

**OPTION 2**

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 "Confirmation Agreement")) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Account Party under the Confirmation 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 "Confirmation Agreement")) has occurred and is continuing with respect to Account Party under the Confirmation 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_, 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 is subject to International Standby Practices (ISP98), International Chamber of Commerce (“ICC”) Publication No. 590, or any successor publication thereto. This Standby Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be made under the laws of the State of New York, including Article 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code, and shall, as to matters not governed by the International Standby Practices (ISP98), be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, excluding any choice of law provisions or conflict of law principles which would require reference to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

Rule 3.14(a) of the ISP as it applies to this Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit is hereby modified to provide as follows:

If on the last Business Day for presentation the place for presentation stated in this Letter of Credit is for any reason closed, then the last day for presentation is automatically extended to the day occurring thirty calendar days after the place for presentation reopens for business.

Rule 3.14(b) of the ISP 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, except as expressly stated herein, is transferable in whole but not in part in accordance with the ICC Publication No. 590. Any transfer request must be presented to us utilizing one of the attached forms of Letter of Full Transfer (Schedules 1-3) together with the original Letter of Credit and original amendments, if any. Transfers to designated foreign nationals and/or specially designated nationals are not permitted as being contrary to the U.S. Treasury Department or foreign assets control regulations.

Except for the transfer, this letter of credit otherwise may not be amended, changed or modified without the express written consent of the Beneficiary, the Issuing Bank, and the Account Party.

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]