UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 26, 2020

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	1-13653	31-1544320		
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)		
301 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, C	ЭН	45202		
(Address of principal executive offices		(Zip Code)		
Registrant's t	elephone number, including area code: (513)	579-2121		
(Former n	name or former address, if changed since last r	eport.)		
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing i following provisions (<i>see</i> General Instruction A.2. below		obligation of the registrant under any of the		
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 uno	der the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)			
□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)				
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))				
□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))				
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emer chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of		of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this		
		Emerging growth company \Box		
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark or revised financial accounting standards provided pursu		tended transition period for complying with any new		
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:				
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered		
Common Stock	AFG	New York Stock Exchange		
6% Subordinated Debentures due November 15, 2055	AFGH	New York Stock Exchange		
5.875% Subordinated Debentures due March 30, 2059	AFGB	New York Stock Exchange		
5.125% Subordinated Debentures due December 15, 20	D59 AFGC	New York Stock Exchange		

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On March 27, 2020, the Board of Directors of American Financial Group, Inc. (the "Company") adopted an amended and restated Code of Regulations of the Company (as amended, the "Code of Regulations"), which became effective immediately upon adoption.

Article I, Section 3 of the Code of Regulations was amended to expressly provide for virtual meetings of the Company's shareholders by means of remote communications equipment in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1701.40(C).

The foregoing description of the amendments to the Code of Regulations is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Amended and Restated Code of Regulations, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 26, 2020, American Financial Group, Inc. (the "Registrant") entered into a Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") by and among the Registrant and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters, relating to the issuance and sale of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of the Registrant's 5.250% Senior Notes due April 2030 (the "Senior Notes").

For a description of the Senior Notes, see the materials set forth in the section captioned "Description of Debt Securities" in the Registration Statement described below and the materials set forth in the section captioned "Description of Senior Notes" in the Prospectus Supplement of the Registrant dated March 26, 2020 and filed with the Commission on March 27, 2020 pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which is incorporated in this Current Report on Form 8-K by reference.

The Indenture, as supplemented by the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, together with specimen copy of each of the Senior Notes are incorporated by reference in this Current Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing description of the Senior Notes and the other documents relating to this transaction does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of these securities and documents, forms or copies of which are incorporated in this Current Report on Form 8-K by reference.

The Notes are being offered and sold by the Registrant pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-223216).

Section 9 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- Purchase Agreement dated as of March 26, 2020 among the Registrant and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters.
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Code of Regulations of American Financial Group, Inc., effective as of March 27, 2020.
- 4.1 Senior Debt Securities Indenture dated as of November 12, 1997, between the Registrant, as Issuer, U.S. Bank National Association (formerly known as Star Bank, N.A.), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Form 8-A dated April 19, 1999).
- 4.2 Form of Ninth Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of April 2, 2020 between the Registrant, as Issuer and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee.
- 4.3 Form of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2030 (included in Exhibit 4.2).
- 5 Opinion of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL.
- 23 Consent of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL (included in Exhibit 5).
- 104 Cover page Interactive Date File (embedded within Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 1, 2020 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Mark A. Weiss

Mark A. Weiss Vice President

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Exhibit 1

EXECUTION VERSION

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (an Ohio corporation)

\$300,000,000 5.250% Senior Notes due 2030

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Dated March 26, 2020

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PURCHASE AGREEMENT

March 26, 2020

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC BofA Securities, Inc. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

As Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC 383 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10179

Ladies and Gentlemen:

American Financial Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation (the "Company"), confirms its agreement with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("J.P. Morgan"), BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofA"), Wells Fargo Securities, LLC ("Wells Fargo"), and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom J.P. Morgan, BofA and Wells Fargo are acting as representatives (in such capacity, the "Representatives"), with respect to the issue and sale by the Company and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective principal amounts set forth in said Schedule A of \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.250% Senior Notes due 2030 (the "Senior Notes"). The aforesaid \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes to be purchased by the Underwriters are hereinafter called the "Securities."

The Securities are to be issued pursuant to an indenture dated as of November 12, 1997 (the "Original Indenture"), as supplemented by the ninth supplemental indenture to be dated as of April 2, 2020 (the "Ninth Supplemental Indenture," and together with the Original Indenture, the "Indenture") between the Company, as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

The Company understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered and the Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "1939 Act").

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-223216), including the related preliminary prospectus or prospectuses, which registration statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the rules and regulations of the Commission (the "1933 Act Regulations") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). Such registration statement covers the registration of the Securities under the 1933 Act. Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a prospectus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 430B ("Rule 430B") of the 1933 Act Regulations and paragraph (b) of Rule 424 ("Rule 424(b)") of the 1933 Act Regulations. Any information included in such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed to be part of and included in such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B is referred to as "Rule 430B Information." Each prospectus, including any preliminary prospectus supplement, used in connection with the offering of the Securities that omitted Rule 430B Information is herein collectively called a "preliminary prospectus." Such registration statement, at any given time, including the amendments thereto to such time, the exhibits and any schedules thereto at such time and the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act at such time is herein called the "Registration Statement." The Registration Statement at the time it originally became effective is herein called the "Original Registration Statement." The final prospectus, as supplemented by any prospectus supplement, in the form first furnished to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Securities, including the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the 1933 Act at the time of the execution of this Agreement, is herein collectively called the "Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR").

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus (or other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by the 1933 Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or the Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by the 1933 Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, such preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) Representations and Warranties by the Company. The Company represents and warrants to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time referred to in Section 1(a)(ii) hereof and as of the Closing Time referred to in Section 2(b) hereof, and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:
 - (i) Status as a Well-Known Seasoned Issuer. (A) At the time of filing the Original Registration Statement, (B) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act or form of prospectus), (C) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c) of the 1933 Act Regulations) made any offer relating to the Securities in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163 of the 1933 Act Regulations, (D) at the date hereof and (E) at the Closing Time, the Company was, is and will be a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 405"), including not having been and not being an "ineligible issuer" as defined in Rule 405. The Registration Statement is an "automatic shelf registration statement," as defined in Rule 405, and the Securities, since their registration on the Registration Statement, have been and remain eligible for registration by the Company on a Rule 405 "automatic shelf registration statement." The Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations objecting to the use of the automatic shelf registration statement form.

At the time of filing the Original Registration Statement, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Securities and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405.

(ii) Registration Statement, Prospectus and Disclosure at Time of Sale. The Original Registration Statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 462(e)") on February 26, 2018 and any post-effective amendment thereto also became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e). No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, are contemplated by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information has been complied with.

No offer that constituted a written communication relating to the Securities was made prior to the filing of the Original Registration Statement by the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this paragraph only, of Rule 163(c) of the 1933 Act Regulations).

At the respective times, the Original Registration Statement and each amendment thereto became effective, at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations, and at the Closing Time, the Registration Statement and any amendments and supplements thereto complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations and the 1939 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1939 Act (the "1939 Act Regulations"), and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

Neither the Prospectus nor any amendments or supplements thereto, at the time the Prospectus or any such amendment or supplement was issued and at the Closing Time, included or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Each preliminary prospectus (including the prospectus or prospectuses filed as part of the Original Registration Statement or any amendment thereto) complied when so filed in all material respects with the 1933 Act Regulations and each preliminary prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering was identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

As of the Applicable Time (as defined below), neither (x) the Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus(es) (as defined below) issued at or prior to the Applicable Time and the Statutory Prospectus (as defined below), all considered together (collectively, the "General Disclosure Package"), nor (y) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus (as defined below) or any "road show" (as defined in Rule 433 (as defined below)) not constituting an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

As of the time of the filing of the Final Term Sheet (as defined in Section 3(b)), the General Disclosure Package will not include any untrue statement of a material fact nor will it omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

As used in this subsection and elsewhere in this Agreement:

"Applicable Time" means 4:20 p.m. (Eastern Time) on March 26, 2020 or such other time as agreed by the Company and the Representatives.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 433"), relating to the Securities that (i) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) is a "road show that is a written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), whether or not required to be filed with the Commission or (iii) is exempt from filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company's records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

"Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors, as evidenced by its being specified in Schedule C hereto.

"Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

"Statutory Prospectus" as of any time means the prospectus relating to the Securities that is included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to that time, including any document incorporated by reference therein and any preliminary prospectus or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof.

Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the public offer and sale of the Securities or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representatives as described in Section 3(e), did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information (as defined in Section 6(a)).

(iii) Incorporated Documents. The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, and the Prospectus, when they became effective or at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission, complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations or the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (the "1934 Act Regulations"), as applicable, and, when read together with the other information in the Prospectus, (a) at the time the Original Registration Statement became effective, (b) at the earlier of the time the Prospectus was first used and the date and time of the first contract of sale of the Securities in this offering and (c) at the Closing Time, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

- (iv) <u>Additional Material</u>. Any materials attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "<u>Additional Material</u>") do not constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, and at the Applicable Time did not, and on the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (v) <u>Independent Accountants</u>. The accountants who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules included in the Registration Statement are independent public accountants as required by the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.
- Financial Statements. The financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the General (vi) Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes thereto, present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries at the dates indicated and the statement of earnings, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods specified; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis (except to the extent otherwise noted in such financial statements or the notes thereto) throughout the periods involved. The supporting schedules, if any, included in the Registration Statement present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information, if any, included in the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included in the Registration Statement. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G under the 1934 Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the 1933 Act Regulations, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus fairly presents the required information and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.
- (vii) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, except as otherwise stated therein, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by either of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) except as disclosed in or contemplated by the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its respective capital stock.

- (viii) Good Standing of the Company. The Company has been duly incorporated and is a validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Ohio, and has power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing (or local law equivalent) in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of business requires such qualification, except where such failure to qualify would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (ix) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each "significant subsidiary" of the Company (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) (each a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly incorporated and is an existing corporation in good standing (or local law equivalent) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing (or local law equivalent) in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where such failure to qualify would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect; except as otherwise disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each such Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free from liens, encumbrances and defects; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of such Subsidiary. The only Subsidiaries of the Company are listed on Schedule D hereto.
- (x) <u>Capitalization</u>. The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the financial statements, including the schedules and notes thereto, included in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The shares of issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.
- (xi) <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- (xii) <u>Authorization of the Indenture</u>. The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly qualified under the 1939 Act and, assuming due execution and delivery by the Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (xiii) Authorization of the Securities. The Securities have been duly authorized and, at the Closing Time, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated, issued and delivered in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor as provided in this Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and will be in the form contemplated by, and entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture.

- (xiv) <u>Description of the Securities and the Indenture</u>. The Securities and the Indenture will conform in all material respects to the respective statements relating thereto contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and will be in substantially the respective forms filed or incorporated by reference, as the case may be, as exhibits to the Registration Statement.
- Absence of Defaults and Conflicts. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of its (xv) charter, regulations or by-laws (or equivalent documents) or in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments") except for such defaults under the Agreements and Instruments that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect; and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Securities and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations hereunder and under the Indenture and the Securities and such other agreements or instruments have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to, the Agreements and Instruments (except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that, singly or in the aggregate, would not result in a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter, regulations or by-laws (or equivalent documents) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any applicable law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their assets, properties or operations. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- (xvi) <u>Absence of Labor Dispute</u>. No labor dispute with the employees of either of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that might have a Material Adverse Effect exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent.
- (xvii) Absence of Proceedings. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no pending, or to the Company's knowledge, contemplated, actions, suits or proceedings against or affecting the Company, or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture or the Securities, or which are otherwise material in the context of the Securities.

- (xviii) <u>Accuracy of Exhibits</u>. There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, the Prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference therein or to be filed as exhibits thereto which have not been so described and are or will be filed as required.
- (xix) <u>Possession of Intellectual Property</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries own, possess or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate trademarks, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property (collectively, "intellectual property rights") necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, or presently employed by them, and have not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any intellectual property rights that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xx) <u>Absence of Manipulation</u>. Neither the Company nor any affiliate of the Company has taken, nor will the Company or any affiliate take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed to or which has constituted or which would be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.
- (xxi) Absence of Further Requirements. No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency is necessary or required for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or for the due execution, delivery or performance of the Indenture and the Securities by the Company, except such as have been already obtained or as may be required under state securities laws.
- (xxii) Possession of Licenses and Permits. Each subsidiary of the Company which is engaged in the business of insurance or reinsurance (collectively, the "Insurance Subsidiaries") holds such insurance licenses, certificates and permits from governmental authorities (including, without limitation, from the insurance regulatory agencies of the various jurisdictions where it conducts business) (the "Insurance Licenses") as are necessary to the conduct of its business as described in the Registration Statement; the Company and each Insurance Subsidiary have fulfilled and performed all obligations necessary to maintain the Insurance Licenses; except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened action, suit, proceeding or investigation that could reasonably be expected to result in the revocation, termination or suspension of any Insurance License which would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, no insurance regulatory agency or body has issued, or, to the knowledge of the Company, commenced any proceeding for the issuance of, any order or decree impairing, restricting or prohibiting the payment of dividends by any Insurance Subsidiary to its parent.

- (xxiii) <u>Title to Property</u>. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real properties and all other properties and assets owned by them, in each case free from liens, encumbrances and defects that would, individually or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such properties and assets, taken as a whole, or materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them; and except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and its Subsidiaries hold any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no exceptions that would materially interfere with the use made or to be made of the leased property, taken as a whole, by them.
- (xxiv) Environmental Laws. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any statute, rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous or toxic substances (collectively, "environmental laws"), owns or operates any real property contaminated with any substance that is subject to any environmental laws, other than any liability as an insurer under one or more insurance policies issued in the ordinary course of business, is liable for any off-site disposal or contamination pursuant to any environmental laws, or is subject to any claim relating to any environmental laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which might lead to a violation, liability or claim which would, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xxv) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company is not required, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will not be required, to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").
- (xxvi) Accounting Controls and Disclosure Controls. The Company and each of its subsidiaries maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences and (v) the interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus fairly presents the required information and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto;

The Company has established and maintains and evaluates "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act) and "internal control over financial reporting" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the 1934 Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's Co-Chief Executive Officers and its chief financial officer by others within those entities, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; the Company's independent auditors and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company have been advised of: (i) all significant deficiencies, if any, in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data; and (ii) all fraud, if any, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Company's internal controls; all material weaknesses, if any, in internal controls have been identified to the Company's independent auditors; since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses; the principal executive officers (or their equivalents) and principal financial officers (or their equivalents) of the Company have made all certifications required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") and any related rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission, and the statements contained in each such certification are complete and correct; the Company, the subsidiaries and the Company's directors and officers are each in compliance in all material respects with all applicable effective provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including Section 402 related to loans and Sections 302 and 906 related to certifications and the rules and regulations of the Commission and the New York Stock Exchange promulgated thereunder.

- (xxvii) <u>Pending Procedures and Examinations</u>. The Registration Statement is not the subject of a pending proceeding or examination under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the 1933 Act, and the Company is not the subject of a pending proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities.
- (xxviii) <u>Insurance Reserving</u>. Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Insurance Subsidiaries have made no material change in their insurance reserving practices since December 31, 2019.
- (xxix) Reinsurance. All reinsurance treaties, contracts and arrangements to which any Insurance Subsidiary is a party are in full force and effect and no Insurance Subsidiary is in violation of, or in default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of, any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained therein; no Insurance Subsidiary has received any notice from any of the other parties to such treaties, contracts or arrangements that such other party intends not to perform under any treaty, contract or arrangement and, the Company and the Insurance Subsidiaries have no reason to believe that any of the other parties to such treaties, contracts or arrangements will be unable to perform under any such treaty, contract or arrangement, except to the extent adequately and properly reserved for in the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or except where such default or inability to perform would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xxx) <u>Statutory Financial Statements</u>. The statutory financial statements of the Insurance Subsidiaries, from which certain ratios and other statistical data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus have been derived, have been prepared for each relevant period in conformity with statutory accounting principles or practices required or permitted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and by the appropriate Insurance Department of the jurisdiction of domicile of each Insurance Subsidiary, and such statutory accounting principles and practices have been applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may otherwise be indicated therein or in the notes thereto, and present fairly in all material respects the statutory financial position of the Insurance Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the statutory basis results of operations of the Insurance Subsidiaries for the periods covered thereby.

No Unlawful Payments. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (i) has made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment or (ii) is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (the "FCPA"), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA, and the Company, its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, its affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(xxxii) Compliance with Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions, including, the rules and regulations thereunder, and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(xxxiii) <u>Compliance with OFAC</u>. None of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is an individual or entity currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Company located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions; and the Company will not directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the sale of the Securities, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiaries, joint venture partners or other person, to fund any activities of or business with any person, or in any country or territory, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(xxxiv) Cyber Security. Except for matters which, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (A) there has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise of or relating to the Company or its subsidiaries information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company and its subsidiaries, and any such data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company and its subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "IT Systems and Data"); and (B) neither the Company nor its subsidiaries have been notified of, and the Company has no knowledge of any event or condition that would result in, any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data. The Company and its subsidiaries have implemented appropriate controls, policies, procedures, and technological safeguards to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data reasonably consistent with industry standards and practices, or as required by applicable regulatory standards. Company and its subsidiaries are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

(b) *Officer's Certificates*. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries that is delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

SECTION 2. <u>Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing.</u>

- (a) Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, at the price set forth in Schedule B, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional principal amount of the Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof.
- (b) *Payment*. Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates for, the Securities shall be made at the offices of Sidley Austin LLP, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company, at 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on the fifth, (sixth, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 P.M. (Eastern time) on any given day) business day after the date hereof (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called the "Closing Time").

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated in writing by the Company, against delivery to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates for the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representatives, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Securities, which it has agreed to purchase. The Representatives, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Securities, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

(c) *Denominations; Registration.* Certificates for the Securities shall be issued as Global Notes (each a "Global Note") registered in such name as the Representatives may request in writing at least one full business day before the Closing Time. The certificates for the Securities will be made available for examination by the Representatives in The City of New York not later than 10:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on the business day prior to the Closing Time.

SECTION 3. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants with each Underwriter as follows:

- Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests; Payment of Filing Fees. The Company, (a) subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430B and will notify the Representatives immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement relating to the Securities shall become effective, or any supplement to the Prospectus or any amended Prospectus relating to the Securities shall have been filed. (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission through the date that is one (1) year from the date of this Agreement, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or the filing of a new registration statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein or otherwise deemed to be a part thereof or for additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or such new registration statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(e) of the 1933 Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company will effect the filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop, prevention or suspension order and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment. The Company shall pay the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1)(i) of the 1933 Act Regulations without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the 1933 Act Regulations (including, if applicable, by updating the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in accordance with Rule 456(b)(1)(ii) either in a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or on the cover page of a prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)).
- Filing of Amendments and Exchange Act Documents; Preparation of Final Term Sheet. The Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to file or prepare any amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement relating to the Securities or any amendment, supplement or revision to either any preliminary prospectus (including any prospectus included in the Original Registration Statement or amendment thereto at the time it became effective) or to the Prospectus, whether pursuant to the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act or otherwise, and the Company will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object. The Company has given the Representatives notice of any filings made pursuant to the 1934 Act or 1934 Act Regulations within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time; the Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to make any such filing from the Applicable Time to the Closing Time and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object. The Company will prepare a final term sheet (the "Final Term Sheet") reflecting the final terms of the Securities, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, and shall file such Final Term Sheet as an "issuer free writing prospectus" pursuant to Rule 433 prior to the close of two business days after the date hereof; provided that the Company shall furnish the Representatives with copies of any such Final Term Sheet a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing and will not use or file any such document to which the Representatives or counsel to the Underwriters shall object.

- (c) *Delivery of Registration Statements*. The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, signed copies of the Original Registration Statement and of each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein and documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein or otherwise deemed to be a part thereof) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also deliver to the Representatives, without charge, a conformed copy of the Original Registration Statement and of each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Original Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- (d) Delivery of Prospectuses. The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered under the 1933 Act (or but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations would be required to be delivered), such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. The Company will comply with the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act (e) Regulations, the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations and the 1939 Act and the 1939 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus is required by the 1933 Act to be delivered (or but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations would be required to be delivered) in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order that the Prospectus will not include any untrue statements of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser, or if it shall be necessary, in the opinion of such counsel, at any such time to amend the Registration Statement or to file a new registration statement or amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly prepare and file with the Commission, subject to Section 3(b), such amendment, supplement or new registration statement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to comply with such requirements, the Company will use its best efforts to have such amendment, supplement or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable (if it is not an automatic shelf registration statement with respect to the Securities) and the Company will furnish to the Underwriters such number of copies of such amendment, supplement or new registration statement as the Underwriters may reasonably request. If at any time following the issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement (or any other registration statement relating to the Securities) or the Statutory Prospectus or any preliminary prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

- (f) Blue Sky Qualifications. The Company will use its best efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions as the Representatives may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect for a period of not less than one year from the date hereof; provided, however, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or so subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. The Company will also supply the Underwriters with such information as is necessary for the determination of the legality of the Securities for investment under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriters may request.
- (g) *Rule 158*. The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to the Underwriters the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.
- (h) *Use of Proceeds*. The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds."
- (i) Restriction on Sale of Securities. During a period from the date of the Prospectus to one day following the date of the Closing Time, the Company will not without the prior written consent of the Representatives, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer or contract to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, any securities that are substantially similar to the Securities.
- (j) Reporting Requirements. The Company, during the period when the Prospectus is required to be delivered (or but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations would be required to be delivered) under the 1933 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and the 1934 Act Regulations.
- (k) *Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses*. The Company represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter represents and agrees that, unless such Underwriter obtains the prior consent of the Company and the Representatives, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission; provided, however, that prior to the preparation of the Final Term Sheet in accordance with Section 3(b), the Underwriters are authorized to use the information with respect to the final terms of the Securities in communications conveying information relating to the offering to investors. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Company and the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping.

SECTION 4. Payment of Expenses.

- Expenses. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and of each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of this Agreement, any Agreement among Underwriters, the Indenture and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates for the Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (v) the qualification of the Securities under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(f) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters (not to exceed \$25,000) in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto, (vi) the printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus and of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any costs associated with the electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors, (vii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto, (viii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Securities, (ix) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations or any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Securities, including without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of aircraft and other transportation chartered in connection with the road show, (x) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Securities, and (xi) the costs and expenses (including without limitation any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Securities made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the sixth paragraph of Section 1(a)(ii).
- (b) *Termination of Agreement*. If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 or Section 9(a)(i) or 9(a)(ii) hereof, the Company shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.
- SECTION 5. <u>Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 1 hereof or in certificates of any officer of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:
- (a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Filing of Prospectus; Payment of Filing Fee. The Registration Statement has become effective and at the Closing Time no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the 1933 Act or proceedings therefor initiated or threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters. A prospectus containing the Rule 430B Information shall have been filed with the Commission in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8) (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and become effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430B). The Company shall have paid the required Commission filing fees relating to the Securities within the time period required by Rule 456(b)(1)(i) of the 1933 Act Regulations without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the 1933 Act Regulations and, if applicable, shall have updated the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in accordance with Rule 456(b)(1)(ii) either in a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or on the cover page of a prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b).

- (b) *Opinion of Counsel for the Company.* At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of the Closing Time, of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL, counsel for the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto and to such further effect as counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request.
- Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion, dated as of the Closing Time, of Sidley Austin LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to the matters set forth in clauses (vi) through (x) (for clause (vi), solely as to enforceability and for clause (vii), solely as to enforceability and as to the final clause thereof), inclusive, and the penultimate paragraph of Exhibit A hereto. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials. In rendering such opinion, Sidley Austin LLP may rely as to all matters governed by Ohio law upon the opinion of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL referred to above.
- (d) Officers' Certificate. At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate (as to which there shall be no personal, as opposed to corporate, liability) of a Co-President, Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or Vice President of the Company and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties in Section 1(a) hereof are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) the Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or, to their knowledge, contemplated by the Commission.
- (e) Accountant's Comfort Letter. At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a letter dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (f) *Bring-down Comfort Letter*. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from Ernst & Young LLP a letter, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that they reaffirm the statements made in the letter furnished pursuant to subsection (e) of this Section, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than three business days prior to the Closing Time.
- Maintenance of Rating. At the Closing Time, there shall not have occurred a downgrading since the date of this Agreement in the (i) rating assigned to the Securities or any other securities of the Company or the financial strength of the Company or any Subsidiaries or any Insurance Subsidiary's claims paying ability or similar rating by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the 1934 Act, or (ii) the financial strength or claims paying ability of any Insurance Subsidiary by A.M. Best Company, and no such securities rating agency shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of the Securities or any other securities of the Company or the financial strength or claims paying ability of any Subsidiary or Insurance Subsidiary.

- (h) *Additional Documents*. At the Closing Time, counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters.
- (i) *Termination of Agreement*. If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company at any time at or prior to the Closing Time, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8 and 12 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. <u>Indemnification</u>.

- (a) *Indemnification of Underwriters*. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its directors, officers, employees and affiliates, as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) under the 1933 Act (each, an "Affiliate"), its selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:
 - (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including Rule 430B Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any "road show" (as defined in Rule 433) not constituting an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any Additional Material, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
 - (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 6(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company;
 - (iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) (collectively, the "Underwriter Information").

- (b) *Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers.* Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein.
- Actions against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Representatives, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.
- (d) Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

SECTION 7. <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 7. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing for or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Underwriter's Affiliates and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the principal amount of the Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

SECTION 8. <u>Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive</u>. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company or any of its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company, and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities.

SECTION 9. <u>Termination of Agreement</u>.

- Termination; General. The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time (i) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto) or the General Disclosure Package, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company and its subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Securities or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission, the New York Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq Global Select Market, or if trading generally on the NYSE American LLC or the New York Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq Global Select Market has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by such system or by order of the Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. or any other governmental authority or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement, (iv) a material disruption has occurred in clearance services in the United States or with respect to Clearstream or Euroclear systems in Europe, or (v) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal, Ohio, Delaware or New York authorities.
- (b) *Liabilities*. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8 and 12 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.
- SECTION 10. <u>Default by One or More of the Underwriters</u>. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:
- (a) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to be purchased hereunder, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or

(b) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to be purchased hereunder, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement, either the Representatives or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Time for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section 10.

SECTION 11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to (i) J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179, Attention: High-Grade Syndicate Desk, fax: (212) 834-6081; (ii) BofA Securities, Inc.at 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10020, Attention: High Grade Transaction Management/Legal, fax: (646) 855-5958; and (iii) Wells Fargo Securities, LLC at 550 South Tryon Street, 5th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attention: Transaction Management, fax: (704) 410-0326; and notices to the Company shall be directed to it at 301 East Fourth Street, 27th Floor, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, Attention: Karl J. Grafe, Esq., Vice President, Assistant General Counsel and Secretary of American Financial Group, Inc., fax: (513) 579-0108.

SECTION 12. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, or its stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

SECTION 13. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

(a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For purposes of this Section 13, a "BHC Act Affiliate" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k). "Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b). "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. "U.S. Special Resolution Regime" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 14. <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 15. Parties. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors and others referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Company and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and others and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 16. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ITS CONFLICTS OF LAW PROVISIONS.

SECTION 17. <u>TIME</u>. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 18. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, e.g., www.docusign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

SECTION 19. <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Company a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement between the Underwriters and the Company in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino

Name: Joseph E. (Jeff) Consolino

Title: EVP & CFO

CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED,

as of the date first above written:

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By /s/ Robert Bottamedi

Name: Robert Bottamedi Title: Executive Director

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

By: /s/ Robert J. Little

Name: Robert J. Little Title: Managing Director

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC

By: /s/ Carolyn Hurley

Name: Carolyn Hurley Title: Director

For themselves and as Representatives of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto

SCHEDULE A

	Princ	Principal Amount of	
Name of Underwriter	<u>th</u>	the Securities	
BofA Securities, Inc.	\$	82,500,000	
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$	82,500,000	
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$	82,500,000	
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	15,000,000	
KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc.	\$	7,500,000	
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.	\$	7,500,000	
PNC Capital Markets LLC	\$	7,500,000	
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	\$	7,500,000	
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	\$	7,500,000	
TOTAL:	\$	300,000,000	

SCHEDULE B

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

\$300,000,000 5.250% Senior Notes due 2030

The purchase price to be paid by the Underwriters for the Securities shall be 97.975% of the principal amount of the Securities.

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SCHEDULE C

ISSUER GENERAL USE FREE WRITING PROSPECTUSES

1. Final Term Sheet, dated March 26, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Sch C-1

SCHEDULE D

List of Subsidiaries

The following is a list of Subsidiaries of the Company at March 26, 2020.

Great American Insurance Company Great American Financial Resources, Inc. Great American Holding, Inc. Great American Life Insurance Company Republic Indemnity Company of America

FORM OF OPINION OF COMPANY COUNSEL TO BE DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(b)

- (i) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Ohio.
- (ii) The Company has power and authority (corporate and other) to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under the Purchase Agreement; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and is in good standing (or the local law equivalent) in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of business, requires such qualification except where the failure to so qualify will not, individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (iii) The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company is as set forth in the financial statements, including the schedules and notes thereto, included in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.
- (iv) Each Subsidiary has been duly incorporated and is an existing corporation in good standing (or local law equivalent) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing (or the local law equivalent) in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to so qualify will not have a Material Adverse Effect; except as otherwise disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each such Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by the Company, directly or through subsidiaries, free from liens, encumbrances and defects; none of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of such Subsidiary.
 - (v) The Purchase Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.
- (vi) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly qualified under the 1939 Act and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Trustee, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

- (vii) The Securities have been duly authorized and, at the Closing Time, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated, issued and delivered in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor as provided in the Purchase Agreement, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency (including, without limitation, all laws relating to fraudulent transfers), reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally and except as enforcement thereof is subject to general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and will be in the form contemplated by, and entitled to the benefits of, the Indenture.
- (viii) The Securities and the Indenture conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (ix) The Registration Statement has become effective under the 1933 Act; any required filing of each prospectus relating to the Securities (including the Prospectus) pursuant to Rule 424(b) has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reference to Rule 424(b)(8)); any required filing of each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus pursuant to Rule 433 has been made in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 433(d); and, to the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the 1933 Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or threatened by the Commission.
- (x) The Registration Statement, including without limitation the Rule 430B Information, the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, and each amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, excluding the documents incorporated by reference therein, as of their respective effective or issue dates (including without limitation each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations), other than the financial statements and supporting schedules and notes included therein or omitted therefrom, and the Trustee's Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 (the "Form T-1"), as to which we need express no opinion, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations.
- (xi) The documents incorporated by reference in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (other than the financial statements and supporting schedules and notes included therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need express no opinion), when they became effective or were filed with the Commission, as the case may be, complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1934 Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.
- (xii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package, to the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), there is not pending or threatened any action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party, or to which the property of either of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, before or brought by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the properties or assets thereof or the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture or the Securities or the performance by the Company of its obligations thereunder.
- (xiii) The information in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under "Description of Debt Securities," "Description of Senior Notes" and "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" and in the Registration Statement under Item 15, to the extent that it constitutes matters of law, summaries of legal matters, summaries of the terms of the Indenture and the Securities, the Company's articles and regulations or legal proceedings, or legal conclusions, has been reviewed by us and is correct in all material respects.

- (xiv) All descriptions in the Registration Statement of contracts and other documents to which the Company or its subsidiaries are a party are accurate in all material respects; to the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), there are no franchises, contracts, indentures, mortgages, loan agreements, notes, leases or other instruments required to be described or referred to in the Registration Statement or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement other than those described or referred to therein or filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits thereto.
- (xv) No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any court or governmental authority or agency, domestic or foreign (other than under the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations, which have been obtained, or as may be required under the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, as to which we express no opinion) is necessary or required in connection with the due authorization, execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement or the due execution, delivery or performance of the Indenture and the Securities by the Company or for the offering, issuance, sale, delivery or performance of the Securities.
- The execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the Securities and any other agreement or instrument entered into or issued or to be entered into or issued by the Company in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Purchase Agreement and in the Registration Statement (including the issuance and sale of the Securities and the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described in the Prospectus under the caption "Use of Proceeds") and compliance by the Company with its obligations under the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture and the Securities and such other agreements or instruments do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined in Section 1(a) (xv) of the Purchase Agreement) under or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or any other agreement or instrument, known to us (after reasonable investigation), to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound, or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject (except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not have a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the articles or regulations (or equivalent documents) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any applicable law, statute, rule or regulation or any judgment, order, writ or decree known to us (after reasonable investigation), of any government, government instrumentality or court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its respective properties, assets or operations.
- (xvii) The Company is not required, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package will not be required, to register as an "investment company" under the 1940 Act.
- (xviii) To the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), each Insurance Subsidiary holds such insurance licenses, certificates and permits from governmental authorities (including, without limitation, Insurance Licenses) as are necessary to the conduct of its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; to the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), there is no pending or threatened action, suit, proceeding or investigation that could reasonably be expected to result in the revocation, termination or suspension of any Insurance License which would have a Material Adverse Effect; and except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, to the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), no insurance regulatory agency or body has issued, or commenced any proceeding for the issuance of, any order or decree impairing, restricting or prohibiting the payment of dividends by any Insurance Subsidiary to its parent.

(xix) To the best of our knowledge (after reasonable investigation), all reinsurance treaties and arrangements to which any Insurance Subsidiary is a party are in full force and effect and such counsel is not aware of any violation of, or default in the performance, observance or fulfillment of, any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained therein by any Insurance Subsidiary.

Nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the Original Registration Statement or any amendment thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and notes thereto and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement), at the time such Original Registration Statement or any such amendment became effective, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; that the Registration Statement, including the Rule 430B Information (except for financial statements and schedules and notes thereto and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement), at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; or that the Prospectus, as of its date, or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and notes thereto and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement), as of the date of any such amended or supplemented prospectus or at the Closing Time, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. In addition, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the General Disclosure Package, other than the financial statements and schedules and notes thereto and other financial data included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom, as to which we need make no statement, as of the Applicable Time, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

In rendering such opinion, such counsel may rely as to matters of fact (but not as to legal conclusions), to the extent they deem proper, on certificates of responsible officers of the Company and public officials. Such opinion shall not state that it is to be governed or qualified by, or that it is otherwise subject to, any treatise, written policy or other document relating to legal opinions, including, without limitation, the Legal Opinion Accord of the ABA Section of Business Law (1991).

EXHIBIT B

Additional Material

None.

Exhibit B-1-1

AMENDED AND RESTATED CODE OF REGULATIONS

OF

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. (the "Corporation")

(as amended and restated effective March 27, 2020)

ARTICLE I SHAREHOLDERS

Section 1. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Corporation, for the election of the Board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before such meeting, shall be held at the time, date and place designated by the Board of Directors or, if it shall so determine, by the Chairman of the Board or the President. If the Annual Meeting is not held or if Directors are not elected thereat, a Special Meeting may be called and held for that purpose.

Section 2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Shareholders may be held on any business day when called by the Chairman of the Board, the President, a majority of Directors (or, in the absence of a quorum of Directors, a majority of the then remaining Directors), or the Shareholders beneficially owning twenty percent (20%) (the "Requisite Percentage") of the outstanding shares of the Corporation and entitled to vote at such meeting. The notice for any special meeting shall state the purpose or purposes of the special meeting, and that only those matters that are specified in the notice thereof may be brought before a special meeting.

- 2.1 <u>Requirements for Shareholders Calling Special Meetings or Proposing Business at Special Meetings.</u> Shareholders not the Chairman of the Board, the President or a majority of Directors of the Corporation shall not be permitted to demand a special meeting or propose business to be brought before a special meeting except in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 2.1.
 - 2.1.1 <u>Record Date</u>. No Shareholder may demand a special meeting pursuant to ARTICLE I Section 2 unless such Shareholder has previously submitted a written request that the Board of Directors fix a record date to determine which Shareholders are entitled to demand a special meeting. The request shall be in proper form and delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation.
 - 2.1.2 <u>Proper Form.</u> For the purposes of this ARTICLE I Section 2, a request to set a record date shall set forth:
 - (1) As to each Requesting Shareholder, as defined below, all information required to be included in a written notice of a Shareholder Proposal pursuant to ARTICLE I Section 10.1 of these Regulations, except that for the purposes of this ARTICLE I Section 2.1 the term "Requesting Shareholder" shall be substituted for the term "Proponent" in all places it appears in ARTICLE I Section 10.1.

- (2) As to the purpose or purposes of requesting the special meeting, (i) a reasonably brief description of the purpose or purposes of the special meeting and the business proposed; (ii) the reasons for conducting such business and any material interest in such business; and (iii) a reasonably detailed description of all agreements, arrangements and understandings between or among any of the Requesting Shareholders or between or among any Requesting Shareholder and any other person or entity (including their names) in connection with the request for the special meeting or the business proposed.
- (3) For purposes of this ARTICLE I Section 2.1, the term "Requesting Shareholder" shall mean (i) the Shareholder making the request; (ii) the beneficial owner or owners, if different, on whose behalf such request is made; and (iii) any Shareholder Associated Person (as defined in ARTICLE I Section 10.2.
- 2.1.3 <u>Demand</u>. Only Shareholders beneficially owning the Requisite Percentage on the record date shall be entitled to demand a special meeting of the Shareholders pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 2.1. To be timely, a Shareholder's demand to call a special meeting must be received by the Corporation not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following the record date. To be in proper form for purposes of this ARTICLE I Section 2.1, a demand to call a special meeting shall set forth (i) the business proposed; (ii) the text of the proposal or business (including, but not limited to the text of any proposed resolutions); and (iii) with respect to any Shareholder submitting a demand (except for any Shareholder that has provided such demand in response to a solicitation made pursuant to, and in accordance with, Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") the information required to be provided pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 2.1 of a Requesting Shareholder. Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations to the contrary, the Board of Directors may submit its own proposals for consideration at such a special meeting. The Board of Directors shall provide written notice of such special meeting to the Shareholders in accordance with ARTICLE I Section 4.
- 2.1.4 <u>Improper Submission</u>. A written demand from a Shareholder is improper if (i) it does not comply with this ARTICLE I Section 2.1; (ii) it proposes business that is not a proper subject for Shareholder action under applicable law; (iii) it includes a proposal that did not appear on the written request that resulted in the determination of the record date; or (iv) it includes a proposal that has been presented at the most recent Annual Meeting or at any special meeting held within the preceding one year period.

Incorrect Information. The Requesting Shareholder or any Shareholder that submits a demand to call a special meeting shall further update and supplement the information previously provided to the Corporation in connection with such request or demand, if necessary, so that the information provided or required to be provided in such request or demand pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 2.1 shall be true and correct as of the record date for the special meeting and as of the date that is ten (10) business days prior to the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and such update and supplement shall be received by the Corporation not later than five (5) business days after the record date for the special meeting (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of the record date), and not later than eight (8) business days prior to the date for the meeting, if practicable (or, if not practicable, the first practicable date prior to) any adjournment or postponement thereof (in the case of the update and supplement required to be made as of ten (10) business days prior to the special meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof). Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations to the contrary, no special meeting pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 2.1 may be called except in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 2.1. If the Board of Directors shall determine that any request to fix a record date or demand a special meeting was not properly made in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 2.1, or shall determine that the Requesting Shareholders or Shareholders submitting a demand for a special meeting have not otherwise complied with this ARTICLE I Section 2.1, then the Board of Directors shall not be required to fix a record date or to call and hold the special meeting. In addition to the requirements of this ARTICLE I Section 2.1, each Shareholder shall comply with all requirements of applicable law, including all requirements of the Exchange Act, with respect to any request to fix a record date or demand a special meeting.

Section 3. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Any meeting of Shareholders may be held at such place within or without the State of Ohio as may be designated in the Notice of said meeting. The Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, determine that any meeting shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication in accordance with Section 1701.40(C) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. Notice of Meeting and Waiver of Notice.

4.1 Notice. Written notice of the time, place and purposes of any meeting of Shareholders shall be given to each Shareholder entitled thereto not less than seven (7) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for the meeting and as prescribed by law. Such notice shall be given by personal delivery, mail, facsimile transmission or, to the extent permitted by law, electronically to each Shareholder entitled to notice of or to vote at such meeting. If such notice is mailed, it shall be directed, postage pre-paid, to the Shareholders at their respective addresses as they appear on the records of the Corporation, and notice shall be deemed to have been given on the day mailed. If any meeting is adjourned to another time or place, no notice as to such adjourned meeting need be given other than by announcement at the meeting at which such an adjournment is taken. No business shall be transacted at any such adjourned meeting except as might have been lawfully transacted at the meeting at which such adjournment was taken.

- 4.2 <u>Notice to Joint Owners</u>. All notices with respect to any shares to which persons are entitled by joint or common ownership may be given to that one of such persons who is named first upon the books of this Corporation, and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the holders of such shares. As used herein, "person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, or any other entity or group (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.
- 4.3 <u>Waiver</u>. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing by any Shareholder either before or after any meeting, or by attendance at such meeting without protest to its commencement.
- Section 5. Shareholders Entitled to Notice and to Vote. If a record date shall not be fixed, the record date for the determination of Shareholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of Shareholders shall be 5:00 p.m. Cincinnati, Ohio local time on the twentieth day (20th) prior to the date of the meeting and only Shareholders of record at such record date shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting.
- Section 6. <u>Quorum</u>. The holders of shares entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power of the Corporation, present in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for any meeting. The Shareholders present in person or by proxy, whether or not a quorum be present, may adjourn the meeting from time to time without notice other than by announcement at the meeting.
- Section 7. <u>Voting</u>. Except as provided by statute or in the Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles"), every Shareholder entitled to vote shall be entitled to cast one vote on each proposal submitted to the meeting for each share held of record on the record date for the determination of the Shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, all questions and business which may come before the meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes cast, except when a greater proportion is required by law, the Articles or these Regulations; provided, however, that no action required by law, the Articles, or these Regulations to be authorized or taken by the holders of a designated proportion of the shares of the Corporation may be authorized or taken by a lesser proportion.

Section 8. Organization of Meetings.

- 8.1 <u>Presiding Officer</u>. The Chairman of the Board, or in his absence, the President, or the person designated by the Board of Directors, shall call all meetings of the Shareholders to order and shall act as Chairman thereof; if all are absent, the Shareholders shall elect a Chairman of such meeting.
- 8.2 <u>Minutes</u>. The Secretary of the Corporation, or in his absence, an Assistant Secretary, or, in the absence of both, a person appointed by the Chairman of the meeting, shall act as Secretary of the meeting and shall keep and make a record of the proceedings thereat.

Section 9. <u>Proxies</u>. A person who is entitled to attend a Shareholders' meeting, to vote thereat, or to execute consents, waivers and releases, may be represented at such meeting or vote thereat, and execute consents, waivers and releases and exercise any of his rights, by proxy or proxies appointed by a writing signed by such person, or by his duly authorized attorney which may be transmitted physically, by facsimile or by other electronic medium.

No proposal for a Shareholder vote shall be submitted by a Shareholder (a "Shareholder Proposal") to the Corporation's Shareholders unless the Shareholder submitting such Shareholder Proposal (the "Proponent") shall have filed with the Secretary of the Corporation at least ninety (90) and no more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to such meeting of Shareholders (or, with respect to a special meeting the tenth (10th) day following the day on which the public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation) a written notice setting forth with particularity (a) the names and business addresses of the Proponent and any "Shareholder Associated Person", as defined in subsection 10.2 of this ARTICLE I Section 10, acting in concert with the Proponent; (b) the names and addresses of the Proponent and of any such Shareholder Associated Person, as they appear on the Corporation's books (if they so appear); (c)(i) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially and of record by each of the Proponent and by any such Shareholder Associated Person, (ii) any option, warrant, convertible security, stock appreciation right, or similar right with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class of shares of stock of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class of shares of stock of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in the underlying class of capital stock of the Corporation or otherwise (a "Derivative Instrument") directly or indirectly owned beneficially by the Proponent and by any such Shareholder Associated Person and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of the Corporation, (iii) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which the Proponent and any such Shareholder Associated Person has a right to vote any shares of any security of the Corporation, (iv) any short interest in any security of the Corporation (for purposes of these Regulations an individual shall be deemed to have a short interest in a security if such individual directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of the subject security), (v) any rights to dividends on the shares of stock of the Corporation owned beneficially by the Proponent and by any such Shareholder Associated Person that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of stock of the Corporation, (vi) any proportionate interest in shares of stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which the Proponent or any such Shareholder Associated Person is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner and (vii) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) to which the Proponent or any such Shareholder Associated Person is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments, if any, as of the date of such notice, including without limitation, any such interests held by members of the immediate family sharing the same household as the Proponent or any such Shareholder Associated Person, if any, or either of them, that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of Directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (which information shall be supplemented, as necessary, by such Shareholder and by any such Shareholder Associated Person and beneficial owner); (d) a description of the Shareholder Proposal containing all material information relating thereto along with any interest that such Proponent and any such Shareholder Associated Person has in the Shareholder Proposal and any benefits that the Proponent and any such Shareholder Associated Person may derive from the outcome of any vote on the Shareholder Proposal; and (e) such other information as the Board of Directors reasonably determines is necessary or appropriate to enable the Board of Directors and Shareholders of the Corporation to consider the Shareholder Proposal.

- 10.2 <u>Shareholder Associated Person</u>. For the purposes of this ARTICLE I Section 10 and ARTICLE II Section 2 of these Regulations "Shareholder Associated Person" shall mean (i) any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with or having any contracts, plans, understandings or arrangements with respect to the Corporation with, such Shareholder; (ii) any beneficial owner of a Derivative Instrument or shares of stock of the Corporation owned of record or beneficially by such Shareholder; and (iii) any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Shareholder Associated Person.
- 10.3 <u>Inaccurate Information</u>. If information submitted pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 10 by any Shareholder proposing any business other than a nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be inaccurate or materially misleading, such information may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 10. Any Shareholder proposing any business other than a nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall provide (i) written verification, satisfactory, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any authorized Officer of the Corporation, to demonstrate the accuracy of any information submitted by the Shareholder pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 10; and (ii) a written update of any information previously submitted by the Shareholder pursuant to this ARTICLE I Section 10 as of an earlier date so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice pursuant to this Article I Section 10 shall be true, correct and complete as of the record date for the meeting and as of the date that is ten (10) business days prior to the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. If the Shareholder fails to provide such written verification or a written update within such period, the information as to which written verification or a written update was required may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 10. Only such proposals made in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ARTICLE I Section 10 shall be eligible to be brought before the meeting. The presiding officer at any Shareholders' meeting shall have the power to determine whether a proposal was made in accordance with this ARTICLE I Section 10, and, if any proposal is not in compliance with this ARTICLE I Section 10, to declare at the meeting or otherwise provide notice to the Proponent that such proposal shall be disregarded.
- General. Without limitation in any manner of the foregoing provisions of this ARTICLE I Section 10, a Shareholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of state law and the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this ARTICLE I Section 10. Nothing in this ARTICLE I Section 10 shall be deemed to affect the right of a Shareholder to request inclusion of a proposal in, nor the right of the Corporation to omit a proposal from, the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 (or any successor provision) under the Exchange Act.

Section 11. <u>List of Shareholders</u>. At any meeting of Shareholders a list of Shareholders, alphabetically arranged, showing the number and classes of shares held by each on the record date applicable to such meeting, shall be produced on the request of any Shareholder.

ARTICLE II DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>General Powers</u>. The authority of this Corporation shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, except where the law, the Articles or these Regulations require action to be authorized or taken by the Shareholders.

Section 2. Election, Number and Qualification of Directors.

Election. The Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders, or if not so elected, at a special meeting of 2.1 Shareholders called for that purpose. The only candidates who shall be eligible for election at such meeting shall be those who have been nominated by or at the direction of the Board of Directors (which nominations shall be either made at such meeting or disclosed in a proxy statement, or supplement thereto, distributed to Shareholders for such meeting at the direction of the Board of Directors) and those who have been nominated at such meeting by a Shareholder who has complied with the procedures set forth in this ARTICLE II Section 2. A Shareholder may make a nomination for the office of Director only if such Shareholder has first delivered or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Secretary of the Corporation notice in writing (a "Nomination Notice") at least ninety (90) and no more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to such meeting of Shareholders (or, with respect to a special meeting the tenth (10th) day following the day on which the public announcement of the date such meeting is first made by the Corporation), which notice shall set forth or be accompanied by (a) as to each individual proposed to be nominated; (i) the name, date of birth, business address and residence address of such individual; (ii) the business experience during the past five (5) years of such nominee, including his or her principal occupations and employment during such period, the name and principal business of any corporation or other organization in which such occupations and employment were carried on, and such other information as to the nature of his or her responsibilities and level of professional competence as may be sufficient to permit assessment of his or her prior business experience; (iii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material monetary and non-monetary agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three (3) years, and any other material relationships, between or among the Shareholder submitting the Nomination Notice and any Shareholder Associated Person acting in concert with such person, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee and any Shareholder Associated Person acting in concert with such nominee, on the other hand, including, without limitation all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K if the nominating Shareholder and any beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made, if any, and any Shareholder Associated Person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of such Item and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant; (iv) whether the nominee is or has ever been at any time a director, officer or owner of 5% or more of any class of capital stock, partnership interests or other equity interest of any corporation, partnership or other entity; (v) any directorships held by such nominee in any company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Exchange Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; (vi) whether, in the last five years, such nominee has been convicted in a criminal proceeding or has been subject to a judgment, order, finding or decree of any federal, state or other governmental entity, concerning any violation of federal, state or other law, or any proceeding in bankruptcy, which conviction, order, finding, decree or proceeding may be material to an evaluation of the ability or integrity of the nominee; and (vii) any other information relating to such individual that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (b) as to the Shareholder submitting the Nomination Notice and any Shareholder Associated Person acting in concert with such Shareholder; (i) the name and business address of such Shareholder and of such Shareholder Associated Person; (ii) the names and addresses of such Shareholder and of such Shareholder Associated Person as they appear on the Corporation's books (if they so appear); and (iii)(A) the class and number of shares of stock of the Corporation which are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially and of record by each of such Shareholder and by such Shareholder Associated Person, (B) any Derivative Instrument directly or indirectly owned beneficially by such Shareholder and by such Shareholder Associated Person and any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares of stock of the Corporation, (C) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding, or relationship pursuant to which such Shareholder and such Shareholder Associated Person has a right to vote any shares of any security of the Corporation, (D) any short interest in any security of the Corporation (for purposes of these Regulations an individual shall be deemed to have a short interest in a security if such individual directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise, has the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any decrease in the value of the subject security), (E) any rights to dividends on the shares of stock of the Corporation owned beneficially by such Shareholder and by such Shareholder Associated Person that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of stock of the Corporation, (F) any proportionate interest in shares of stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which such Shareholder or such Shareholder Associated Person is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner and (G) any performance-related fees (other than an asset-based fee) to which such Shareholder or such Shareholder Associated Person is entitled to based on any increase or decrease in the value of shares of stock of the Corporation or Derivative Instruments, if any, as of the date of such Nomination Notice, including without limitation, any such interests held by members of the immediate family of such Shareholder sharing the same household or such Shareholder Associated Person, if any, or either of them, that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (which information shall be supplemented, as necessary, by such Shareholder and by such Shareholder Associated Person and beneficial owner). A written consent to being named in a proxy statement as a nominee, and to serve as a Director if so elected, signed by the nominee, shall be filed with any Nomination Notice.

- 2.2 Shareholder Nominations. If a Nomination Notice submitted pursuant to this ARTICLE II Section 2 by any Shareholder proposing a nominee for election as a Director shall be inaccurate or materially misleading, such Nomination Notice may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this ARTICLE II Section 2. Any Shareholder proposing a nominee for election as a Director shall provide (i) written verification, satisfactory, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or any authorized Officer of the Corporation, to demonstrate the accuracy of any information submitted by the Shareholder pursuant to this ARTICLE II Section 2; and (ii) a written update of any information previously submitted by the Shareholder pursuant to this ARTICLE II Section 2 as of an earlier date so that the information provided or required to be provided in such notice pursuant to this ARTICLE II Section 2 shall be true and correct as of the record date for the meeting and as of the date that is ten (10) business days prior to the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. If the Shareholder fails to provide such written verification or a written update within such period, the information as to which written verification or a written update was required may be deemed not to have been provided in accordance with this ARTICLE II Section 2. Only such individuals who are nominated by Shareholders in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ARTICLE II Section 2 shall be eligible for election as Directors. The presiding officer at any Shareholders' meeting shall have the power to determine whether a Nomination Notice was made in accordance with this ARTICLE II Section 2, and, if any Nomination Notice is not in compliance with this ARTICLE II Section 2, to declare that such Nomination Notice shall be disregarded.
- 2.3 Number. The number of Directors, which shall not be less than the lesser of three or the number of Shareholders of record, may be fixed or changed at a meeting of the Shareholders called for the purpose of electing Directors at which a quorum is present, by a majority of the votes cast at the meeting. In addition, the number of Directors may be fixed or changed by action of the Directors at any meeting at which a quorum is present by a majority vote of the Directors present at the meeting. The Directors then in office may fill any Director's office that is created by an increase in the number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be deemed to be the number of Directors fixed unless otherwise fixed by resolution adopted at the meeting at which such Directors are elected.

Election of Directors. The election of Directors at all meetings of the shareholders at which Directors are to be elected shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast at any meeting for the election of Directors at which a quorum is present shall elect Directors. For purposes of this ARTICLE II Section 2.4, a majority of votes cast shall mean that the number of shares voted "for" a Director's election exceeds 50% of the number of votes cast with respect to that Director's election. Votes cast shall include direction to withhold authority in each case and shall exclude "abstentions" and "broker non-votes" with respect to that Director's election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the number of nominees exceeds the number of Directors to be elected, the Directors shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares represented in person or by proxy at any such meeting and entitled to vote on the election of Directors. If a Director is not elected, the Director shall offer to tender his or her resignation to the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors on whether to accept or reject the resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Board of Directors will act on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's recommendation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind it within 90 days from the date of the certification of the election results. The Director who tenders his or her resignation will not participate in the Board of Director's decision. Directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Directors need not be shareholders.

Section 3. Term of Office of Directors.

- 3.1 <u>Term.</u> Each Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Shareholders and until his successor has been elected or until his earlier resignation, removal from office or death. Directors shall be subject to removal as provided by statute or by other lawful procedures and nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the removal of any or all Directors in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 <u>Resignation</u>. A resignation from the Board of Directors shall be deemed to take effect immediately upon its being received by any incumbent corporate officer other than an officer who is also the resigning Director, unless some other time is specified therein.
- 3.3 <u>Vacancy</u>. In the event of any vacancy in the Board of Directors for any reason, the remaining Directors, though less than a majority of the whole Board, may fill any such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Section 4. Meetings of Directors.

- 4.1 <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by the Directors.
- 4.2 <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time upon call of the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice President, or any two Directors.
- 4.3 <u>Place of Meeting</u>. Any meeting of Directors may be held at such place within or without the State of Ohio as may be designated in the notice of said meeting.

- 4.4 <u>Notice of Meeting and Waiver of Notice</u>. Notice of the time and place of any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors (other than the regular meeting of Directors following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders or following any special meeting of the Shareholders at which Directors are elected) shall be given to each Director by personal delivery, telephone, mail, or by electronic delivery at least forty-eight hours before the meeting, which notice need not specify the purpose of the meeting. Such notice, however, may be waived in writing by any Director either before or after any such meeting, or by attendance at such meeting without protest prior to the commencement thereof.
- 4.5 Quorum and Voting. At any meeting of Directors, not less than one-half of the whole authorized number of Directors is necessary to constitute a quorum for such meeting, except that a majority of the remaining Directors in office shall constitute a quorum for filling a vacancy in the Board. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, all acts, questions, and business which may come before the meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes cast by the Directors present at such meeting, unless the vote of a greater number is required by the Articles or these Regulations.

Section 5. Committees.

- 5.1 <u>Appointment.</u> The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint certain of its members to act as a committee or committees in the intervals between meetings of the Board and may delegate to such committee or committees power to be exercised under the control and direction of the Board. Each committee shall be composed of at least such number of Directors as required by law, regulation or stock exchange rule. Each such committee and each member thereof shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- 5.2 <u>Executive Committee</u>. In particular, the Board of Directors may create from its membership and define the powers and duties of an Executive Committee. During the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors in the management and control and the business of the Corporation to the extent permitted by law
- 5.3 <u>Committee Action</u>. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, a majority of the members of any committee appointed by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Section shall constitute a quorum at any meeting thereof and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of such committee. Any such committee shall prescribe its own rules for calling and holding meetings and its method of procedure, subject to any rules prescribed by the Board of Directors, and shall keep a written record of all action taken by it.

Section 6. <u>Action of Directors Without a Meeting</u>. Any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if authorized by a writing or writings signed by all the Directors or all of the members of the particular committee, which writing or writings shall be filed or entered upon the records of the Corporation.

Section 7. <u>Compensation of Directors</u>. The Board of Directors may allow compensation to Directors for performance of their duties and for attendance at meetings or for any special services, may allow compensation to members of any committee, and may reimburse any Director for his expenses in connection with attending any Board or committee meeting.

Section 8. Relationship with Corporation. Directors shall not be barred from providing professional or other services to the Corporation. No contract, action or transaction shall be void or voidable with respect to the Corporation for the reason that it is between or affects the Corporation and one or more of its Directors or Officers, or between or affects the Corporation and any other person in which one or more of its Directors or Officers are directors, trustees or officers or have a financial or personal interest, or for the reason that one or more interested Directors or Officers participate in or vote at the meeting of the Directors or committee thereof that authorizes such contract, action or transaction, if, in any such case, any of the following applies:

- 8.1 the material facts as to the Director's or Officer's relationship or interest and as to the contract, action or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Directors or the committee and the Directors or committee, in good faith, reasonably justified by such facts, authorize the contract, action or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors constitute less than a quorum;
- 8.2 the material facts as to the Director's or Officer's relationship or interest and as to the contract, action or transaction are disclosed or are known to the shareholders entitled to vote thereon and the contract, action or transaction is specifically approved at a meeting of the Shareholders held for such purpose by the affirmative vote of the holders of shares entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power of the Corporation held by persons not interested in the contract, action or transaction; or
- 8.3 the contract, action or transaction is fair as to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized or approved by the Directors, a committee thereof or the Shareholders.

Section 9. Attendance at Meetings of Persons Who Are Not Directors. Unless waived by the Chairman, any Director who desires the presence at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of a person who is not a Director, shall so notify all other Directors, not less than twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting, request the presence of such person and state the reason in writing. Such person will not be permitted to attend the Directors' meeting unless a majority of the Directors in attendance vote to admit such person to the meeting. Such vote shall constitute the first order of business for any such meeting of the Board of Directors. Such right to attend, whether granted by waiver or vote, may be revoked at any time during any such meeting by the vote of a majority of the Directors in attendance and such majority shall specify the terms and conditions, if any, pursuant to which such right to attend may be subject.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>General Provisions</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect one or more Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, and may elect one or more Chief Executive Officers, Vice Presidents, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as the Board may from time to time deem necessary. The Board of Directors may also elect a Chairman of the Board, who shall be a Director, but may or may not be an Officer. None of the Officers need to be Directors. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, but no officer shall execute, acknowledge or verify any instrument in more than one capacity if such instrument is required to be executed, acknowledged or verified by two or more officers.

Section 2. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. All Officers, as between themselves and the Corporation, shall respectively have such authority and perform such duties as are customarily incident to their respective offices, and as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors, regardless of whether such authority and duties are customarily incident to such office. The Chief Executive Officer, if any, may also serve either as Chairman of the Board or President or in another capacity as an Officer; the Chief Executive Officer shall have plenary power over the business and activities of the Corporation and over its Officers and employees, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors and any limitations thereon contained in these Regulations. In the absence of any Officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the powers or duties of such Officer, or any of them may be delegated to any other Officer or to any Director. The Board of Directors may from time to time delegate to any Officer authority to appoint and remove subordinate Officers and to prescribe their authority and duties.

Section 3. Term of Office and Removal.

- 3.1 <u>Term.</u> Each Officer of the Corporation shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
- 3.2 <u>Removal</u>. The Board of Directors may remove any Officer at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of Directors in office.

Section 4. <u>Compensation of Officers</u>. The Directors shall establish the compensation of Officers and employees or may, to the extent not prohibited by law, delegate such authority to a committee of Directors, the President or a Chief Executive Officer, as they determine.

ARTICLE IV INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Right to Indemnification. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer or member of a committee of the Corporation or that, being or having been such a director or officer of the Corporation, he or she is or was serving at the request of an executive officer of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter an "indemnitee"), whenever the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as such a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of Ohio, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than permitted prior thereto), or by other applicable law as then in effect, against all expense, liability and loss (including, without limitation, the cost of reasonable settlements with or without suit, attorneys' fees, costs of investigation, judgments, fines, excise taxes or penalties arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") or other federal or state acts) actually incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith and such indemnification shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors, and administrators. Except as provided in ARTICLE IV Section 2 with respect to proceedings seeking to enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall indemnify any such indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such indemnitee only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or ratified by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. To the extent any of the indemnification provisions set forth above prove to be ineffective for any reason in furnishing the indemnification provided, each of the persons named above shall be indemnified by the Corporation to the fullest extent not prohibited by applicable law.

1.1 The right to indemnification conferred in this ARTICLE IV Section 1 shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter an "advancement of expenses"). An advancement of expenses shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it is proved by clear and convincing evidence in a court of competent jurisdiction that his omission or failure to act involved an act or omission undertaken with deliberate intent to cause injury to the Corporation or undertaken with reckless disregard for the best interests of the Corporation. An advancement of expenses shall not be made if the Corporation's Board of Directors makes a good faith determination that such payment would violate applicable law.

Section 2. Right of Indemnitee to Bring Suit. If a claim under ARTICLE IV Section 1 is not paid in full by the Corporation within thirty days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty days, the indemnitee may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Corporation to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an undertaking, the indemnitee shall also be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. The indemnitee shall be presumed to be entitled to indemnification under this ARTICLE IV upon submission of a written claim (and, in an action brought to enforce a claim for an advancement of expenses, where the required undertaking has been tendered to the Corporation), and thereafter the Corporation shall have the burden of proof to overcome the presumption that the indemnitee is so entitled.

- 2.1 Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its Shareholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of the indemnitee is proper in the circumstances, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its Shareholders) that the indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification shall be a defense to the suit or create a presumption that the indemnitee is not so entitled.
- Section 3. <u>Nonexclusivity and Survival of Rights</u>. The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this ARTICLE IV shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Code of Regulations, agreement, vote of Shareholders or disinterested Directors, or otherwise. Such rights shall also not be exclusive of, and shall be in addition to, any rights to which such person may be entitled by contract with the Corporation, which is expressly permitted hereby.
 - 3.1 Notwithstanding any amendment to or repeal of this ARTICLE IV, or of any of the procedures established by the Board of Directors pursuant to ARTICLE IV Section 6, any indemnitee shall be entitled to indemnification in accordance with the provisions hereof and thereof with respect to any acts or omissions of such indemnitee occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.
 - 3.2 Without limiting the generality of the foregoing paragraph, the rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this ARTICLE IV shall, notwithstanding any amendment to or repeal of this ARTICLE IV, inure to the benefit of any person who otherwise may be entitled to be indemnified pursuant to this ARTICLE IV (or the estate or personal representative of such person) for a period of six years after the date such person's service to or in behalf of the Corporation shall have terminated or for such longer period as may be required in the event of a lengthening in the applicable statute of limitations.
 - 3.3 Advancement of expenses may be made by the Corporation against costs, expenses and fees to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, any terms and conditions of applicable law.

Section 4. Insurance, Contracts, and Funding. The Corporation may, to the full extent then permitted by law, purchase and maintain insurance or furnish similar protection, including but not limited to trust funds, letters of credit or self-insurance, on behalf of or for any persons described in this ARTICLE IV, against any liability asserted against and incurred by any such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability, loss and/or expense under the General Corporation Law of Ohio. The Corporation may enter into contracts with any indemnitee in furtherance of the provisions of this ARTICLE IV and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this ARTICLE IV. Insurance may be purchased from or maintained with a person in which the Corporation has a financial interest.

Section 5. <u>Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation</u>. The Corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors, authorize one or more executive officers to grant rights to advancement of expenses to employees or agents of the Corporation on such terms and conditions no less stringent than provided in ARTICLE IV Section 1 hereof as such Officer or Officers deem appropriate under the circumstances. The Corporation may, by action of its Board of Directors, grant rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses to employees or agents or groups of employees or agents of the Corporation with the same scope and effect as the provisions of this ARTICLE IV with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of Directors, Officers and members of a committee of the Corporation; provided, however, that an undertaking shall be made by an employee or agent only if required by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. <u>Procedures for the Submission of Claims</u>. The Board of Directors may establish reasonable procedures for the submission of claims for indemnification pursuant to this ARTICLE IV, determination of the entitlement of any person thereto, and review of any such determination. Such procedures shall be set forth in an appendix to these Regulations and shall be deemed for all purposes to be a part hereof.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

This Code of Regulations may be amended by the affirmative vote or the written consent of the Shareholders entitled to exercise a majority of the voting power on such proposal or by the Directors to the extent permitted by the Ohio Revised Code at the time of such amendment. If an amendment is adopted by written consent without a meeting of the Shareholders or otherwise by the Directors the Secretary shall enter the amendment in the records of the Corporation and shall provide notice to Shareholders to the extent and in the manner required by applicable law.

Adopted by the Board effective August 15, 2012.

Exhibit 4.2

EXECUTION VERSION

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.} \\ \text{Issuer} \end{array}$

TO

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Trustee

NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

DATED AS OF APRIL 2, 2020

5.250% SENIOR NOTES

DUE APRIL 2030

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¹ This Table of Contents does not constitute part of the Indenture or have any bearing upon the interpretation of any of its terms and provisions.

THIS NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE is made as of the 2nd day of April, 2020, among AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., an Ohio corporation, Great American Insurance Group Tower, 301 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (the "Company"), and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (formerly known as Star Bank, N.A.) a national banking association, as trustee (the "Trustee").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company has entered into an indenture, dated as of November 12, 1997, as supplemented by this Ninth Supplemental Indenture (collectively, the "Indenture") with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee:

WHEREAS, the Indenture is incorporated herein by this reference;

WHEREAS, under the Indenture, a new series of Debt Securities may at any time be established by the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the terms of such series may be established by a supplemental indenture executed by the Company and the Trustee;

WHEREAS, the Company proposes to create under the Indenture a new series of Debt Securities;

WHEREAS, additional Debt Securities of other series hereafter established, except as may be limited in the Indenture as at the time supplemented and modified, may be issued from time to time pursuant to the Indenture as at the time supplemented and modified, and that such series of Debt Securities hereafter established or any series of Debt Securities established prior to the date hereof shall not be subject to the provisions of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture unless expressly provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or other documentation, as permitted by the Indenture, establishing such series of Debt Securities; and

WHEREAS, all conditions necessary to authorize the execution and delivery of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture and to make it a valid and binding obligation of the Company have been done or performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the agreements and obligations set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I 5.250% SENIOR NOTES

Section 1.01 <u>Establishment</u>. There is hereby established a new series of Debt Securities to be issued under the Indenture, to be designated as the Company's 5.250% Senior Notes due April 2030 (the "Senior Notes").

There are to be authenticated and delivered Senior Notes, initially limited in aggregate principal amount of \$300,000,000, and no further Senior Notes shall be authenticated and delivered except as provided by Section 2.1, 3.5, 3.6, 9.6 and 11.7 of the Indenture; provided further, that the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes may be increased in the future, without the consent of the Holders of the Senior Notes, on the same tenor and terms and with the same CUSIP number as the Senior Notes (including, without limitation, rights to receive accrued and unpaid interest as the Senior Notes then outstanding), so that such further Senior Notes shall be consolidated with, form a single series with and increase the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes, provided that such further Senior Notes are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with such previously issued Senior Notes. The Senior Notes shall be issued in definitive fully registered form.

The Senior Notes shall be issued in the form of one Global Security in substantially the form set out in Exhibit A hereto. The U.S. Depositary with respect to the Senior Notes shall be The Depository Trust Company.

The form of the Trustee's Certificate of Authentication for the Senior Notes shall be in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit B hereto.

Each Senior Note shall be dated the date of authentication thereof and shall bear interest from the date of original issuance thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for.

Section 1.02 <u>Definitions</u>. (a) The following defined terms used herein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings specified below. Capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Indenture.

"Final Maturity" means April 2, 2030.

"Interest Payment Date" means April 2 and October 2 of each year.

"Place of Payment" means New York, New York.

"Regular Record Date" means March 15 and September 15; as the case may be, next preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date.

Section 1.03 Payment of Principal and Interest. The entire outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes shall be due and payable, unless accelerated, redeemed or required to be repurchased pursuant to the Indenture, at Final Maturity. The unpaid principal amount of the Senior Notes shall bear interest at the rate of 5.250% per annum until paid or duly provided for. Interest shall be paid semi-annually in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, commencing October 2, 2020, to the Person in whose name the Senior Notes are registered on the Regular Record Date for such Interest Payment Date, provided that interest payable at Final Maturity will be paid to the Person to whom principal is payable. Any such interest that is not so punctually paid or duly provided for will forthwith cease to be payable to the Holders on such Regular Record Date and may be paid as provided in Section 3.7 of the Indenture.

Payments of interest on the Senior Notes will include interest accrued to but excluding the respective Interest Payment Dates. Interest payments for the Senior Notes shall be computed and paid on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on the Senior Notes is not a Business Day, then a payment of the interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day, except that, notwithstanding Section 1.13 of the Indenture, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on the date the payment was originally payable. No interest will accrue due to any delay in payment on the amount so payable for the period from such Interest Payment Date to the date payment is made.

Payment of the principal and interest due at Final Maturity of the Senior Notes shall be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Place of Payment, 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; provided, however, that, at the option of the Company, interest may be paid by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; provided, further, that payment to the U.S. Depositary or any successor depositary may be made by wire transfer to the account designated by the U.S. Depositary or such successor depositary in writing.

Section 1.04 <u>Denominations</u>. The Senior Notes may be issued in denominations of \$2,000.00, or any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Section 1.05 <u>Global Securities</u>. The Senior Notes will be issued in the form of one or more Global Securities registered in the name of the U.S. Depositary or its nominee. Except under the limited circumstances described below, Senior Notes represented by the Global Security will not be exchangeable for, and will not otherwise be issuable as, Senior Notes in definitive form. The Global Securities described above may not be transferred except as a whole by the U.S. Depositary to a nominee of such U.S. Depositary or by a nominee of such U.S. Depositary or another nominee of such U.S. Depositary or by such U.S. Depositary or any other such nominee to a successor U.S. Depositary or a nominee of such successor U.S. Depositary.

Owners of beneficial interests in such a Global Security will not be considered the Holders thereof for any purpose under the Indenture, and no Global Security representing a Senior Note shall be exchangeable, except for another Global Security of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of the U.S. Depositary or its nominee or to a successor U.S. Depositary or its nominee. The rights of Holders of such Global Security shall be exercised only through the U.S. Depositary.

A Global Security shall be exchangeable for Senior Notes registered in the names of Persons other than the U.S. Depositary or its nominee only as provided by Section 3.5 of the Indenture. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Senior Notes registered in such names as the U.S. Depositary shall direct.

Section 1.06 Redemption at the Option of the Company.

(A) As used in this Section 1.06:

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term ("Remaining Life") of the Senior Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Senior Notes.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, the average of the two Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

"Independent Investment Banker" means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing or their successors cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer (each, a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), the Company will substitute therefor another such Primary Treasury Dealer.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to:

- the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; provided that, if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life of the Senior Notes to be redeemed, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated from those yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month; or
- (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.
 - The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date. As used in the immediately preceding sentence and in the definition of "Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" above, the term "business day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to remain closed.
- (B) Prior to January 2, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the Final Maturity), the Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the Company's option, at any time or from time to time, on notice given not more than 60 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in full, or 45 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in part, nor less than 30 days, prior to the date of redemption, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of any Senior Notes to be redeemed; or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on any Senior Notes to be redeemed (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the then current Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points.
- (C) On or after January 2, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the Final Maturity), the Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the Company's option, at any time or from time to time, on notice given not more than 60 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in full, or 45 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in part, nor less than 30 days, prior to the date of redemption, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of any Senior Notes to be redeemed.

- (D) If the Company redeems any Senior Notes pursuant to Paragraphs (B) or (C) of this Section 1.06, the Company will pay accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount of any Senior Note being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date.
- (E) The full defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Indenture relating to the Company's obligations in connection with the Debt Securities will apply to the Senior Notes.
 - Section 1.07 Governing Law. Section 1.12 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 1.12 Governing Law.

THIS INDENTURE AND THE DEBT SECURITIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICTS OF LAW RULES OF SUCH STATE. THIS INDENTURE IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939, AS AMENDED, THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE PART OF THIS INDENTURE AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, BE GOVERNED BY SUCH PROVISIONS."

Section 1.08 <u>Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange</u>. Section 3.5 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 3.5 Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange. The Company shall keep or cause to be kept for the Debt Securities of each series a register (the register maintained in such office being herein sometimes referred to as the "Debt Security Register") in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Company shall provide for the registration, registration of transfer and exchange of Debt Securities. The Trustee is hereby initially appointed "Debt Security Registrar" for such purposes.

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

Except as set forth below, at the option of the Holder, Debt Securities of any particular series may be exchanged for other Debt Securities of any authorized denominations, and of a like Stated Maturity and of a like series and aggregate principal amount and with like terms and conditions, upon surrender of the Debt Securities to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Debt Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee for such Debt Securities shall authenticate and deliver, the Debt Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

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

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

No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, other than exchanges pursuant to Section 3.4, 9.6, 11.3 or 11.7 not involving any transfer.

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

If at any time the U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities of such series or if at any time the U.S. Depositary for Debt Securities of such series shall no longer be a clearing agency registered and in good standing under the Exchange Act or other applicable statute or regulation, the Company shall appoint a successor U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities of such series. If a successor U.S. Depositary for the Debt Securities is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such condition, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Debt Securities of such series in definitive form in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security or Securities representing such series in exchange for such Global Security or Securities.

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

If the Debt Securities of any series shall have been issued in the form of one or more Global Securities and if an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing, the Company will promptly execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Debt Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver Debt Securities of such series in definitive form and in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security or Securities representing such series in exchange for such Global Security or Securities.

The U.S. Depositary for such series of Debt Securities may surrender a Global Security for such series of Debt Securities in exchange in whole or in part for Debt Securities of such series of like tenor and terms and in definitive form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such U.S. Depositary. Thereupon, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without charge:

- (1) to each Person specified by the U.S. Depositary a new Debt Security or Securities of the same series, of like tenor and terms and of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Security; and
- (2) to the U.S. Depositary a new Global Security in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Security and the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities delivered to Holders thereof.

Upon the exchange of a Global Security for Debt Securities in definitive form, such Global Security shall be canceled by the Trustee. Definitive Debt Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the U.S. Depositary for such Global Security, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee. The Trustee shall deliver such definitive Debt Securities to the Persons in whose names such Debt Securities are so registered."

Section 1.09 <u>Title; Payment and Terms</u>. The last paragraph of Section 3.1 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"All Debt Securities of any particular series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination, rate of interest, Stated Maturity and the date from which interest, if any, shall accrue, and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution relating thereto. The terms of such Debt Securities, as set forth above, may be determined by the Company from time to time if so provided in or established pursuant to the authority granted in a Board Resolution. Any of the terms of the Debt Securities, as set forth above, may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside the Board Resolution provided that the manner in which said facts shall operate upon the terms is set forth in the Board Resolution. All Debt Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time, and unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened, without notice to or the consent of the registered holders of such Debt Securities, for issuances of additional Debt Securities of such series. Such additional Debt Securities will rank *pari passu* with the outstanding Debt Securities of such series in all material respects, or in all respects except for the issue date and public offering price or payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such additional Debt Securities, and so that such additional Debt Securities may be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Debt Securities of such series and have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the outstanding Debt Securities of such series; provided that such additional Debt Securities are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with such previously issued Debt Securities"

Section 1.10 <u>Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Debt Securities</u>. Section 3.6 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 3.6 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Debt Securities. If (i) any mutilated Debt Security is surrendered to the Trustee for such Debt Security, or the Company and the Trustee for a Debt Security receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Debt Security, and (ii) there is delivered to the Company, the Debt Security Registrar and such Trustee such security or indemnity as may be reasonably required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or such Trustee that such Debt Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request such Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or in exchange for such mutilated Debt Security, a new Debt Security of the same series and in a like principal amount and of a like Stated Maturity and with like terms and conditions and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Debt Security, pay such Debt Security (without surrender thereof except in the case of a mutilated Debt Security) if the applicant for such payment shall furnish to the Company, the Debt Security Registrar and the Trustee for such Debt Security such security or indemnity as may be reasonably required by them to save each of them harmless, and in case of destruction, loss or theft, evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Company and such Trustee and any agent of either of them of the destruction, loss or theft of such Debt Security and the ownership thereof.

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

Every new Debt Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security or in exchange for any mutilated Debt Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Security 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 Debt Securities of the same series, duly issued hereunder.

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

Section 1.11 <u>Events of Default</u>. Section 5.1 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 5.1 Events of Default." "Event of Default" wherever used herein with respect to any particular series of Debt Securities, unless otherwise specified in the Debt Security or the Board Resolution with respect to that series of Debt Securities, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (1) default in the payment of any installment of interest upon any Debt Security of that series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days; or
 - (2) default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any, on) any Debt Security of that series at its Maturity; or
- (3) default in the performance of, or breach of, any covenant or warranty of the Company in respect of any Debt Security of that series contained in this Indenture or in such Debt Securities (other than a covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this Section specifically dealt with or which expressly has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of Debt Securities of a series other than that series) or in the applicable Board Resolution under which such series is issued as contemplated by Section 3.1 and continuance of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series or to the Company and such Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

- if an event of default with respect to any other series of Debt Securities or as defined in any mortgage, indenture, security agreement or other instrument under which there may be issued, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any Indebtedness of the Company for money borrowed in excess of \$10 million principal amount, whether such Indebtedness now exists or shall hereafter be created, shall happen and, if such Indebtedness is not already matured in accordance with its terms, shall result in such Indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise become due and payable, and such acceleration shall not have been rescinded or annulled or such Indebtedness shall not have been discharged, in either case, within a period of ten days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail in the manner set forth in Section 1.5, to the Company by the Trustee for the Debt Securities of that particular series referred to in the first clause of this Section 5.1 or to the Company and such Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that particular series referred to in the first clause of this Section 5.1 a written notice specifying such event of default and requiring the Company to cause such acceleration to be rescinded or annulled or to cause such Indebtedness to be discharged and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; provided, that if prior to the entry of judgment in favor of the Trustee, such default under such indenture or instrument shall be remedied or cured by the Company or waived by the holders of such Indebtedness, then the Event of Default hereunder shall be deemed likewise to have been remedied, cured or waived; and provided, further, however, that, subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1 and 6.2, such Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of such default unless either (A) a Responsible Officer of such Trustee assigned to its Corporate Trust Office shall have actual knowledge of such default or (B) the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Company, from the Holders of 10% or more in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such other series, from the holder of any such Indebtedness or from the trustee under any such mortgage, indenture, security agreement or other instrument; or
- the entry against the Company of one or more judgments, decrees or orders by a court having jurisdiction in the premises from which no appeal may be or is taken for the payment of money, either individually or in the aggregate, in excess of \$10 million and the continuance of such judgment, decree or order unsatisfied and in effect for any period of 60 consecutive days without a stay of execution and there has been given, by registered or certified mail in the manner set forth in Section 1.5, to the Company by the Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series or to the Company and such Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series a written notice specifying such entry and continuance of such judgment, decree or order and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; provided, however, that subject to the provisions of Sections 6.1 and 6.2, such Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of such entry and continuance of such judgment, decree or order unless either (A) a Responsible Officer of such Trustee assigned to its Corporate Trust Office shall have actual knowledge thereof or (B) the Trustee shall have received written notice thereof from the Company or from the Holders of 10% or more in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of such series; or
- the Company shall commence any case or proceeding seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or the Company shall apply for a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company) of it or for all or a substantial part of its property; or the Company shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or the Company shall take any corporate action in furtherance of any of the foregoing; or

- any case or proceeding against the Company shall be commenced seeking to have an order for relief entered against it or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent or seeking reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, arrangement, composition or readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation, dissolution, arrangement, composition, readjustment of debt or other similar act or law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, now or hereafter existing; or a receiver, custodian or trustee (other than any trustee appointed as a mortgagee or secured party in connection with the issuance of indebtedness for borrowed money of the Company) of the Company or for all or a substantial part of its property shall be appointed in any such case or proceeding; and such case or proceeding (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or a similar order against it or (B) shall continue unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days."
- Section 1.12 <u>Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.</u> Section 5.2 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 5.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(6) or (7)) with respect to any particular series of Debt Securities occurs and is continuing, then and in every such case either the Trustee for the Debt Securities of such series or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series may declare the entire principal amount (or, in the case of Discounted Debt Securities, such lesser amount as may be provided for in the terms of that series) of all the Debt Securities of that series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to such Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration of acceleration such principal or such lesser amount, as the case may be, together with accrued interest and all other amounts owing hereunder, shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived.

If an Event of Default specified in Sections 5.1(6) or (7) occurs and is continuing, such principal or such lesser amount, as the case may be, together with accrued interest and all other amounts owing hereunder, on the Debt Securities of that series shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

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

- (1) the Company has paid or deposited with such Trustee a sum sufficient to pay
 - (A) all overdue interest on all Debt Securities of that series;
- (B) the principal of (and premium, if any, on) any Debt Securities of that series which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon from the date such principal became due at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by the Debt Securities of such series (or, in the case of Discounted Debt Securities, the Debt Securities' Yield to Maturity), to the extent that the payment of such interest shall be legally enforceable;

- (C) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate borne by the Debt Securities of such series (or, in the case of Discounted Debt Securities, the Debt Securities' Yield to Maturity);
- (D) all sums paid or advanced by such Trustee hereunder and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel and all other amounts due to such Trustee under; and
- (2) all Events of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, other than the nonpayment of the principal of Debt Securities of that series which has become due solely by such acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 5.13. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon."
- Section 1.13 <u>Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.</u> Paragraph (a) of Section 6.11 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 6.11 Acceptance of Appointment by Successor.

- (a) Every such successor Trustee appointed hereunder with respect to the Debt Securities of any series shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Company and to the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment, and thereupon the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee; but, on the request of the Company or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its reasonable charges, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder, subject to the lien provided for in Section 6.7."
- Section 1.14 Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders. Section 9.2 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:
- "SECTION 9.2 <u>Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders</u>. The Company, when authorized by a Board Resolution, and the Trustee for the Debt Securities of any or all series may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental hereto for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of such Debt Securities under this Indenture, but only with the consent of the Holders of more than 50% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series of Debt Securities then Outstanding affected thereby, in each case by Act of said Holders of Debt Securities of each such series delivered to the Company and the Trustee for Debt Securities of each such series; provided, however, that no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security affected thereby:
- change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest or premium, if any, on, any Debt Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, if any, or any premium or other amounts payable upon the redemption thereof, or reduce the amount of the principal of a Discounted Debt Security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 5.2, or change the Place of Payment, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the Redemption Date); or

- (2) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of any particular series, the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture; or
- (3) modify any of the provisions of this Section or Section 5.13 or 10.7, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Debt Security affected thereby; provided, however, that this clause shall not be deemed to require the consent of any Holder of a Debt Security with respect to changes in the references to "the Trustee" and concomitant changes in this Section and Section 10.7, or the deletion of this proviso, in accordance with the requirements of Section 6.9, 6.11(b) and 9.1(6); or
 - (4) change the Redemption Price; or

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- (5) change the date prior to which no redemption may be made; or
- (6) make the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any Debt Security payable in anything other than United States

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

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

Section 1.15 <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Section 10.5 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 10.5 Maintenance of Properties. The Company shall cause all its properties used or useful in the conduct of its business to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and supplied with all necessary equipment and will cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in the reasonable judgment of the Company may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times; provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall prevent the Company from discontinuing the operation and maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is, in the reasonable judgment of the Company desirable in the conduct of its business and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders."

Section 1.16 <u>Corporate Existence</u>. Section 10.6 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 10.6 Corporate Existence. Subject to Article 8, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any right or franchise if the Board of Directors shall reasonably determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and that the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Holders; and provided, further, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit a sale, transfer or conveyance of a Subsidiary or any of its assets in compliance with the terms of this Indenture."

Section 1.17 <u>Limitations on Liens</u>. The following provisions shall be applicable with respect to the Senior Notes:

<u>Limitation on Liens</u>. The Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not issue, assume, incur, suffer to exist or guarantee any indebtedness for borrowed money secured by a mortgage, pledge, lien or other encumbrance, directly or indirectly, upon any shares of the Voting Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary which shares are owned by the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries without effectively providing that the Senior Notes shall be secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, any such secured indebtedness so long as such indebtedness remains outstanding. This paragraph shall not apply to a mortgage, pledge, lien or other encumbrance on shares of Voting Stock of any Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary and any extensions, renewals or replacements thereof.

"Consolidated Total Assets" means as of any date of determination, the amount of total assets shown on the consolidated balance sheet of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries contained in the most recent annual or quarterly report filed with the Commission, or if the Issuer is not then subject to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the most recent annual or quarterly report to shareholders and, in respect of any Subsidiary as of any date of determination, the amount of total assets of such Subsidiary and its consolidated subsidiaries shown on the consolidated balance sheet of such Subsidiary from which such consolidated balance sheet of the Issuer and its consolidated Subsidiaries was derived.

"Restricted Subsidiaries" means (1) Great American Life Insurance Company and Great American Insurance Company; (2) any other present or future subsidiary of the Issuer, the Consolidated Total Assets of which constitute at least 20% of the Issuer's Consolidated Total Assets; and (3) any Person which is a successor, by merger or otherwise, to substantially all the business or properties of any such subsidiary referred to or described in the foregoing clauses (1) and (2).

"Voting Stock" means shares of any class or classes having general voting power under ordinary circumstances to elect a majority of the board of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation in question, provided that, for the purposes hereof, shares which carry only the right to vote conditionally on the happening of an event shall not be considered voting shares whether or not such event shall have happened.

Section 1.18 <u>Debt Securities Redeemed in Part.</u> Section 11.7 of the Indenture is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

"SECTION 11.7 Debt Securities Redeemed in Part. Any Debt Security which is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Place of Payment (with, if the Company or the Trustee for such Debt Security so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Debt Security Registrar for such Debt Security duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), and the Company shall execute and such Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Debt Security without service charge, a new Debt Security or Debt Securities, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder, of the same series and having the same terms and provisions and in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Debt Security so surrendered."

ARTICLE II MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Section 2.01 Recitals by Company. The recitals in this Ninth Supplemental Indenture are made by the Company only and not by the Trustee, and all of the provisions contained in the Indenture in respect of the rights, privileges, immunities, powers and duties of the Trustee shall be applicable in respect of Senior Notes and of this Ninth Supplemental Indenture as fully and with like effect as if set forth herein in full.
- Section 2.02 <u>Ratification and Incorporation of Indenture; Application of Ninth Supplemental Indenture to other Series of Debt Securities.</u> As supplemented hereby, the Indenture is in all respects ratified and confirmed, solely with respect to the Senior Notes, and the Indenture and this Ninth Supplemental Indenture, solely with respect to the Senior Notes shall be read, taken and construed as one and the same instrument. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture shall not apply to any series of Debt Securities outstanding on the date hereof or established in the future under the Indenture unless expressly provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or other documentation, as provided in the Indenture, establishing such series of Debt Securities.

Section 2.03 <u>Executed in Counterparts</u>. This Ninth Supplemental Indenture may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto has caused to fithe day and year first above written by its duly authorized office.	this instrument to be signed in its name and behalf by its duly authorized officers, all as ers, all as of the day and year first above written.
	AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
	Ву:
	Karl J. Grafe Vice President
	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
	as Trustee
	Ву:
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EXHIBIT A

FORM OF SENIOR NOTE

THIS SECURITY IS A GLOBAL SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE INDENTURE HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AND IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF A U.S. DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE) OR A NOMINEE THEREOF. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR SECURITIES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE U.S. DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE U.S. DEPOSITARY, OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE U.S. DEPOSITARY, OR BY THE U.S. DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR U.S. DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR U.S. DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS SECURITY IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION ("DTC"), TO THE COMPANY (AS DEFINED BELOW) OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY SECURITY ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS 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.

No. 1 CUSIP No. 025932 AP9 ISIN No. US025932AP92 \$300,000,000 Senior Notes

American Financial Group, Inc.

5.250% Senior Notes Due April 2030

Principal Amount Per Senior Note: \$2,000 and Integral Multiples of \$1,000 in Excess Thereof

American Financial Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation (hereinafter called the "Company", which term includes any successor corporation under the Indenture referred to below), for value received, hereby promises to pay to Cede & Co., or registered assigns, the principal amount of each Senior Note evidenced hereby (Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000) in the aggregate) on April 2, 2030, and to pay interest thereon from April 2, 2020 or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided semi-annually on April 2 or October 2 in each year (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing October 2, 2020, at the rate of 5.250% per annum, until the principal amount of each Senior Note evidenced hereby is paid or duly made available for payment. Interest on the Senior Notes shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The interest so payable and punctually paid or duly provided for on any Interest Payment Date will, as provided in such Indenture, be paid to the Person in whose name this certificate is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest, which shall be March 15 and September 15 (whether or not a Business Day), as the case may be, next preceding such Interest Payment Date. Any such interest which is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall forthwith cease to be payable to the registered Holder hereof on the relevant Regular Record Date by virtue of having been such Holder, and may be paid to the Person in whose name this certificate is registered at the close of business on a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest to be fixed by the Trustee, notice whereof shall be given to each Person in whose name a certificate evidencing Senior Notes (defined below) is registered not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date, or may be paid at any time in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities ex

Payment of the principal of and the interest on the Senior Notes evidenced hereby will be made at the office or agency of the Company maintained for that purpose in the Place of Payment, 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; provided, however, that, at the option of the Company, interest may be paid by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Security Register; provided, further, that payment to The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or any successor depositary may be made by wire transfer to the account designated by DTC or such successor depositary in writing.

This certificate evidences part of a duly authorized issue of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company (the "Debt Securities") issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Indenture dated as of November 12, 1997 (herein called, together with all indentures supplemental thereto, the "Indenture") between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (herein called the "Trustee", which term includes any successor trustee under the Indenture), to which Indenture and all indentures supplemental thereto reference is hereby made for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Debt Securities, and of the terms upon which the Debt Securities are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This certificate evidences Debt Securities of the series designated on the face hereof (each, a "Senior Note"), limited to \$300,000,000; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes may be increased in the future, without the consent of the Holders of the Senior Notes, on the same tenor and terms and with the same CUSIP number as the Senior Notes (including, without limitation, rights to receive accrued and unpaid interest as the Senior Notes then outstanding), so that such further Senior Notes shall be consolidated with, form a single series with and increase the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes, provided that such further Senior Notes are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes with such previously issued Senior Notes.

Prior to January 2, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the Final Maturity), the Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the Company's option, at any time or from time to time, on notice given not more than 60 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in full, or 45 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in part, nor less than 30 days, prior to the date of redemption, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of any Senior Notes to be redeemed; or (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on any Senior Notes to be redeemed (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the then current Treasury Rate plus 50 basis points.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term ("Remaining Life") of the Senior Notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such Senior Notes.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, the average of the two Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

"Independent Investment Banker" means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Company.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means each of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing or their successors cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer (each, a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), the Company will substitute therefor another such Primary Treasury Dealer.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to:

- the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; provided that, if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life of the Senior Notes to be redeemed, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated from those yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month; or
- (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date. As used in the immediately preceding sentence and in the definition of "Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" above, the term "business day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City are authorized or required by law to remain closed.

On or after January 2, 2030 (the date that is three months prior to the Final Maturity), the Senior Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the Company's option, at any time or from time to time, on notice given not more than 60 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in full, or 45 days, if the Senior Notes are being redeemed in part, nor less than 30 days, prior to the date of redemption, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of any Senior Notes to be redeemed.

If the Company redeems any Senior Notes pursuant to the foregoing paragraphs, the Company will pay accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount of any Senior Note being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date.

The full defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the Indenture relating to the Company's obligations in connection with the Debt Securities will apply to the Senior Notes.

Except as provided above, the Senior Notes are not redeemable by the Company prior to maturity and are not subject to any sinking fund. If an Event of Default with respect to the Senior Notes shall occur and be continuing, the principal amount of the Senior Notes shall be immediately, or may be declared, as appropriate, due and payable in the manner and with the effect provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders of the Securities of each series issued under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities at the time Outstanding of each series affected thereby. The Indenture also contains provisions permitting the Holders of specified percentages in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such series, to waive compliance by the Company 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 certificate shall be conclusive and binding upon such Holder and upon all future Holders of this certificate and of any Senior Notes evidenced by a certificate issued upon the registration of transfer hereof or in exchange herefor or in lieu hereof, whether or not notation of such consent or waiver is made upon this certificate.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this certificate or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on the Senior Notes evidenced by this certificate, at the times, place and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein and in the Indenture prescribed.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein and in this certificate, the transfer of the Senior Notes evidenced by this certificate may be registered on the Security Register upon surrender of this certificate for registration of transfer at the office or agency of the Company maintained for the purpose in any place where the principal of and interest on the Senior Notes are payable, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Security Registrar duly executed by, the Holder hereof or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon one or more new certificates evidencing Senior Notes of authorized denominations, and of a like series and aggregate principal amount, and with like terms and conditions will be issued to the designated transferee or transferees.

The Senior Notes are issuable only in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000.00, or any integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, all as more fully provided in the Indenture. As provided in the Indenture, and subject to certain limitations set forth in the Indenture, and in this certificate, this certificate is exchangeable for a like aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes of this series in different authorized denominations, as requested by the Holders surrendering the same.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith, other than in certain cases provided in the Indenture.

Prior to due presentment of this certificate for registration of transfer, the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name this certificate is registered as the owner of the Senior Notes evidenced hereby for all the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and (subject to Section 3.7 of the Indenture) interest, if any, on these Senior Notes and for all purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Senior Notes be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any such agent shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

This certificate shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to the conflicts of laws rules of such state.

All terms used in this certificate which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by or on behalf of the Trustee under the Indenture by the manual signature of one of its authorized signatories, this certificate shall not be entitled to any benefits under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed under its corporate seal.

[SEAL]	
	AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
	By:

Attest:

Mark A. Weiss Vice President

Karl J. Grafe

Vice President and Secretary

TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

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

Dated: April 2, 2020

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Authorized Officer

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ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this instrument, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations: UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - ___Custodian TEN COM - as tenants in common TEN ENT- as tenants by the entireties (Cust) (Minor) JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and not as tenants in common (State) Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list. FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned registered holder hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE __ PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ASSIGNEE the Senior Notes evidenced by the within certificate and all rights thereunder, hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing _ transfer said Senior Notes on the books of the Company with full power of substitution in the premises. Dated: Notice: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within certificate in every particular, without

alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

EXHIBIT B

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Debt Securities, of the series designated herein, described in the within-mentioned Indenture.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Authorized Officer



April 1, 2020

American Financial Group, Inc. 301 East Fourth Street, 40th Floor Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the issuance by American Financial Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation ("AFG"), of its 5.250% Senior Notes due 2030 (the "Senior Notes"), pursuant to and as described in (a) the Registration Statement of AFG on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-223216) (the "Registration Statement"), which was filed by AFG with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and (b) the related prospectus dated February 26, 2018, as supplemented by the prospectus supplement relating to the sale of the Senior Notes dated March 26, 2020 (as so supplemented, the "Prospectus"), as filed by AFG with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) promulgated under the Securities Act, certain legal matters with respect to the Senior Notes are being passed upon for you by us. At your request, this opinion letter is being furnished to you for filing as Exhibit 5 to the Current Report of AFG on Form 8-K to be filed with the Commission on the date of this letter (the "Form 8-K").

The Senior Notes are to be issued and the terms of the Senior Notes are to be established pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of November 12, 1997 (the "Original Indenture"), among the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trustee"), as proposed to be supplemented by the Ninth Supplemental Indenture (the "Ninth Supplemental Indenture") to be dated as of April 2, 2020 (the Original Indenture, as supplemented through and including the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, the "Indenture").

In reaching the conclusions expressed in this opinion letter, we have examined and relied upon the original or copies, certified to our satisfaction, of (i) the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and the Amended and Restated Code of Regulations of AFG; (ii) copies of resolutions of the Board of Directors of AFG, and committees thereof, authorizing the issuance of the Senior Notes and related matters; (iii) the Registration Statement and all exhibits thereto, including the Form T-1, Statement of Eligibility of Trustee of U.S. Bank National Association; (iv) the Indenture; and (v) such other documents and instruments as we have deemed necessary for the expression of opinion contained in this opinion letter. In making the foregoing examinations, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures and the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies. As to various questions of fact material to this opinion letter, we have relied, to the extent we deem reasonably appropriate, upon representations or certificates of officers or directors of AFG and upon documents, records and instruments furnished to us by AFG, without independent check or verification of their accuracy.

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Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that upon the execution and delivery of the Ninth Supplemental Indenture, when the Senior Notes have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement dated as of March 26, 2020 among AFG and the underwriters named in such Purchase Agreement, the Senior Notes will be valid and binding obligations of AFG.

We consent to be named in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as the attorneys who have passed upon legal matters in connection with the issuance of the Senior Notes and to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Form 8-K. In giving such consent, we do not admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Sincerely yours,

Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL