a limited liability company, corporation, limited partnership or other form of entity (including by way of merger, consolidation, amalgamation or liquidation) or an exchange of all of the outstanding capital stock in one form of entity for capital stock in another form of entity or the transfer or redomestication of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, to or in another jurisdiction shall not constitute a Change of Control, so long as following such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication the “persons” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) who beneficially owned the capital stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, immediately prior to such transactions, together with Qualifying Owners and Qualified Buyers, beneficially own in the aggregate more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity, or beneficially own sufficient capital stock in such entity to elect a majority of its directors, managers, trustees or other persons serving in a similar capacity for such entity or its general partner, as applicable, and, in either case no “person” (other than a Qualifying Owner or a Qualified Buyer) beneficially owns more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such entity or its general partner, as applicable. References to Diversified Energy Company Plc, the Operator or the Manager, in the foregoing clauses (a) - (d) shall also refer to the surviving entity after giving effect to such conversion, exchange, transfer or redomestication.

Provided further, that, for the avoidance of doubt, a sale of up to 80% of the voting or economic interests in Diversified Holdings shall not constitute a Change of Control and any such sale shall not require the consent or approval of the Noteholders.

Upon any Change of Control, the applicable Diversified Parties shall deliver to the Indenture Trustee a written certification reaffirming the obligations of such Diversified Party or Operator under the Basic Documents; provided, however, in the event, after giving effect to such Change of Control, any of the Operator or Diversified Party (other than the Manager, Holdings or the Issuer) is not an Affiliate of the Qualified Buyer (other than as contemplated by the Management Services Agreement), then such party shall (A) assign to an affiliate or a third party reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders such party’s rights and obligations under such Basic Document(s) to which Operator or such Diversified Party is party, and (B) such third party or its affiliate shall have delivered to Issuer and the Indenture Trustee a written certification affirming, ratifying and assuming the rights and obligations of such third party or affiliate thereof under such Basic Document(s).

“Change of Control Applicable Premium” means with respect to a Note at any time, as determined by the Issuer, the excess of:

(a) the present value at such time of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Note, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through the Payment Date occurring in November, 2027 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), whether at the Interest Rate or at the Subsequent Rate of Interest (if applicable) pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such time, plus (iii) 100 basis points discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30 day months), over

(b) the then Outstanding Principal Balance of such Note.

“Change of Control Redemption Price” means, with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, (i) prior to the Payment Date occurring in November 2027, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Change of Control Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Change of Control Redemption Date, and (ii) on or after the Payment Date occurring in November 2027, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date.

“Class” means, with respect to the Notes, either the Class A Notes or the Class B Notes, as applicable.

“Class A Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

(a) (i) If the Senior DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the Senior DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the Senior DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%; or

(b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%;

(c) If the Senior LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

“Class A Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date and with respect to the Class A Notes, the Class A Excess Allocation Percentage multiplied by the amount of Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (F) of the Priority of Payments of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Class A Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (F) of the Priority of Payments).

“Class A Interest Rate” means 8.243% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Class A Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount of the Class A Notes on the Closing Date, less the sum of all amounts distributed to the Class A Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Class A Notes.

“Class A Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Class A Note is registered in the Note Register and, with respect to a Book Entry Note, the Person who is the owner of such Book Entry Note, as reflected on the books of the Depository, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

“Class A Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes and the Class A-2 Notes.

“Class A-1 Notes” means definitive, fully registered 8.243% Class A-1 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class A-2 Notes” means, individually and collective, each of the 8.243% Class A-2 Notes, deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class A Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Class A Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Class A Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (E) of the Priority of Payments of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Class A Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Class A Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date, with respect to the Class A Notes.

“Class B Excess Allocation Percentage” means the greatest of the following percentages, as applicable:

(a) (i) If the Aggregate DSCR as of the applicable Payment Date is less than 1.20 to 1.00, then 100%, (ii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.20 to 1.00 and less than 1.25 to 1.00, then 50%, or (iii) if the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is greater than or equal to 1.25 to 1.00, then 25%;

(b) If the Production Tracking Rate is less than 80%, then 100%, otherwise 25%; or

(c) If the Aggregate LTV is greater than 75%, then 100%, otherwise 25%.

“Class B Excess Amortization Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date and with respect to the Class B Notes, (i) for so long as the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance is greater than \$0, 14.75% multiplied by the amount of Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (J) of the Priority of Payments on such Payment Date and (ii) at any other time, the Class B Excess Allocation Percentage multiplied by the amount of Available Funds for such Payment Date remaining after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (J) of the Priority of Payments of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Class B Excess Amortization Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date (calculated after giving effect to the payments on such Payment Date contemplated by clauses (A) through (J) of the Priority of Payments).

“Class B Interest Rate” means 12.725% plus any increase to such rate pursuant to Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Class B Noteholder” means the Person in whose name a Class B Note is registered in the Note Register and, with respect to a Book Entry Note, the Person who is the owner of such Book Entry Note, as reflected on the books of the Depository, or on the books of a Person maintaining an account with such Depository (directly as a Depository Participant or as an indirect participant, in each case in accordance with the rules of such Depository).

“Class B Notes” means the Class B-1 Notes and the Class B-2 Notes.

“Class B-1 Notes” means definitive, fully registered 12.725% Class B-1 Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class B-2 Notes” means, individually and collective, each of the 12.725% Class B-2 Notes, deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee substantially in the form of Exhibit A to the Indenture.

“Class B Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, (i) the outstanding principal amount of the Class B Notes on the Closing Date, plus (ii) the aggregate Designated Unpaid Interest Amount, less (iii) the sum of all amounts distributed to the Class B Noteholders on or prior to such date in respect of principal, including with respect to any redemption of Class B Notes.

“Class B Principal Distribution Amount” means, as of any Payment Date, (1) prior to the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, the Class B Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount plus any unpaid Class B Scheduled Principal Distribution Amounts from prior Payment Dates, and (2) on or after the occurrence of a Rapid Amortization Event, all Available Funds for such Payment Date after giving effect to the distributions in clauses (A) through (J) of the Priority of Payments of the Indenture on such Payment Date; provided, that the Class B Principal Distribution Amount as of any Payment Date shall not exceed the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance as of such Payment Date.

“Class B Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means as of any date of determination, the amount indicated on Schedule B to the Indenture with respect to such date, with respect to the Class B Notes.

“Closing Date” or “Closing” shall mean November 30, 2023.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” has the meaning specified in the Granting Clause of the Indenture.

“Collection Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(a) of the Indenture.

“Collection Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period from and including the first day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs (or with respect to the Initial Payment Date, from but excluding the Cutoff Date) to and including the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs. Any amount stated as of the last day of a Collection Period shall give effect to the following applications as determined as of the close of business on such last day: (1) all applications of Collections and (2) all distributions to be made on the related Payment Date.

“Collections” shall mean all amounts paid to the Issuer, the Manager (solely in its capacity as such) or the Back-up Manager from whatever source on or with respect to the Assets and all amounts paid to Operator from whatever source with respect to the Assets (subject in all respects to the expense and reimbursement provisions of the Joint Operating Agreement).

“Commission” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Consents” means any approval, consent, ratification, waiver or other authorization from any Person that is required to be obtained in connection with the Contemplated Transaction or the execution or delivery of the Basic Documents.

“Contemplated Transactions” means (i) all of the transactions contemplated by the Basic Documents, including: (a) the execution, delivery, and performance of all instruments and documents required under the Asset Vesting Documents; (b) the entering into the Basic Documents by the Diversified Parties and the performance by the Diversified Parties of their respective covenants and obligations under the Basic Documents; and (e) the Issuer’s acquisition, ownership, and exercise of control over the Assets from and after Closing; and (ii) the Manager’s management of the Issuer contemplated by the Management Services Agreement.

“Contract” means any agreements and contracts (including joint operating agreements) to which the Issuer is a party.

“Control” and its derivatives shall mean, with respect to any Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to exercise or determine the voting of more than 50% of the voting rights in a corporation, and, in the case of any other type of entity, the right to exercise or determine the voting of more than 50% of the equity interests having voting rights, or otherwise to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Person does not directly or indirectly direct or cause the direction of the investment decisions of another Person, then such Person shall not be deemed to “Control” such other Person for purposes hereof (e.g., the ownership by such Person of equity interests in a portfolio company with respect to which such Person (a) does not direct or cause the direction of the board of directors or other managing body of such portfolio company, if applicable, (b) is part of a consortium or other group of owners that collectively direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company but such Person does not individually direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company, or (c) has only negative consent rights or similar negative control rights and/or only limited affirmative rights without the ability to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such portfolio company generally).

“Controlled Entity” means (a) any of the Issuer’s and Diversified Holdings’ respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) Diversified and its Controlled Affiliates.

“Controlling Class” means as of any date of determination, the senior most outstanding Class of Notes (i.e., the Class with the highest alphabetical designation; i.e., the Class A Notes, while Class A Notes are outstanding, followed by the Class B Notes, when no Class A Notes are outstanding).

“Corporate Trust Office” means the principal office of the Indenture Trustee at which at any particular time the Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date of execution of the Indenture is located at UMB Bank, N.A., 100 William Street, Suite 1850, New York, New York 10038, Attn: ABS Structured Finance, e-mail: michele.voon@umb.com, or at such other address or electronic mail address as the Indenture Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Indenture Trustee at the address or electronic mail address designated by such successor Indenture Trustee by written notice to the Noteholders and the Issuer.

“Credit Risk Retention Rules” means risk retention regulations in 17 C.F.R. Part 246 as such regulation may be amended from time to time and subject to such clarification and interpretation as have been provided by the Commission in an adopting release or by the staff of the Commission, or as may be provided in writing by the Commission or its staff from time to time.

“Cutoff Date” means the close of business on November 30, 2023.

“Default” means any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

“Default in Other Agreements” means any Diversified Party or any Affiliate of a Diversified Party shall fail to pay when due any principal or interest on any Indebtedness (other than the Indebtedness under the Basic Documents); if such failure to pay, breach or default entitles the holder to cause such Indebtedness having an individual principal amount in excess of \$5,000,000 or having an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$10,000,000 to become or be declared due prior to its stated maturity.

“Default Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(e).

“Definitive Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes and Class B-1 Notes, as applicable.

“Depository” means initially, the Depository Trust Company, the nominee of which is Cede & Co., and any permitted successor depository.

“Depository Agreement” means, to the extent in existence, any agreement as between the Issuer and the Depository, governing the rights and responsibilities of each party.

“Depository Participant” means a broker, dealer, bank or other financial institution or other Person for whom from time to time the Depository effects book-entry transfers and pledges of securities deposited with the Depository.

“Designated Asset Disposition Proceeds Amount” means the cash proceeds received by Issuer from the sale of the first one-fourth of the Assets as contemplated by clause (a) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions.

“Designated Unpaid Interest Amount” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(a).

“Direct Expenses” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement.

“Diversified” shall mean Diversified Production LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Diversified Companies” shall mean each of Diversified Energy Company Plc and the Diversified Parties.

“Diversified Corp” shall mean Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

“Diversified Holdings” shall mean DP Lion Equity Holdco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Diversified Marketing” shall mean Diversified Energy Marketing LLC, an Alabama limited liability company.

“Diversified Parties” shall mean each of Diversified, Diversified Corp, Diversified Holdings, DP Legacy and the Issuer.

“Divestiture Date” shall have the meaning assigned to the term “Effective Time” in the Transfer Agreement.

“DP Legacy” means DP Legacy Central LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company.

“Eligible Account” means a segregated account with an Eligible Institution.

“Eligible Collateral” means, for any Hedge Agreement entered into between Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty, cash and no other forms of collateral.

“Eligible Institution” means:

(a) the corporate trust department of the Indenture Trustee; or

(b) a depository institution or trust company organized under the Laws of the United States of America or any one of the States thereof (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), which at all times (i) has either (A) a long-term unsecured debt rating of at least AA- or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or, as applicable to any Hedge Collateral Account, the Hedge Counterparties, or (B) a certificate of deposit rating of at least F-1+ or better by Fitch or, to the extent that Fitch does not rate the Notes, the equivalent or better by an NRSRO, or such other rating that is acceptable to the Majority Noteholders or, as applicable to any Hedge Collateral Account, the Hedge Counterparties, and (ii) whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

“Emissions Targets” means, collectively, the GHG Emissions Performance Target or the Methane Emissions Performance Target.

“Encumbrance” means any charge, equitable interest, privilege, Lien, mortgage, deed of trust, production payment, collateral assignment, security interest, or other arrangement substantially equivalent to any of the foregoing.

“Environmental Law” means any Law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Body relating to pollution or the protection of the environment, natural resources, or human health and safety (as it relates to exposure to Hazardous Materials).

“Environmental Liabilities” means any cost, damage, expense, liability, obligation, or other responsibility arising from or under either an Environmental Law or third party claims relating to the environment, and which relates to the ownership or operation of the Assets.

“Equity Contribution Cure” means on any date prior to the Legal Final Maturity Date for the applicable Notes, a contribution or other payment to the Issuer made by depositing cash (other than Collections) into the Collection Account by any equity holder of the Issuer, provided such amount shall not be more than ten percent (10%) of the initial principal amount of the Notes (as of the respective date of issuance) in the aggregate and no more frequently than twice (in the aggregate) per calendar year.

“Equity Transaction” has the meaning specified in Section 4.22 of the Indenture.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Issuer for purposes of Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA.



“ERISA Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made by the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Issuer or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Escrow Agent” means UMB Bank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as escrow agent under the Escrow Agreement.

“Escrow Agreement” means each escrow agreement, dated as of November 29, 2023 by and among the Issuer, Diversified Corp, the Escrow Agent and certain Noteholders referenced therein.

“Escrow Funding Date” shall mean November 29, 2023.

“Event of Default” has the meaning specified in Section 5.1(a) of the Indenture.

“Excess Funds” means, with respect to any Collection Period and the related Payment Date, the amounts, if any, available for distribution pursuant to the Priority of Payments after the distributions pursuant to clauses (A) through (M) thereof.

“Excess Hedge Amount” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(c) of the Indenture.

“Excess Management Fee” means an amount per calendar month equal to (i) 1.5% *multiplied by* (ii) the Collections for such calendar month *less* (iii) \$30,000, prorated for any partial calendar month.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Executive Officer” means, with respect to any corporation, the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of such corporation; with respect to any limited liability company, any of the officers listed previously with respect to a corporation or any managing member or sole member of the limited liability company; with respect to any partnership, any general partner thereof; and with respect to any other entity, a similar situated Person.

“External Verifier” means an Independent Person engaged by Diversified Corp or any of its Affiliates who in the ordinary course of business evaluates metrics such as the Emissions Targets and provides limited assurances with respect thereto.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.

“FATCA Withholding Tax” means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements (including any intergovernmental agreements) thereunder or official interpretations thereof.

“FDIC” means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Financial Asset” has the meaning given such term in Article 8 of the UCC. As used herein, the Financial Asset “related to” a security entitlement is the Financial Asset in which the entitlement holder (as defined in the New York UCC) holding such security entitlement has the rights and property interest specified in the New York UCC.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“flow-through entity” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(f) of the Indenture.

“GAAP” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“Gas Basis Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(b) of the Indenture.

“Gas Basis Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(b) of the Indenture.

“GHG Emissions Performance Target” means having attained Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions intensity of at least 25% on December 31, 2026 and at least 35% on December 31, 2030 from the Observation Period Date as certified by the External Verifier.

“Global Notes” means the Class A-2 Notes and Class B-2 Notes, as applicable.

“Governmental Authorization” means any approval, consent, license, permit, registration, variance, exemption, waiver, or other authorization issued, granted, given, or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.

“Governmental Body” means any (a) nation, State, county, city, town, village, district, or other jurisdiction of any nature; (b) federal, State, local, municipal, foreign, or other government; (c) governmental or quasi-governmental authority of any nature (including any governmental agency, branch, department, official, or entity and any court or other tribunal); (d) multi-national organization or body; or (e) body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of any nature.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Grant” means mortgage, pledge, bargain, warrant, alienate, remise, release, convey, assign, transfer, create, grant a Lien upon and a security interest in, grant a right of set-off against, deposit, set over and confirm pursuant to the Indenture. A Grant of any item of Collateral or of any other property shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including the immediate and continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and give receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of such item of Collateral and all other monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable Law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Agreements” means any master agreement and related schedules, annexes and confirmations entered into between the Issuer and a Hedge Counterparty with respect to any swap, forward, option, swaption, cap, future or derivative transaction or similar agreement (whether entered into as a new transaction or by novation of a transaction or agreement existing as of the Closing Date or thereafter), in each case whether cash or physical settlement, that is reasonably expected to hedge or mitigate the existing or anticipated commercial risk of the Issuer to one or more commodities including, without limitation, those transactions between the Issuer and each Hedge Counterparty.

“Hedge Agreement Interest Rate” means the Federal Funds (Effective) rate published in N.Y. Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15(519) for that day, or such other recognized source used for the purpose of displaying such rate which shall be applied by the Indenture Trustee (or, if applicable, an Eligible Institution) to all deposits in any one or more Hedge Collateral Accounts.

“Hedge Collateral Accounts” has the meaning specified in Section 8.2(d) of the Indenture.

“Hedge Counterparty” [\*\*\*].

“Hedge Counterparty Rating Requirements” means, at any time, for any entity who is a party to a Hedge Agreement, such entity either (A) maintains (i) a long-term debt rating of at least BBB- by Fitch or (ii) a short-term debt rating of at least F3 by Fitch, or (B) if applicable, is subject to and in compliance with such other rating and collateral posting requirements as required by Fitch for purposes of maintaining a rating of at least BBB in respect of the Class A Notes by Fitch.

“Hedge Counterparty Rights Agreement” means any Hedge Counterparty Rights Letter Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Indenture Trustee and any of the Hedge Counterparties.

“Holdings Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of Diversified Holdings, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Hot Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Hydrocarbons” means oil, gas, minerals, and other gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons or any combination of the foregoing.

“IFRS” means International Financial Reporting Standards.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person, at any time, without duplication,

- (a) its liabilities for borrowed money;
- (b) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);
- (c) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;
- (d) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);
- (e) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);
- (f) all its liabilities (including delivery, payment and credit support obligations) under any Hedge Agreement of such Person; and
- (g) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (g) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

“Indenture” shall mean the Indenture, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Indenture Trustee” means UMB Bank, N.A., a national banking association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee under the Indenture, or any successor Indenture Trustee under the Indenture.

“Independent” means, when used with respect to any specified Person, that the Person (a) is in fact independent of the Issuer, Manager, any other obligor on the Notes, Diversified, the Indenture Trustee and any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons, (b) does not have any direct financial interest or any Material indirect financial interest in the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, the Indenture Trustee or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons and (c) is not connected with the Issuer, any such other obligor, Diversified, the Indenture Trustee or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons as an officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, trustee, partner, director or other Person performing similar functions.

“Independent Petroleum Engineer” means (a) Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc., (b) Ryder Scott Petroleum Consultants, L.P., (c) DeGolyer and MacNaughton, (d) Cawley, Gillespie & Associates, Inc., (e) Wright & Company, (f) W.D. Von Gonten & Co., and (g) any other independent petroleum engineer reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders and each Hedge Counterparty.

“Initial Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date” means the Payment Date on May 28, 2027.

“Initial Payment Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of Payment Date in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Initial Subsequent Rate of Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(f) of the Indenture.

“Initial Target Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of 2026 Satisfaction Notification in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any Noteholder holding (together with one or more of its Affiliates) more than five percent (5%) of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any Noteholder.

“Interest Accrual Period” means, with respect to any Payment Date for the Notes, the period from and including the immediately preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the Initial Payment Date, from and including the Escrow Funding Date) up to, but excluding, the current Payment Date.

“Interest Rate” means the Class A Interest Rate and/or the Class B Interest Rate, as applicable.

“Investment Company Act” means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

“Investment Earnings” means, with respect to any Payment Date, the investment earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) on amounts on deposit in the Issuer Accounts to be deposited into the Collection Account on such Payment Date pursuant to Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Investment Letter” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Investments” means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of capital stock, indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan, advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

“IO DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2024, an amount equal to (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow for each of the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the aggregate applicable Note Interest with respect to the corresponding Notes over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates.

“Issuer” means DP Lion Holdco LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Issuer Account Property” means the Issuer Accounts, all amounts and investments held from time to time in any Issuer Account (whether in the form of deposit accounts, Physical Property, book-entry securities, uncertificated securities or otherwise), and all proceeds of the foregoing.

“Issuer Accounts” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(f) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Hedge Termination Receipt” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(c) of the Indenture.

“Issuer Operating Agreement” means the Operating Agreement of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“Issuer Order” or “Issuer Request” means a written order or request signed in the name of the Issuer by any one of its authorized officers and delivered to the Indenture Trustee.

“Joint Operating Agreement” means that certain Joint Operating Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer and Diversified, in its capacity as Operator and any successor thereunder.

“KeyBank Facility” means the loan facility made under the Amended, Restated and Consolidated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2018, and as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, among Diversified Corp, as borrower, KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.

“Knowledge” means, with respect to any Diversified Company, the actual knowledge (following reasonable inquiry of direct reports) of any Executive Officer of such entity.

“Law” means any applicable United States or foreign, federal, State, regional, or local statute, law, code, rule, treaty, convention, order, decree, injunction, directive, determination or other requirement and, where applicable, any legally binding interpretation thereof by a Governmental Body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or charged with the administration or interpretation thereof.

“Leases” means the leases described on Exhibit B to the Transfer Agreement.

“Legal Final Maturity Date” means the Payment Date occurring in the month of November, 2043.

“Lien” means a security interest, lien, charge, pledge, equity or encumbrance of any kind.

“Liquidity Reserve Account” means the account designated as such, established and maintained pursuant to Section 8.2(c) of the Indenture.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit” means \$7,345,029.96.

“Liquidity Reserve Account Target Amount” means, with respect to (a) first Payment Date, the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit, (b) any Payment Date after the first Payment Date and prior to which the Principal Coverage Condition has been achieved, the product of (i) six (6) and (ii) the sum of (y) the Note Interest and (z) Senior Transaction Fees for such Payment Date (this amount shall not be less than 50% of the Liquidity Reserve Account Initial Deposit) or (c) any Payment Date on or after which the Principal Coverage Condition has been achieved, \$0.

“Majority Noteholders” means (i) as of any date of determination on which any Notes are Outstanding, Noteholders (other than any Diversified Company and each of its Affiliates) representing greater than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Controlling Class and (ii) as of any date of determination on which no Notes are Outstanding, and any of the Hedge Agreements with Hedge Counterparties remain outstanding or any payments thereunder, including the termination value, remain unpaid, Majority Noteholders shall mean the Hedge Counterparties until such time that all of the Hedge Agreements with the Hedge Counterparties have terminated and all payments thereunder, including the termination value, have been paid in full.

“Management Services Agreement” means the Management Services Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Manager, Diversified Corp and the Issuer, as amended from time to time.

“Management Team” means, at any point in time, those certain individuals serving as officers of Diversified Energy Company Plc as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel.

“Manager” means Diversified, in its capacity as manager under the Management Services Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Material” with respect to any Person means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of such Person.

“Material Adverse Effect” means a material adverse effect on (i) the business, operations, affairs, assets, properties, prospects, financial condition or results of operation of any Diversified Party or the Issuer, (ii) the validity, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral, taken as a whole, (iii) the ability of any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator to perform any Material obligation under any Basic Document to which it is a party, (iv) the ability of the Indenture Trustee to enforce any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator obligations under the Basic Documents to which such Person is a party in any Material respect, or (v) the validity or enforceability against any Diversified Party, the Manager or the Operator of any Basic Document to which such Person is a party.

“Material Manager Default” has the meaning specified in the Management Services Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Methane Emissions Performance Target” means having attained Diversified Energy Company Plc’s target to achieve a reduction in Diversified Energy Company Plc’s Scope 1 methane emissions intensity of at least 30% on December 31, 2026 and of at least 50% on December 31, 2030, in each case from the Observation Period Date as certified by the External Verifier.

“Moody’s” means Moody Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“Mortgage” means any mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement which conveys or evidences a Lien in favor of the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Indenture Trustee and the other Secured Parties, on real property of the Issuer, including any amendment, restatement, modification or supplement thereto.

“MT CO<sub>2</sub>e/MMcfe” means metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per million cubic feet of natural gas equivalent.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any ERISA Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“Natural Gas Hedge Percentage” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(a) of the Indenture.

“Natural Gas Hedge Period” has the meaning specified in Section 4.28(a) of the Indenture.

“Net Revenue Interest” means, for any Well, the holder’s share of the Hydrocarbons produced, saved and marketed therefrom (after satisfaction of all Burdens).

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by Diversified or the Issuer primarily for the benefit of employees of Diversified or the Issuer residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Interest” means, with respect to any Payment Date and any Class of Notes, an amount equal to the sum of (i) interest accrued during the Interest Accrual Period at the Interest Rate with respect to such Class of Notes on the applicable Outstanding Principal Balance thereof plus (ii) without duplication, any accrued and unpaid Note Interest in respect of such Class of Notes from prior Payment Dates (but not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Designated Unpaid Interest Amount), together with, to the extent permitted by Law, interest thereon at such Interest Rate during the Interest Accrual Period, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

“Note Purchase Agreement” means the Note Purchase Agreement, dated the Closing Date, among the Diversified Parties and the Purchasers (as may be further modified, amended or supplemented).



“Note Register” and “Note Registrar” have the respective meanings specified in Section 2.5(a) of the Indenture.

“Noteholder” means the Class A Noteholders and the Class B Noteholders, as applicable.

“Noteholder FATCA Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, information sufficient to eliminate the imposition of, or determine the amount of, U.S. withholding tax under FATCA.

“Noteholder Tax Identification Information” means, with respect to any Noteholder, properly completed and signed tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. federal income tax, IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a Person that is a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a Person that is not a “United States Person” within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code).

“Notes” means the Class A-1 Notes, the Class A-2 Notes, the Class B- Notes and the Class B-2 Notes.

“Novation Agreement” means the Novation Agreement, dated as of November 30, 2023, among the Issuer, Citizens Bank, N.A. and DP RBL Co LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“NRSRO” means any nationally recognized statistical rating agency recognized as such by the Commission and acceptable to the SVO.

“Obligations” means all of the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the Notes and any other Basic Document, including any Hedge Agreement, owed or owing to Indenture Trustee, a Noteholder, Hedge Counterparty or any other Person, as set forth under any Basic Document (whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising), including, without limitation, the obligation to pay principal, interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any default interest required under the Indenture), any Redemption Price, Change of Control Redemption Price and all actual, reasonable and documented costs, charges and expenses, attorney’s fees and disbursements, and indemnities.

“Observation Period Date” means December 31, 2020.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Officer’s Certificate” means in the case of the Issuer, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Issuer, under the circumstances described in, and otherwise complying with, the applicable requirements of Section 12.1 of the Indenture, and delivered to the Indenture Trustee (unless otherwise specified, any reference in the Indenture to an Officer’s Certificate shall be to an Officer’s Certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Issuer), and in the case of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Manager or the Back-up Manager, as applicable.

“Operator” means Diversified, in its capacity as operator under any Joint Operating Agreement, and any successor thereunder.

“Opinion of Counsel” means one or more written opinions of counsel who may, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Indenture, be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer (if satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion) and who shall be satisfactory to the addressees of such opinion, and which opinion or opinions if addressed to the Indenture Trustee, shall comply with any applicable requirements of Section 12.1 or any other applicable provision of the Indenture and shall be in form and, if applicable, substance satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee.

“Order” means any award, decision, injunction, judgment, order, ruling, subpoena, or verdict entered, issued, made, or rendered by any court, administrative agency, or other Governmental Body or by any arbitrator.

“Organizational Documents” of any entity shall mean (a) in the case of a corporation, the articles or certificate of incorporation (or the equivalent of such items under State Law) and the bylaws of such corporation, (b) in the case of a limited liability company, the certificate or articles of existence or formation and the operating agreement of such limited liability company, (c) in the case of a limited partnership, the certificate of formation and limited partnership agreement of such limited partnership and the Organizational Documents of the general partner of such limited partnership, and (d) any equivalent documents to the foregoing under the State Law where such entity was organized or formed.

“Outstanding” means, as of the date of determination, all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture except:

(a) Notes theretofore cancelled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation;

(b) Notes or portions thereof the payment for which money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Indenture Trustee or any Paying Agent in trust for the Noteholders of such Notes (provided, however, that if such Notes are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given or waived pursuant to this Indenture or provision for such notice or waiver has been made which is satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee); and

(c) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture unless proof satisfactory to the Indenture Trustee is presented that any such Notes are held by a protected purchaser;

provided, that in determining whether the Noteholders of the requisite Outstanding Principal Balance have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder or under any Basic Document, Notes owned by the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Indenture Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Indenture Trustee has actual knowledge are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Indenture Trustee the pledgee’s right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, any other obligor upon the Notes, Diversified or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing Persons.

“Outstanding Principal Balance” means, as of any date of determination, the Class A Outstanding Principal Balance and/or the Class B Outstanding Principal Balance, as the context requires.

“P&A Expense Amount” means, for any fiscal year, the actual aggregate net amount of plugging and abandonment expenses attributable to the Wellbore Interests and any Additional Assets, which amount shall be determined by the Manager in accordance with the Management Standards (as defined in the Management Services Agreement).

“P&A Reserve Account” means one or more accounts or sub-accounts established on or before the Closing Date on behalf of the Indenture Trustee and maintained by the Securities Intermediary in the name of the Issuer, in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

“P&A Reserve Amount” means, with respect to any Payment Date after which a P&A Reserve Trigger occurs, an amount equal to two (2) times the excess, if any, of (a) the P&A Expense Amount for the fiscal year preceding the applicable occurrence of the P&A Reserve Trigger over (b) the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

“P&A Reserve Trigger” means the determination as of the Payment Determination Date in March of any fiscal year that the P&A Expense Amount for the Issuer’s prior fiscal year exceeded the P&A Reserve Trigger Amount.

“P&A Reserve Trigger Amount” means (i) for fiscal years 2023 through 2027, an amount equal to \$1,000,000, (ii) for fiscal years 2028 through 2036, an amount equal to \$1,500,000, and (iii) for fiscal years 2037 through 2043 an amount equal to \$2,000,000.

“Paying Agent” means the Indenture Trustee or any other Person that meets the eligibility standards for the Indenture Trustee specified in Section 6.11 of the Indenture and is authorized by the Issuer to make payments to and distributions from the Collection Account including payments of principal of or interest on the Notes on behalf of the Issuer.

“Payment Date” means, with respect to each Collection Period, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the following month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day. The initial Payment Date for interest only will be January 28, 2024 and the first principal Payment Date will be January 28, 2024.

“Payment Date Compliance Certificate” means the certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(f) of the Indenture.

“Payment Date Report” means a certificate of the Manager delivered pursuant to Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Payment Determination Date” means, with respect to any Payment Date, two (2) Business Days immediately preceding such Payment Date.

“Permitted Dispositions” means the sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets by the Issuer at a price or value equal to fair market value at the time of such sale or exchange, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) the amount of Assets sold or exchanged does not exceed 25% of the Assets on the basis of value as of the Closing Date on a cumulative basis;
- (b) the amount of Assets sold to any Affiliate of the Diversified Parties does not exceed 5% of the value of the Assets as of the Closing Date on a cumulative basis;
- (c) the selection procedures used in selecting such Assets would not reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the Noteholders or the Hedge Counterparties;
- (d) the Additional Assets have a quality roughly similar to that of the Wellbore Interests, as determined in good faith by the Issuer and are located in a mature producing basin in the continental United States;
- (e) the Additional Assets have a positive discounted present value (using a ten percent (10.0%) discount rate), as determined by the Issuer at the time of the acquisition thereof;
- (f) the Senior DSCR shall not be less than 1.40 to 1.00, the Aggregate DSCR shall not be less than 1.20 to 1.00, the Production Tracking Rate shall not be less than 80%, the IO DSCR shall not be less than 2.00 to 1.00 and the Aggregate LTV shall not be greater than 75% on a pro forma basis after giving effect to such sale or exchange and the application of the proceeds therefrom to the purchase of Additional Assets, the repayment of the Notes or any required hedge termination payment, if any;
- (g) the Rating Agency Condition shall have been satisfied;
- (h) no sale, or exchange for Additional Assets, of Assets may occur during the continuance of any Default, Event of Default, or Rapid Amortization Event;
- (i) the proceeds of any disposition of Collateral shall be sufficient (together with other funds available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments) to pay any breakage or termination amounts (including any interest thereon) owing to any Hedge Counterparty as a result of any termination of hedges required by Section 4.28 in connection with such disposition;
- (j) the consideration for the disposed Collateral shall be in the form of cash, cash equivalents or Additional Assets; and
- (k) delivery to the Indenture Trustee of an officer’s certificate certifying the above conditions.

“Permitted Indebtedness” shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.21 of the Indenture.

“Permitted Investments” means (i) direct obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, or shares of money market funds that invest solely in such obligations, (ii) obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America and certificates of deposit issued by, or bankers’ acceptances of, or time deposits, demand deposits or overnight deposits with, any bank, trust company or national banking association incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof having combined capital and surplus and retained earnings of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) commercial paper of companies, banks, trust companies or national banking associations incorporated or doing business under the Laws of the United States of America or one of the states thereof and in each case having a rating assigned to such commercial paper by S&P or Moody’s (or, if neither such organization shall rate such commercial paper at any time, by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization in the United States of America) equal to the highest rating assigned by such organizations and (iv) money market funds which (a) invest primarily in obligations of the United States of America or any agency thereof, corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated AAAmmf or better by Fitch and P-1 or better by Moody’s, repurchase agreements, time deposits and (b) have a rating assigned to such fund by Moody’s, Fitch or S&P equal to “Aaa-mf”, “AAAmmf”, or “AAm”, respectively, or better. In no event shall any investment be eligible as a “Permitted Investment” unless the final maturity or date of return of such investment is thirty-one (31) days or less from the date of purchase thereof.

“Permitted Liens” shall, with respect to the Wellbore Interests, have the meaning assigned to the term “Permitted Encumbrance” in the Transfer Agreement, as of the Closing Date.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, estate, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

“Physical Property” means instruments within the meaning of Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC and certificated securities within the meaning of Section 8-102 of the UCC.

“Placement Agent” means Barclays Capital Inc.

“Plan” means any (a) “employee benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) “plan” described in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code that is subject to Section 4975 of the Code; (c) entity or account whose underlying assets are deemed to include “plan assets” (within the meaning of the Department of Labor regulation located at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) or (d) plan, entity or account that is subject to any U.S. federal, State, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Pledge Agreement” means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Diversified Holdings, the Issuer and the Indenture Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as amended from time to time.

“Posted Collateral” shall mean all Eligible Collateral and the proceeds thereof, including all interest accruing on any such sums, that has been received by the Issuer from a Hedge Counterparty under a Hedge Agreement and has been deposited in to an applicable Hedge Collateral Account.

“Predecessor Note” means, with respect to any particular Note, every previous Note evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Note; and, for the purpose of this definition, any Note authenticated and delivered under Section 2.6 of the Indenture in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Note.

“Principal Coverage Condition” means the first Payment Date upon which the sum of (a) Available Funds available subsequent to distributions on such Payment Date pursuant to clause (C) of the Priority of Payments and (b) the amounts available in the Liquidity Reserve Account, is greater than the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Notes.

“Principal Distribution Amount” means the Class A Principal Distribution Amount and the Class B Principal Distribution Amount, as applicable.

“Private Letter Rating” means a letter delivered by a Rating Agency with respect to the Notes that includes the following elements:

(a) The rating on the Notes with specific reference to any private placement number(s) issued for the Notes by Standard & Poor’s CUSIP Service Bureau or other information that uniquely identifies the Notes, including coupon and maturity;

(b) A statement that the rating of the Notes will be maintained and a rating letter will be produced at least once every calendar year;

(c) A statement that the rating encompasses the expectation of timely payment of principal and interest as scheduled; and

(d) A statement that such letter may be shared with the holders’ regulatory and self-regulatory bodies (including the SVO) and auditors of the holder of the Notes without need for a non-disclosure agreement with the Rating Agency.

“Proceeding” means any suit in equity, action at Law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

“Proceeds Retention Condition” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.4(a) of this Indenture.

“Production Tracking Rate” means, with respect to any Annual Determination Date beginning with the Payment Date occurring in May 2024, the quotient of (a) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Assets actually realized over the six (6) calendar months immediately preceding such date of determination over (b) the aggregate production volume with respect to the Assets projected in the most recent Reserve Report for the six (6) corresponding calendar months.

“Purchaser” or “Purchasers” means the purchasers listed on Schedule B to the Note Purchase Agreement.

“PV-10” means the value calculated in the most recent Reserve Report delivered pursuant to Section 8.5 of the Indenture consisting of the discounted present value (using ten percent (10.0%) discount rate) of the sum of (i) the projected net cash flows from the Wellbore Interests categorized as proved, developed and producing, using commodity strip prices and (ii) the positive or negative aggregate mark-to-market value determined as of such date of determination of all Hedge Agreements, calculated in the aggregate for all Hydrocarbons hedged, calculated on an annual basis (or, to the extent the Manager in its discretion obtains an updated Reserve Report prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated Reserve Report, calculated on a more frequent basis to reflect the projected proceeds described in such updated Reserve Report).

“Qualified Buyer” means any U.S. domiciled private equity fund or controlled holding company, similar investment fund, sovereign wealth fund, publicly listed company, upstream or energy company, and/or similar entities or investors (or any consortium or combination of any or all of the foregoing) that in the aggregate for all such persons, has either (x) assets under management equal to or in excess of \$2,500,000,000 or (y) a market capitalization equal to or in excess of \$2,500,000,000 or (z) an enterprise value equal to or in excess of \$2,000,000,000.

“Qualifying Owner” means any Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) that directly or indirectly holds or acquires 100% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Diversified Energy Company Plc, and of which no other Person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) holds more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock thereof.

“Quarterly Determination Date” means the Payment Determination Dates in the months of January, April, July and October.

“Rapid Amortization Event” means the occurrence of (i) any Event of Default under the Indenture, (ii) a Warm Trigger Event, (iii) any Material Manager Default under the Management Services Agreement, (iv) any Default in Other Agreements, or (v) on or after November 30, 2029, the Aggregate LTV as of any Annual Determination Date is greater than forty-five percent (45%); *provided* that a Rapid Amortization Event pursuant to the foregoing clause (v) may be cured upon delivery of an updated Reserve Report audited or prepared by an Independent Petroleum Engineer on or prior to the date required by Section 8.5 of the Indenture which would result in, as of the next Annual Determination Date or, if earlier, the effective date of such Reserve Report, an Aggregate LTV less than or equal to forty-five percent (45%).

“Rating Agency” means (i) Fitch and (ii) if Fitch does not issue a senior unsecured long-term debt rating, corporate credit rating or issuer rating for the applicable Person or fails to make such rating publicly available, a “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” registered under the Exchange Act, that is consented to by the Majority Noteholders.

“Rating Agency Condition” means, with respect to any action, that each Rating Agency then rating a class of Notes shall have received five (5) Business Days’ (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to each Rating Agency) prior written notice and shall not have notified the Issuer that such action will result in a downgrade or withdrawal of the then current rating on any class of Notes.

“Rating Agency Contact” shall mean globalcrosssectorsf@fitchratings.com.

“Record Date” means, with respect to a Payment Date or Redemption Date, the last day of the immediately preceding calendar month.

“Redemption” means the redemption of the Notes by the Issuer in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Indenture.

“Redemption Date” means, (i) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, any Payment Date on or after the Closing Date, and (ii) in the case of a redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture, any Payment Date within 90 days of the triggering Change of Control, as specified by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.1(b) of the Indenture.

“Redemption Price” means, (i) with respect to any redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1(a) of the Indenture, (a) prior to November 30, 2027, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus the Applicable Premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date and (b) on or after November 30, 2027, an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the Redemption Date and (ii) with respect to a Change of Control, the Change of Control Redemption Price.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any Noteholder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an Affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Relevant Transfer-Restricted Notes” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(f) of the Indenture.

“Reserve Report” means initially the Transfer Agreement Reserve Report and upon delivery of the updated reserve report required with respect to the Assets pursuant to Section 8.5(a) of the Indenture, a reserve report in form and substance substantially similar to the Transfer Agreement Reserve Report (as adjusted for new information) and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Majority Noteholders, setting forth as of the date of the report the oil and gas reserves of the Issuer, together with a projection of the rate of production and future net income, Taxes and capital expenditures with respect to the Assets as of that date based on good faith and reasonable economic assumptions provided by the Manager, containing customary assumptions, qualifications and exclusions; provided, that upon the reasonable request of the Majority Noteholders, the Majority Noteholders may, at their sole expense, independently audit the economic assumptions provided by the Manager.

“Responsible Officer” means, (x) with respect to the Indenture Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Indenture Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, senior associate, associate, trust officer or any other officer, employee or other person of the Indenture Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of such officer’s knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject, in each case, who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture, (y) with respect to the Issuer any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers, and (z) with respect to Diversified Corp or Diversified, any officer, including any president, vice president, secretary or any other officer performing functions similar to those performed by such officers.



“Rule 144A” means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

“Rule 17g-5” has the meaning specified in Section 12.19 of the Indenture.

“Schedule of Assets” shall mean Exhibit A to each Transfer Agreement specifying the Assets being transferred, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

“Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount” means the Class A Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount and the Class B Scheduled Principal Distribution Amount, as applicable.

“Second Interest Rate Step Up Trigger Date” means the Payment Date on May 28, 2031.

“Second Subsequent Rate of Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(g) of the Indenture.

“Second Target Date” has the meaning specified in the definition of 2030 Satisfaction Notification in this Appendix A Part I of this Indenture.

“Secured Parties” means, collectively, each Noteholder, the Indenture Trustee, each Hedge Counterparty and the Back-up Manager, and “Secured Party” means any of them individually.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Securities Intermediary” shall have the meaning specified in Section 8.2(g) of the Indenture.

“Securitized Net Cash Flow” means, with respect to any Collection Period, the sum of the aggregate proceeds of the Assets deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, the aggregate amount of Equity Contribution Cures, if any, deposited in the Collection Account during such Collection Period, and the net proceeds of the Hedge Agreements received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in excess of amounts payable pursuant to clauses Section 8.6(i)(A) and (B) of the Indenture with respect to such Collection Period.

“Senior DSCR” means, as of any Quarterly Determination Date, beginning with the Payment Date occurring in April 2024, (a) the Securitized Net Cash Flow over the three (3) immediately preceding Collection Periods, *divided by* (b) the sum of (i) the aggregate interest accrued on the most senior Class of Notes (in alphabetical order) over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates and any unpaid interest for such most senior Class of Notes (in alphabetical order) at the beginning of the Payment Date three (3) months prior to such Quarterly Determination Date, (ii) the aggregate Principal Distribution Amount for the most senior Class of Notes (in alphabetical order) over such three (3) immediately preceding Payment Dates, and (iii) any unpaid Principal Distribution Amounts for such most senior Class of Notes (in alphabetical order) at the beginning of the Payment Date three (3) months prior to such Quarterly Determination Date.

“Senior Financial Officer” means, with respect to Diversified Corp, the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller (or any other officer holding a title or role similar to any of the foregoing) of Diversified Corp.

“Senior LTV” means, as of any applicable date of determination, an amount equal to (a) the excess of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the most senior Class of Notes (in alphabetical order) (net of any then-existing receivables, to the extent they have reduced the PV-10) as of such date of determination over the amount then on deposit in the Collection Account *divided* by (b) the sum of the PV-10 as of such date of determination. The Senior LTV shall be determined on each Annual Determination Date; provided that, if the PV-10 shall have been re-calculated as a result of an updated reserve report being obtained prior to any otherwise scheduled annually updated reserve report (as described in the definition of “PV-10”), then the Senior LTV shall be re-calculated giving effect to such re-calculation of the PV-10 and on the basis of the then-current amounts specified in the preceding clause (a).

“Senior Transaction Fees” means any fees or expenses payable pursuant to clauses (i)(A) and (B) of Section 8.6 of the Indenture.

“Settlement Agreement” means the Settlement Agent Services Agreement, dated as of November 14, 2023 between the Issuer and UMB Bank, N.A., as settlement agent.

“Similar Law” means any U.S. federal, State, non-U.S. or local Law that is substantially similar to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

“Standard & Poor’s” or “S&P” means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., or any successor to the rating agency business thereof.

“State” means any one of the 50 States of the United States of America or the District of Columbia.

“Subsequent Rate of Interest” has the meaning specified in Section 2.8(g) of the Indenture.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a fifty percent (50%) interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

“Synthetic Lease” means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

“Tax” or “Taxes” means any and all federal, state, provincial, local, foreign and other taxes, levies, fees, imposts, duties, assessments, and other governmental charges imposed by any Governmental Body, including income, profits, franchise, withholding, employment, social security (or similar), disability, occupation, ad valorem, property, value added, capital gains, sales, goods and services, use, real or personal property, capital stock, license, branch, payroll, estimated, unemployment, severance, compensation, utility, stamp, occupation, premium, windfall profits, transfer, gains, production and excise taxes, and customs duties, together with any interest, penalties, fines or additions thereto.

“Threatened” means a claim, Proceeding, dispute, or other matter will be deemed to have been “Threatened” if any demand or statement has been made (orally or in writing) to a Diversified Company or any officers, directors, or employees of a Diversified Company that would lead a prudent Person to conclude that such a claim, Proceeding, dispute, or other matter is likely to be asserted, commenced, taken, or otherwise pursued in the future.

“Transfer Agreement” means the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of November 30, 2023, among the Issuer, Diversified Corp and DP Legacy.

“Transfer Agreement Reserve Report” means that certain internal report prepared by Diversified Corp and attached as Exhibit E to the Transfer Agreement.

“Transferor Certificate” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(c) of the Indenture.

“Transfer-Restricted Notes” has the meaning specified in Section 2.4(f) of the Indenture.

“Treasury Rate” means, in respect of any date of redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Indenture, the yield to maturity as of the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data) most nearly equal to the period from the Redemption Date to November 30, 2027; provided, however, that if the period from the Redemption Date to November 30, 2027, is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year will be used. The Issuer will (1) calculate the Treasury Rate no later than the second (and no earlier than the fourth) Business Day preceding the applicable Redemption Date and (2) prior to such Redemption Date file with the Indenture Trustee an Officers’ Certificate setting forth the Applicable Premium and the Treasury Rate and showing the calculation of each in reasonable detail.

“Treasury Regulations” shall mean regulations, including proposed or temporary regulations, promulgated under the Code. References herein to specific provisions of proposed or temporary regulations shall include analogous provisions of final Treasury Regulations or other successor Treasury Regulations.

“UCC” means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in the relevant jurisdiction, as amended from time to time.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws” means those Laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Person” means:

- (a) a citizen or resident of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- (b) an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, except to the extent provided in applicable Treasury Regulations, created or organized in or under the Laws of the United States, any State, including an entity treated as a corporation or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- (c) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source;
- (d) an entity treated as a trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust, and one or more such U.S. Persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or
- (e) to the extent provided in applicable Treasury Regulations, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996, which are eligible to elect to be treated as U.S. Persons.

“Voting Stock” of any specified Person as of any date means the capital stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

“Warm Back-up Management Duties” shall have the meaning set forth in the Back-up Management Agreement.

“Warm Trigger Event” will be continuing as of any Payment Date for so long as (i) the Aggregate DSCR as of such Payment Date is less than 1.15 to 1.00, (ii) the Production Tracking Rate as of such Payment Date is less than eighty percent (80%) or (iii) the Aggregate LTV as of such Payment Date is greater than eighty-five percent (85%).

“Wellbore Interests” has the meaning specified in the Transfer Agreement.

“Wells” has the meaning specified in the Transfer Agreement.

“Working Interest” means, for any Well, that share of costs and expenses associated with the exploration, maintenance, development, and operation of such Well that the holder of the interest is required to bear and pay.

## PART II - RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

(A) Accounting Terms. As used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents, accounting terms which are not defined, and accounting terms partly defined, herein or therein shall have the respective meanings given to them under generally accepted accounting principles. To the extent that the definitions of accounting terms in this Appendix or the Basic Documents are inconsistent with the meanings of such terms under generally accepted accounting principles, the definitions contained in this Appendix or the Basic Documents will control.

(B) "Hereof," etc.: The words "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Appendix or any Basic Document will refer to this Appendix or such Basic Document as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Appendix or such Basic Document; and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references contained in this Appendix or any Basic Document are references to Sections, Schedules and Exhibits in or to this Appendix or such Basic Document unless otherwise specified. The word "or" is not exclusive.

(C) Use of "related" as used in this Appendix and the Basic Documents, with respect to any Payment Date, the "related Payment Determination Date," the "related Collection Period," and the "related Record Date" will mean the Payment Determination Date, the Collection Period, and the Record Date, respectively, immediately preceding such Payment Date. With respect to the Divestiture Date, the "related Cutoff Date" will mean the Cutoff Date established for the closing of the transfer of Assets on the Divestiture Date.

(D) Amendments. Any agreement or instrument defined or referred to in the Basic Documents or in any instrument or certificate delivered in connection herewith shall mean such agreement or instrument as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented and includes references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein.

(E) Number and Gender. Each defined term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning when used in its plural or singular form. Each gender-specific term used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents has a comparable meaning whether used in a masculine, feminine or gender-neutral form.

(F) Including. Whenever the term "including" (whether or not that term is followed by the phrase "but not limited to" or "without limitation" or words of similar effect) is used in this Appendix or the Basic Documents in connection with a listing of items within a particular classification, that listing will be interpreted to be illustrative only and will not be interpreted as a limitation on, or exclusive listing of, the items within that classification.

(G) UCC References. Terms used herein that are defined in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, unless the context requires otherwise. Any reference herein to a "beneficial interest" in a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, a security entitlement with respect to such security, and any reference herein to a "beneficial owner" or "beneficial holder" of a security also shall mean, unless the context requires otherwise, the holder of a security entitlement with respect to such security. Any reference herein to money or other property that is to be deposited in or is on deposit in a securities account shall also mean that such money or other property is to be credited to, or is credited to, such securities account.

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**DIRECTOR DEED OF INDEMNITY**

**THIS DEED OF INDEMNITY** is made the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

**BETWEEN:**

- (1) Diversified Energy Company Plc, a public limited company registered in England and Wales with company number 09156132 whose registered office is at 1600 Corporate Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35242 (the "**Company**"); and
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Indemnified Person**").

**WHEREAS**

- (A) The Indemnified Person is a director of the Company.
- (B) The Company has agreed to indemnify the Indemnified Person on the terms and conditions set out in this Deed.
- (C) The Company has further agreed to maintain appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of the Indemnified Person.

**NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH** as follows:

**1. INDEMNITY**

- 1.1 Subject to Clauses 1.2 and 6.1 of this Deed, the Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law and without prejudice to any other indemnity to which the Indemnified Person may otherwise be entitled, indemnify and hold the Indemnified Person harmless in respect of all claims, actions and proceedings, whether civil, criminal or regulatory ("**Claims**"), and any losses, damages, penalties, liabilities, costs, charges, expenses, compensation or other awards arising in connection with any such Claims ("**Losses**"), whether instigated, imposed or incurred under the laws of England and Wales, the United States, or the law of any other jurisdiction and arising out of, or in connection with, the actual or purported exercise of, or failure to exercise, any of the Indemnified Person's powers, duties or responsibilities as a director or officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (as defined in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006, as amended (the "**Companies Act**")) and including any modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force) for the time being, subject to the remaining provisions of this Deed.
- 1.2 The indemnity in Clause 1.1 above shall be deemed not to provide for, or entitle the Indemnified Person to, any indemnification that would cause this Deed, or any part of it, to be treated as void under the Companies Act and, in particular, except as provided in Clause 1.3 of this Deed, shall not provide directly or indirectly (to any extent) any indemnity against:
- (a) any liability incurred by the Indemnified Person to the Company or any associated company (as defined in section 256 of the Companies Act) ("**Associated Company**"); or
- (b) any liability incurred by the Indemnified Person to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising); or

- (c) any liability incurred by the Indemnified Person:
  - (i) in defending any criminal proceedings in which such Indemnified Person is convicted;
  - (ii) in defending any civil proceedings brought by the Company, or an Associated Company, in which judgment is given against such Indemnified Person;
  - (iii) in connection with any application under section 661(3) or (4) or section 1157 of the Companies Act in which the court refuses to grant him relief,where, in any such case, any such conviction, judgment or refusal of relief has become final. Reference in this Clause 1.2 to a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief being “final” shall be construed in accordance with sections 234(4) and (5) of the Companies Act.

1.3 Without prejudice to the generality of the indemnity set out in Clause 1.1 above, the Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, indemnify and hold the Indemnified Person harmless on an “as incurred” basis against all legal and other costs, charges and expenses reasonably incurred or to be incurred:

- (a) in defending Claims including, without limitation, Claims brought by, or at the request of, the Company or any Associated Company and any investigation into the affairs of the Company or any Associated Company by any judicial, governmental, regulatory or other body; or
- (b) in connection with any application under section 661(3) or (4) or section 1157 of the Companies Act,

provided that, in accordance with section 205 of the Companies Act, the Indemnified Person agrees that any such legal and other costs, charges and expenses paid by the Company shall fall to be repaid, or any liability of the Company under any transaction connected thereto shall fall to be discharged, not later than:

- (c) in the event of the Indemnified Person being convicted in the proceedings, the date when the conviction becomes final;
- (d) in the event of judgment being given against the Indemnified Person in the proceedings, the date when the judgment becomes final; or
- (e) in the event of the court refusing to grant the Indemnified Person relief on the application, the date when the refusal of relief becomes final.

References in this Clause 1.3 to a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief being 'final' shall be construed in accordance with sections 205(3) and (4) of the Companies Act.

## **2. CLAIMING UNDER THE INDEMNITY**

2.1 The Indemnified Person shall give written notice to the Company as soon as reasonably practical after receipt of any demand relating to any Claims (or circumstances which may reasonably be expected to give rise to a demand relating to Claims) giving, where possible, full details and providing, where possible, copies of all relevant correspondence and the Indemnified Person shall keep the Company fully informed of the progress of any Claims, including providing all such information in relation to any Claims or Losses or any other costs, charges or expenses incurred as the Company may reasonably request, and shall take all such action as the Company may reasonably request to avoid, dispute, resist, appeal, compromise or defend any Claims.



2.2 For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) if a company ceases to be a subsidiary of the Company after the date of this Deed, the Company shall only be liable to indemnify the Indemnified Person in respect of liabilities in relation to that company which arose before the date on which that company ceased to be a subsidiary of the Company; and
- (b) the Indemnified Person, as director or manager of any company which becomes a subsidiary of the Company after the date of this Deed, shall be indemnified only in respect of liabilities arising after the date on which that company became a subsidiary of the Company.

2.3 The Company shall pay such amount to the Indemnified Person as shall after the payment of any tax thereon leave the Indemnified Person with sufficient funds to meet any Losses to which this Deed applies. In the event that any amounts are paid to the Indemnified Person under this Clause 2.3 but a tax deduction, credit or relief is or becomes available to the Indemnified Person in respect of the relevant payment under this Deed received by the Indemnified Person or any payment made by the Indemnified Person to a third party in respect of the relevant Loss which was not taken into account in calculating the amount payable under this Clause 2.3, the Indemnified Person shall make a payment to the Company of such an amount as is equal to the benefit of such deduction, credit or relief which was not taken into account.

2.4 If and to the extent that the rights of the Indemnified Person under this Deed give rise to any taxable benefit or other similar charge or liability for such Indemnified Person then, having regard to any tax deductions, credits or reliefs which are or may be available to such Indemnified Person in respect of such rights, the Company shall procure that such Indemnified Person shall be made whole in such regard as soon as reasonably practicable.

### **3. TERM**

This Deed shall remain in force until such time as any relevant limitation periods for bringing Claims against the Indemnified Person have expired, or for so long as the Indemnified Person remains liable for any Losses, notwithstanding that such Indemnified Person may have ceased to be a director or officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. The Company shall not be entitled to terminate this Deed without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Person.

### **4. DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

The Company shall provide and maintain appropriate "directors and officers" liability insurance (including ensuring that premiums are properly paid), with a reputable insurance company, for the benefit of the Indemnified Person for so long as any Claims may lawfully be brought against the Indemnified Person (or his/her estate).

**5. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Deed and any non-contractual rights or obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales. Each of the Company and the Indemnified Person irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any Disputes (as defined below) and waive any objection to proceedings before such courts on the grounds of venue or on the grounds that such proceedings have been brought in an inappropriate forum. For the purposes of this Clause 5, “*Dispute*” means any dispute, controversy, claim or difference of whatever nature arising out of, relating to, or having any connection with this Deed, including a dispute regarding the existence, formation, validity, interpretation, performance or termination of this Deed or the consequences of its nullity and also including any dispute relating to any non-contractual rights or obligations arising out of, relating to, or having any connection with this Deed.

**6. GENERAL**

- 6.1 If this Deed is finally judicially determined in a relevant jurisdiction to provide for, or entitle the Indemnified Person to, indemnification against any Claims or Losses that would cause this Deed, or any part of it, to be treated as void under the laws of that jurisdiction, this Deed shall, in so far as it relates to such jurisdiction, be deemed not to provide for, or entitle the Indemnified Person to, any such indemnification, and the Company shall instead indemnify the Indemnified Person against any Claims or Losses to the fullest extent permitted by law in that jurisdiction.
- 6.2 This Deed and the documents referred to in it constitute the entire agreement and understanding of the parties and supersede and extinguish all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between the parties, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Deed.
- 6.3 A person who is not a party to this Deed shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms.

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IN WITNESS whereof this Deed has been executed and delivered the day and year first above written.

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a director, in the presence of:

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Director

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Signature of Witness

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Name of Witness

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Address of Witness

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**Subsidiaries of Diversified Energy Company PLC**  
**December 7, 2023**

Name of Subsidiary	Jurisdiction
Diversified Gas & Oil Corporation	United States
Diversified Production LLC	United States
Diversified Midstream LLC	United States
Diversified Energy Marketing, LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase II Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase II LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase III Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase III LLC	United States
Diversified ABS III Upstream LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase III Midstream LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase IV Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase IV LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase V Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase V LLC	United States
Diversified ABS V Upstream LLC	United States
Sooner State Joint ABS Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase VI Holdings LLC	United States
Diversified ABS Phase VI LLC	United States
Diversified ABS VI Upstream LLC	United States
Oaktree ABS VI Upstream LLC	United States
DP Lion Equity Holdco LLC	United States
DP Lion HoldCo LLC	United States
DP RBL Co LLC	United States
DP Legacy Central LLC	United States
DP Production Holdings II LLC	United States
DGOC Holdings Sub III LLC	United States
DP Bluegrass Holdings LLC	United States
DP Bluegrass LLC	United States
BlueStone Natural Resources II, LLC	United States
Cranberry Pipeline Corporation	United States
Coalfield Pipeline Company	United States
DM Bluebonnet LLC	United States
DP Tapstone Energy Holdings, LLC	United States
DP Legacy Tapstone LLC	United States
DP Vandalia Equity Holdco LLC	United States
DP Vandalia Holdco LLC	United States
Chesapeake Granite Wash Trust	United States
TGG Cotton Valley Assets, LLC	United States
Black Bear Midstream Holdings LLC	United States
Black Bear Midstream LLC	United States
Black Bear Liquids LLC	United States
Black Bear Liquids Marketing LLC	United States
DM Pennsylvania Holdco LLC	United States
Diversified Energy Group LLC	United States
Diversified Energy Company LLC	United States
Next LVL Energy, LLC	United States
Splendid Land, LLC	United States
Riverside Land, LLC	United States
Old Faithful Land, LLC	United States
Link Land, LLC	United States
Giant Land, LLC	United States

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We hereby consent to the use in this Registration Statement on Form 20-F/A of Diversified Energy Company Plc of our report dated November 16, 2023 relating to the financial statements of Diversified Energy Company Plc, which appears in this Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading “Experts” in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Birmingham, Alabama  
December 7, 2023

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS

We hereby consent to the inclusion in or incorporation by reference into the Registration Statement on Form 20-F of Diversified Energy Company PLC (the "Registration Statement") of (1) our report prepared for Diversified Energy Company PLC dated July 31, 2023, with respect to estimates of proved reserves and future revenue to the Diversified Energy Company PLC interest, as of December 31, 2022, in certain oil and gas properties located in the Appalachian Basin and the Louisiana-Oklahoma-Texas Area of the United States; (2) our report prepared for Diversified Energy Company PLC dated May 5, 2022, with respect to estimates of proved reserves and future revenue to the interest of Diversified Energy Company PLC, as of December 31, 2021, in certain oil and gas properties located in the Appalachian Basin and the Louisiana-Oklahoma-Texas Area of the United States and (3) our report prepared for Diversified Energy Company PLC dated May 5, 2022, with respect to estimates of proved reserves and future revenue to the interest of Diversified Energy Company PLC, as of December 31, 2020, in certain oil and gas properties located in the Appalachian Basin, United States. We also consent to all references to our firm, including the reference to us under the heading "Experts", in the Registration Statement.

**NETHERLAND, SEWELL & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

By: /s/ Eric J. Stevens  
Eric J. Stevens, P.E.  
President and Chief Operating Officer

Dallas, Texas  
December 7, 2023

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