

OPTION 1

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT FORM
DATE OF ISSUANCE: _____

[Address]

Re: Credit No. _____

We, _____ (the "Issuing Bank"), hereby establish our Irrevocable Transferable Standby Letter of Credit (the "Letter of Credit") in favor of _____ (you, the "Beneficiary") for the account of _____ (the "Account Party"), for the aggregate amount not exceeding _____ United States Dollars (\$ _____), available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at _____ [designate Issuing Bank's location for presentments] on or before the expiration hereof against presentation to us of one or more of the following statements, dated and signed by an Authorized Officer of the Beneficiary:

1. "An Event of Default (as defined in the Confirmation Agreement dated as of _____ between [Beneficiary Name] ("Beneficiary") and [Account Party's Name] ("Account Party"), as the same may be amended (the "Agreement")) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Account Party under the Agreement and no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Beneficiary of this Letter of Credit. Wherefore, the undersigned does hereby demand payment of _____ United States Dollars (\$ _____) [or the entire undrawn amount of the Letter of Credit]"; or
2. "An Early Termination Date (as defined in the Confirmation Agreement dated as of _____ between [Beneficiary Name] ("Beneficiary") and [Account Party's Name] ("Account Party"), as the same may be amended (the "Agreement")) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Account Party under the Agreement and no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Beneficiary of this Letter of Credit. Wherefore, the undersigned does hereby demand payment of _____ United States Dollars (\$ _____) [or the entire undrawn amount of the Letter of Credit]"; or
3. "The expiration date of your Letter of Credit is less than twenty (20) days from the date of this statement, and Account Party under such Letter of Credit is required, but has failed, to provide a replacement letter of credit or other collateral beyond such expiration date in accordance with, and to assure performance of, its obligations under the Confirmation Agreement dated as of _____ between Account Party and the Beneficiary of the Letter of Credit (as the same may be amended, the "Confirmation Agreement"). No event of default has occurred and is continuing under the Confirmation Agreement with respect to the Beneficiary. Wherefore, the undersigned does hereby demand payment of _____ United States Dollars (\$ _____) [or the entire undrawn amount of the Letter of Credit]".

This Letter of Credit shall expire on _____. It is a condition of this Letter of Credit that it will be automatically extended for one year periods (to the immediately following anniversary of its then current expiration date) following its then current expiration date, unless at least sixty (60) days before its then current expiration date, we notify you, by electronic means to _____ Attn: _____ that we do not intend to extend this Letter of Credit; provided that the original notice shall be simultaneously forwarded by overnight courier service to you at the above address; provided further that the failure of the courier service to timely deliver shall not affect the efficacy of the notice.

The amount which may be drawn by you under this Letter of Credit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of any drawings paid by the Issuing Bank. Partial drawings and multiple presentations are permitted hereunder.

We hereby agree with you that documents drawn under and in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit shall be duly honored upon presentation as specified. Drafts, document(s) and other communications hereunder may be presented or delivered to us by facsimile transmission or electronic means. Presentation of documents to effect a draw by facsimile must be made to the following facsimile number:

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_____, and confirmed by telephone to us at the following number: _____. Presentation of documents to effect a draw by electronic means must be made to the following email address: _____, and confirmed by telephone to us at the following number: _____. In the event of a presentation via facsimile transmission or via electronic means, no mail confirmation is necessary and the facsimile transmission or the electronic communication will constitute the operative drawing documents.

This Letter of Credit shall be governed by the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, 2007 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600, or any successor publication thereto (the “UCP”), except to the extent that the terms hereof are inconsistent with the provisions of the UCP, including but not limited to Articles 14(b), 16(d) and 36 of the UCP, in which case the terms of this Letter of Credit shall govern. Matters not covered by the UCP shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

With respect to Article 14(b) of the UCP, the Issuing Bank shall have a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed three (3) Business Days, following the date of its receipt of documents from the Beneficiary, to examine the documents and determine whether to take up or refuse the documents and shall inform the Beneficiary accordingly. With respect to Article 16(d) of the UCP, the notice required in sub-article 16C must be given no later than the banks’ close of business on the third Business Day following the date of presentation.

Article 36 of the UCP as it applies to this Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit is hereby modified to provide that in the event of an Act of God, riot, civil commotion, insurrection, war or any other cause beyond our control that interrupts our business (collectively, an “Interruption Event”) and causes the place for presentation of this Letter of Credit to be closed for business on the last day for presentation, the expiry date of this Letter of Credit will be automatically extended without amendment to a date thirty (30) calendar days after the place for presentation reopens for business. Article 36 of the UCP as it applies to this Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit is hereby further modified to provide that any alternate place for presentation that we designate must be located in the United States.

We, the Issuing Bank, hereby certify that as of the Date of Issuance of this Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit our senior unsecured debt is rated “A” or better by S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) if rated by S&P, “A2” or better from Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”) if rated by Moody’s, and “A” or better by Fitch Ratings (“Fitch”) if rated by Fitch. We hereby certify that our senior unsecured debt is rated by at least two of S&P, Moody’s, and Fitch. If affiliated with a foreign bank, we further certify we are a U.S. branch office of such foreign bank and that as of the Date of Issuance of this Letter of Credit, our senior unsecured debt meets the ratings requirement of this paragraph.

As used herein, the term “Business Day” means any day on which Federal Reserve Banks and Branches are open for business, such that payments can be effected on the Fedwire system and the term “Authorized Officer” means President, Treasurer, any Vice President or any Assistant Treasurer.

This Letter of Credit is transferable in whole but not in part, in accordance with the procedures in UCP 600 through the submission of a Letter of Full Transfer utilizing one of the attached forms of Letter of Full Transfer (Schedules 1-3), accompanied by the original Letter of Credit and original amendments, if any, but otherwise may not be amended, changed or modified without the express written consent of the Beneficiary, the Issuing Bank and the Account Party.

This Letter of Credit may not be transferred to any person with which U.S. persons are prohibited from doing business under U.S. Foreign Assets Control Regulations or other applicable U.S. Laws and Regulations.

We will not make any payment under this Letter of Credit (1) to any entity or person who is subject to the sanctions issued by the United States Department of Commerce, or to whom payment is prohibited by the foreign asset control regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, or (2) which otherwise is in contravention of United States laws and regulations.

[The Issuing Bank may add specific contact or additional information or administrative- only comments at this point. However, such comments shall not create or alter any rights that vary from the above language].

[BANK SIGNATURE]